



MINUTES – September 6, 2022, at 9:00 AM
Large Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BILL AUSTIN
JONES HOOKS
CHRISTY JORDAN
BILL DAWSON

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

JACK KILGORE

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
MCKENZIE PADGETT, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
WAYNE NEAL, GLYNN COUNTY
ROB BURR, GCAC
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
SHAWNA WILLIAMS, GCAC
CHARLES EZELLE, THOMAS & HUTTON
DIALO CARTWRIGHT, GEORGIA POWER
GORDAN JACKSON, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

INVOCATION

Christy Jordan gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Dawson began the pledge of allegiance.

WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUESTS

Chairman Bill Austin welcomed guests

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson, seconded by Jones Hooks, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Bill Austin invited public comments.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Bill Austin reviewed succession planning and recommended Christy Jordan as Vice-Chairman and Jones Hooks as Secretary-Treasurer.

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Dawson, seconded by Bill Austin, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of MAP International Expansion Site Plan

Ryan Moore reported on plans for expansion opportunities for MAP International in the McBride Industrial Park. Charles Ezelle with Thomas and Hutton gave an overview of the site plan and recommends expansion.

A **MOTION** was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the MAP International site plan expansion as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Consider Share the Future Grant Request for Varsity Plaza Brunswick, LLC dba The Studio

Sherri Pruitt presented the Share the Future request by Varsity Plaza Brunswick, LLC dba The Studio not to exceed \$10,000 with a total project cost of \$23,731.70. The grant will be used for exterior improvements to increase the attractiveness and visibility of the business.

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve the Share the Future grant as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the August 2nd, 2022, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

FINANCIALS

Approve July Financials

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve the July financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

Ryan Moore reported on staff updates; McKenzie Padgett has completed her basic IEDC course and was selected to serve on the STAR foundation board. Sherri Pruitt is now President of Golden Isles Rotary Club.

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority is working on 16 projects with many projects electric vehicle related. More to come

A Year in Review Hand-Outs

Year in Review hand-outs were distributed to everyone.

Chamber Economic New World Luncheon

Ryan Moore reported that the Chamber hosted the Economic New World luncheon at the Ritz with Chris Clark as guest speaker.

Women in Economic Development

McKenzie Padgett and Sherri Pruitt made a trip to Atlanta to attend the Women in Economic Development and network with some State Developers and Site Selectors and to spread brand awareness.

Shrimp and Grits Event

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority has invited some of the State Developers down for Shrimp and Grits to show them our quality of life. More to come.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing Industry Appreciation Event Update

Sherri Pruitt reported the Authority will be hosting the first annual Industry Appreciation event at Silver Bluff on October 13th, 2022. The event is an opportunity to thank local industries and show our appreciation. More to come.

Savannah WTC Board Retreat

Southeast Georgia JDA had their annual board retreat at St. Mary's with a great opportunity for both Sherri Pruitt and McKenzie Padgett to attend for networking and to meet the new Sr. Project Manager for Georgia Department of Economic Development.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Forward Brunswick – Georgia Conservancy Good Urbanism 101

McKenzie Padgett reported that she and Sherri Pruitt attended the Forward Brunswick – Georgia Conservancy Good Urbanism 101 Event. Professor Daenhart of Georgia Tech came and spoke on the 10 Lessons for Designing Cities and followed up with a tour of downtown.

MARKETING

Exchange Club Presentation

Ryan Moore gave a presentation to the Exchange Club on what the Golden Isles Development Authority has done over the past year.

Presentation to the City

Ryan Moore gave a presentation to the City of Brunswick on what the Golden Isles Development Authority has done over the past year.

Georgia Trend Ad

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority is doing a collaborative ad with the Chamber, Coastal Pine Technical College, and the College of Coastal Georgia to congratulate some of our local professionals that are in the Top 500 Most Influential in the State of Georgia.

GIS Zoom Prospector

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority now has GIS Zoom Prospector. This is a tool to look at areas via mapping, demographics, talent, etc. It will be embedded on our website this week.

Share the Future Videos

Sherri Pruitt has been working with Parker Alexander of Empire Sky Company on videos featuring various companies awarded the Share the Future funds. More to come.

Keep Glynn Running

McKenzie Padgett has been working on branding the Keep Glynn Running website.

Georgia Power Connections

McKenzie Padgett met with Vanessa Wagner of Georgia Power she will start sharing some of our information on the Georgia Power platform. She will be attending the Shrimp and Grits event.

WBQO 93.7 Spotlight on the Golden Isles

Sherri Pruitt had a radio interview on August 10th on WBQO 93.7 with Jennifer Krouse spotlighting the Golden Isles and the Buc-ee's announcement and to highlight what we do at the Authority.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Lucas Center of Entrepreneurship Programs

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority has been helping the Luca Center of Entrepreneurship spread awareness on some of the programs they offer with more to come.

Voices in Action Entrepreneurship Programs

Sherri Pruitt attended the Voices in Action Entrepreneurship event with a guest speaker from 100 Miles.

GCAC

Brunswick Golden Isles Airport – Presby Aire, LLC Hangar Purchase

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport – Presby Aire, LLC Hangar Purchase as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #-1

A **MOTION** was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Christy Jordan to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #01 as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting – October 4th, at 9 am in Large Board Room

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

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Bill Dawson to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Returned to Open Session

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve an intern from the College of Coastal Georgia as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

ADJOURN

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Christy Jordan. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Chairman William L. Austin, Jr.

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt
BRE Coordinator/ Golden Isles Development Authority