



**MINUTES – August 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Large Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

JACK KILGORE
BILL AUSTIN
JONES HOOKS
CHRISTY JORDAN
WAYNE JOHNSON

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
VANESSA WAGNER, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
BILL BRUNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGINA McDUFFIE, CITY MANAGER, ZOOM
MAYOR HARVEY, CITY OF BRUNSWICK, ZOOM
RALPH STAFFINS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ROB BURR, GCAC
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
ERIN GRANADOS, FORWARD BRUNSWICK, ZOOM
ROOSEVELT HARRIS, ZOOM
GORDAN JACKSON, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS
PETE SNELL, COASTAL PINE

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jack Kilgore called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

II. WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUEST

Chairman Jack Kilgore welcomed guests

III. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jack Kilgore called the meeting to order at 9:00am

IV. INVOCATION

Bill Austin gave invocation.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Haven Carter, fifth grade student from Burroughs Molette Elementary School began pledge of allegiance.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

No items to discuss

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Jack Kilgore invited public comments.

VIII. ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Wayne Johnson, seconded by Jones Hooks, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

IX. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the July 13, 2021 Minutes as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution Naming Vice Chairman Bill Austin to the Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

A MOTION was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the Resolution as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

Annual Report

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority is wrapping up the fiscal year and will finalize the annual report after the Strategic Planning meeting. More to come.

XI. UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority is continuing to work with several multi-billion-dollar projects in the pipeline. From an investment standpoint, the Authority continues to see an increase and is up 53% from previous year with both overseas and domestic. The Authority continues to see a need for buildings in the 5,000-10,000sf range and has reached out to local brokers and Golden Isles Association of Realtors on availability. Overall, things continue to look up with the Authority still in the running for numerous projects. More to come.

Georgia EMC Visit

Vanessa Wagner reported that the Authority hosted a Project Manager and Site Design Specialist from Georgia EMC in our community with a tour of Historic Downtown, Industrial Park and tour of the Airport. They were impressed with the opportunity of available property at the airport with runway access along with the the investments made over the last several years.

Project Manager Luncheon

Vanessa Wagner reported that she traveled to Atlanta to host a group of four project managers with the state. Two were in appreciation of all they have done for the Authority and two were new, it was a great way to get in front of the let them know more about the Golden Isles. They were especially impressed with the Workforce Strategy here in the Golden Isles.

SEDC Annual Conference

Vanessa Wagner reported that she has two meetings next week with site selectors in Tampa at the SEDC Annual Conference. More to come.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

Makers Meet Up - Virtual

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Facebook Live Makers Meet up will be August 5th with Odin Lumber Company. They are a local baseball bat manufacturer in the Downtown Brunswick. In addition to the Facebook Live Makers Meet up, the first In-Person Makers Meet up will start back on September 1st at the Silver Bluff Brewery. More to come.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Workforce Strategy

Ryan Moore reported that the Workforce Strategy continues to move forward with the implementation Committee. Ralph Staffins is the chair of one of the sub-committees. Ralph Staffins reported that they are progressing with the Teachers externship as the Chamber Foundation continues to work on a grant to put a STEM package in every Seventh-grade classroom in Glynn County. More to come.

EDA Grant

Vanessa Wagner reported priority four of the Workforce Strategy is supporting and promoting entrepreneurship in the community. The Authority participated two weeks ago with Coastal Georgia, Georgia Southern and Creative Commons in Savannah as partners in submitting a \$100,000 EDA Grant and are awaiting their decision. More to come.

MARKETING

Collaboration with Georgia Power

Vanessa Wagner reported that the Authority has been working with Georgia Power for the past few years to help share our information. Georgia Power's Community and economic Development team wrote two blogs for the Authority. One was focused on One Million Cups program and the second was on Home-town Hero's and the work we do at the Authority.

Ryan Moore shared the Brunswick News article on *Why Workers Are Harder to Find*. The graph that Ryan shared shows that while our population continues to grow, our workers are not. As a community we need to find a way to attract more labor talent.

XII. GCAC

- **White Buffalo Aviation LLC – Aeronautical Development -SSI Airport-Aeronautical Sublease**

A **MOTION** to was made by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the White Buffalo Aviation LLC – SSI Airport sublease as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

- **Reconstitute Airport Commissioner Terms of Office**

A **MOTION** to was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Wayne Johnson to reconstitute Airport Commissioner Terms of Office as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

XIII. IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting–Tuesday, September 7th, 9am Large Board Room
- One Million Cups - August 4th, Topsy McSway’s, Wednesday at 9am
- Makers Meetup – August 5th, FB Live at 9am with Odin Lumber Company
- Strategic Planning–Friday, August 13th, Sandbox Consulting Group, SSI at 8am

XIV. 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

A **MOTION** was made by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Bill Austin to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

A **MOTION** to was made by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Bill Austin to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

Returned to Open Session

XV. ADJOURN

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Bill Austin. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Chairman Jack Kilgore

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt
BRE Coordinator/ Golden Isles Development Authority