



August 15th, 2024

Golden Isles Development Authority (GIDA) Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CHRISTY JORDAN
BILL DAWSON
DAREN PIETSCH
GREER ANDERSON

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

RICHARD NIXON

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
MCKENZIE PADGETT, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
WALTER RAFALSKI, GLYNN COUNTY
ROB BURR, GCAC
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
JESSICA SNYDER, GCAC
JOE CASCIO, THE PARK
MEREDITH GRILL, THE PARK
MATHEW HILL, DDA
GRACIE JORDAN, DDA
JENNIFER FORDHAM, GEORGIA DCA
FREDDIE ZEH, SYNOVUS BANK
ERIKA CHAMBLISS, SYNOVUS BANK
PAM SHIERLING, ISLANDER NEWS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chrisy Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Bill Dawson gave an invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson, seconded by Daren Pietsch, and passed unanimously to amend the agenda to include the Glynn County Funding under NEW BUSINESS as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUESTS

Chairman Christy Jordan welcomed guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Christy Jordan invited public comments.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

No items to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

Glynn County Funding

Ryan Moore reported that the Glynn County Board of Commissioners recommends a contract for one year with Golden Isles Development Authority while discussions continue regarding future funding, subject to legal review.

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch seconded by Bill Dawson and passed unanimously to approve extensions of the Glynn County contract for one year as presented, subject to legal review. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Officer Election

New Board Officers effective August 1, 2023 are as stated:

Christy Jordan – Chairman

Bill Dawson – Vice Chairman

Daren Pietsch – Secretary-Treasurer

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson seconded by Daren Pietsch and passed unanimously to elect current officers and extend to a two-year term as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Share the Future (STF) Expansion Consideration

Ryan Moore gave a review on the Share the Future funding and recommends expanding the funding to include Aviation and increasing the budget to accommodate the additional funding.

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch seconded by Bill Dawson and passed unanimously to increase the Share the Future budget from \$80,000 to \$120,000 and adding Aviation to the Share the Future funding projects as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Share the Future (STF) Grant Requests

Sherri Pruitt gave an update of the Share the Future projects and the Authority recommends the awarding the following applications:

Biron Tea - \$5,000 for Placemaking

Brands - \$10,000 for Placemaking

The Brick - \$10,000 for Placemaking

Brunswick African American Cultural Center - \$10,000 for Placemaking

Coastal Armory - \$10,000 for Innovating/Educating

The Park - \$10,000 for Placemaking

Recovery Solution Worldwide - \$10,000 for Placemaking

Willies Wee-Nee Wagon - \$10,000 for Placemaking

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson, seconded by Greer Anderson, and passed unanimously to approve the Share the Future recipients as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Recommendation

Sherri Pruitt gave an update to the board on the RLF applicants. Three excellent investment opportunities applied, and the Authority is recommending Eckerd Seafood Industry for the remaining funding. Eckerd Seafood is a seafood market industry that has been in business located at Bay Street for almost 30 years. They are looking to purchase a freezer in the amount of \$300,000 for expansion.

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch, seconded by Bill Dawson, and passed unanimously to approve the RLF for the remaining amount of \$97,000 as presented, subject to legal review. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to approve the July 2, 2024, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

FINANCIALS

Approve June Financials

Joan Hearn reviewed the financials with the board noting that the Authority is slightly over budget due to groundbreakings and additional marketing events.

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Greer Anderson and to approve the June financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Investment Updates

Freddie Zeh and Erika Chambliss with Synovus Bank presented funds options from the FLETC dorm sell and will act to manage assets and investment. Synovus Bank will present monthly results to Ryan Moore and Joan Hearn, quarterly reports to the finance committee, and yearly reports to the Board.

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Presentation of Annual Report

Ryan Moore presented the annual report to the board and distributed the brochure to the booklet to everyone in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

McKenzie Padgett reported that projects continue to come in with advance manufacturing remaining the largest inquiries.

Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) Conference

Ryan Moore attended the SEDC conference with allies from seven states attending. One topic of particular interest was a presentation on the "Impact of Youth Sports Facilities" was presented noting a big trend now in sports facilities with flexibility for commercial and retail opportunity and a good opportunity for the Authority to explore. More to come.

