



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF DAWSON COUNTY

Development Authority of Dawson County
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2020

Location: Meeting conducted at Professional Development Building- 28 Main St., Dawsonville, GA & simultaneously remote meeting via video conference due to Covid19 Pandemic.

Attendees: Tony Passarello, Chair, Tara Hardwick, Secretary, Brian Trapnell, Gary Coates and Ex-Officios: Chris Gaines, & Christie Moore. Betsy McGriff attending as Director of Economic Development.

Absent: Calvin Byrd, Vice-Chair, Jere Allen, Treasurer, Mike Ball, Ex-officios Brooke Anderson & Damon Gibbs.

Guest: Mike Eason, Mayor

- 1. Call to Order.** Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Tony Passarello, Chair.
- 2. Approval of the advertised Location, Quorum & Attendance.** The Chair requested a motion that the meeting was being held in the duly advertised location, a quorum was reached, and board members were in attendance in person or via telephone/video. Confirmation was made that the meeting was submitted to Dawson News & posted. Motion to approve advertised location, quorum and attendance was made by Brian Trapnell. Seconded by Gary Coates. Passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello and Trapnell in favor. None opposed.
- 3. Approval of the Agenda.** The Chair requested a motion on the draft agenda (previously provided to the Board electronically). Motion to approve the agenda with removing the Special Presentation: Economic Development Strategic Plan Presentation (postponed til later date) and adding audit results and Executive Session prior to adjournment was made by Gary Coates. Motion was seconded by Brian Trapnell. Revised agenda is circulated. Passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello and Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

4. Approval of the Minutes. The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the regular meeting minutes of the April 28, 2020 meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Brian Trapnell to accept the April 28, 2020 minutes as written. Gary Coates seconded the motion. Passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello, and Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the meeting minutes of the June 12, 2020 Special Called Meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Gary Coates to accept the June 12, 2020 minutes as written. Brian Trapnell seconded the motion. Passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello and Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

5. Approval of the Financials. Christie Moore presented a general overview of the financial statements in Jere Allen's absence. Christie Moore also went over audit results, which showed a neutral, consistent and clear report/overall no significant findings, difficulties or issues. Motion by Tara Hardwick to accept the DADC July 28, 2020 Financial Reports as presented. Seconded by Brian Trapnell. Passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello, and Trapnell in favor.

Motion to accept the audit by Gary Coates. Motion seconded by Brian Trapnell. Passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello and Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

6. Old Business.

A. Kroger Bond Update. The Chair and Past Chair gave an update on Kroger Bonds. Brian Trapnell will provide a summary document on Kroger bonds to assist future Board members. Tax year 2019 was paid on July 2, 2020 & disbursed on July 3, 2020. No motions were made.

B. Economic Development Administration Grant Update. Betsy McGriff gave an update on the CARES Act Funds (discussed in June 2020 meeting). W. Hightower paving project will be prioritized. No motions were made.

C. Peaks of Dawsonville Update. Hearing on bond issuance was held as required July 28, 2020 at 8:30am. No public comment. This information will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners. No motions were made.

D. GIS WebTech Platform Update. This project will go live soon. Betsy will send the link to the Board. She showed an example of the site, which will be linked to the DADC webpage. Brokers can list info. independently on the site. Kickoff will be when we schedule the Real Estate Roundtable (delayed due to Covid19). No motions were made.

7. New Business.

A. Economic Development Strategic Planning Meeting. Chairman Passarello proposes an August 25th, 2020 date and prefers in-person meeting of approximately 2 hours. Details to follow. No motions were made.

8. Economic Development Report. