



**MINUTES – September 7, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Large Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

JACK KILGORE
BILL AUSTIN
JONES HOOKS, ZOOM
CHRISTY JORDAN
WAYNE JOHNSON

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF VIA ZOOM
VANESSA WAGNER, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
MICHAEL KOZLAREK, KOZLAREK LAW, ZOOM
PASTOR CARL BROWN, JR. – MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
KAYLEN BELL, BURROUGHS MOLETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ROOSEVELT HARRIS, BRUNSWICK JOB CORPS CENTER
RALPH STAFFINS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ROB BURR, GCAC
MATHEW HILL, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
DYLAN LUKITSCH, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ZOOM
DIALO CARTWRIGHT, GEORGIA POWER
ERIN GRANADOS, FORWARD BRUNSWICK, ZOOM
ROOSEVELT HARRIS, ZOOM
GORDAN JACKSON, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS, ZOOM
LORI PEACOCK, GICCA, ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Carl Brown, Jr. – Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church gave invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kaylen Bell, fifth grade student from Burroughs Molette Elementary School began pledge of allegiance.

WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUEST

Chairman Jack Kilgore welcomed guests

ACCEPT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Jack Kilgore invited public comments.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

No items to discuss

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the August 3, 2021 Work Session Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

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FINANCIALS

Approve July Financials – Joan Hearn

Joan Hearn presented the financials as presented.

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the July financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report

Chairman Jack Kilgore reported that the annual report will be deferred until the October board meeting. More to come.

Consideration of MOA for America's Second Harvest

Chairman Jack Kilgore reviewed the MOA between the Authority and America's Second Harvest with the board.

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the Consideration of MOA for America's Second Harvest of Georgia Expansion as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

FY2021 Objectives & Key Results

Chairman Jack Kilgore reported that the FY2021 Objectives & Key Results will be deferred until the October board meeting. More to come.

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

Vanessa Wagner reported that the Authority is continuing to work with several multi-billion-dollar projects in the pipeline. While the Authority continues to feel the effects of the pandemic, virtual forums are aiding with most projects including international ventures. Overall, things continue to look up with the Authority still in the running for numerous projects. More to come.

WTC Savannah Annual Board Retreat at Jekyll Island

Vanessa Wagner reported that the Authority hosted the Annual Board Retreat at Jekyll Island with our partners at the WTC Savannah. The Authority concluded the board retreat tour in our community via boat to help their board better understand the benefits of our Port.

GEDA Annual Conference

Vanessa Wagner reported that Ryan Moore will be attending the GEDA Annual Conference in Savannah along with our state partners and Site Selection groups to continue to build relationships and best practices.

SEDC Annual Conference

Vanessa Wagner reported that she had several meetings with site selectors in Tampa at the SEDC Annual Conference. The continued investment with our site selectors keeps us front and center of their mind with upcoming projects. More to come.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

Makers Meet Up – Virtual and In Person

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Facebook Live Makers Meet Up was 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 was held on September 1st at Silver Bluff Brewery and she reminded everyone that it will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at Silver Bluff Brewery.

The next Facebook Live Makers Meet Up will be at Haven Manufacturing at 9am. More to come.

Weyerhaeuser Update

Rees Sumerford reported that the finalized agreement with Weyerhaeuser Project has been postponed until October 23, 2021. More to come.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Boys & Girls Internship at Jekyll Island Authority

Vanessa Wagner reported that Jekyll Island Authority kicked off the pilot program for the Boys & Girls Club Internship with students from the Boys & Girls Club. The program was an immense success and as a result, the internship program will continue to expand with additional information available on the Golden Isles Development Authority website.

Workforce Strategy Implementation

Vanessa Wagner reported on the Workforce Strategy Implementation in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and various community partners. Ralph Staffins with the Chamber of Commerce reported that they are lined up for the Externship in November (a backup date of February is in place for any Covid 19 delays) with Sea Island, King & Prince Seafood and FLETC committed to host. Additionally, Ralph Staffins announced that the Coastal Pines Technical College it has been funded for the aviation building design work. Ryan Moore serves as the liaison for the Adult Workforce Strategy and Vanessa Wagner serves as the liaison for the Entrepreneurship Strategy. More to come.

MARKETING

Annual Report

Vanessa Wagner reported that although the Authority is not sharing the Annual report today is now available on-line under the *Announcement Section* for anyone to access. The report is one of our values for accountability to the community and stakeholders for our goals and where we see ourselves heading. More to come.

GCAC

Informational Items:

- Compass Calibration Pad and Access Taxi-lane Project
- Airport Commissioner Terms of Office
- Georgia Airports Association – Senate Resolution 84 – Airport Infrastructure and Improvements Joint Study Committee Update
- Update on SSI Airport Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS)

IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 5th at 9am in Large Board Room
- One Million Cups - October 6th, Topsy McSway's, Wednesday at 9am
- Makers Meetup – September 25th, Haven Manufacturing Facebook Live at 9am
- Makers Meetup – October 6th, Silver Bluff at 5:30pm

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

Returned to Open Session

A **MOTION** was made by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Christy Jordan to approve entering into the project commitment agreement with Symrise as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

ADJOURN

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Wayne Johnson. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Chairman Jack Kilgore

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt
BRE Coordinator/ Golden Isles Development Authority