Tradewinds Technology Park Groundbreaking

Ryan Moore reported on the HillPointe property groundbreaking. The groundbreaking had a great attendance and will house a distribution company along with 250,000sf of speculative space available in less than a year. This is the largest industrial building in the County.

RSM Experience

Ryan Moore reported on the RSM showcase event coming up in October with more to come.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

Port Tours

Sherri Pruitt reported on two tours the Authority facilitated at the Brunswick port to showcase the growth at the port. One tour included the County Manager, County Commissioners, and Authority Board members. The second included the City Manager, City Commissioners, Downtown Development Authority, GCAC staff, etc. Wallenius Wilhelmsen and the Georgia Port gave a very informative tour of all the progress at the Brunswick port.

WORKFORCE

Tour of Brunswick Job Corps Campus

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority was able to do a tour of the Job Corps campus equipped with home builders institute labs for electrical, HVAC, plumbing, etc. The current administration is very intent on making this community-driven with students coming from within 50 miles of the campus and approximately 200 students in a 6 month to 1 year program. The biggest limiting factor is dorm space. More to come.

KGR First Friday Workforce Showcase

McKenzie Padgett reported the Authority, Coastal Pines Technical College, and Golden Isles College and Career Academy will be launching the quarterly Keep Glynn Running Workforce Showcase at the First Friday event. This will include the welding lab, heavy machinery simulator, etc. More to come.

Ryan Moore was on the panel of five for the 2024 Chamber State of the Workforce hosted by the Chamber. Chairman Christy Jordan reported that it was a very informative of all the great work going on in the community and the long-term investments being made in the community.

MARKETING

City of Brunswick Update

Ryan Moore reported that he presented the FY 2024 Year in Review to the City Commission meeting. The Authority updates the City twice a year and it's always well-received with good conversation.

FJ Torras Causeway Centennial Celebration Update

Ryan Moore reported on the seamless and well-done event honoring the FJ Torras Causeway Centennial event. There were over 2,000 guests along with 80 sponsors, including Governor Brian Kemp and Congressman Buddy Carter. The Torras Foundation contributed \$5,000 to the KGR organization after the event was completed. All and all a exceptional event.

Year in Review

Business Attraction

McKenzie Padgett reported that a business attraction was launched on Facebook to share good news in the community. It will launch this month on LinkedIn with more to come.

Quarterly Business Profile

McKenzie Padgett reported that GIDA will be sharing and supporting local business beginning this Friday and starting with White Star. More to come.

GCAC

Delta Airlines

Rob Burr was happy to announce that Brunswick will be going to three flights a day beginning in October.

Airport Commission Pilot Recognition Program

Rob Burr reported that Kirk Watson completed his private pilot training program with Jessica Ward and was recognized at the GCAC meeting for his accomplishment.

Aviation Career Day – March 8th, 2025

Rob Burr announced that Aviation Career Day will be March 8th, 2025, and is free to the public with free flights for kids. More to come.

Airport Commission Audit Committee FY 24-25

Rob Burr reported that it's time for the Airport Commission Audit Committee to start meeting again and GCAC will need the Authority to select their two committee members to serve on the panel.

IMPORTANT DATES

- GIDA Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 1st, 2024, at 9am at 209 Gloucester Street, Suite 211, Brunswick, GA 31520

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session - Real Estate OCGA Section §50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

Closed Session – Pending or Potential Litigation OCGA Section §50-14-2

Personnel OCGA Section §50-14-2 (b)(2)

A **MOTION** was made by Greer Anderson and seconded by Bill Dawson to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation, Personnel. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

A **MOTION** was made by Greer Anderson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Returned to Open Session

A **MOTION** was made by Greer Anderson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to approve Ryan Moore to be signer on Prime South as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4:0.

A **MOTION** was made by Greer Anderson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to approve the compensation package for Ryan Moore as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4:0.

ADJOURN

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Greer Anderson and seconded by Daren Pietsch. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Chairman Christy Jordan

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt

Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority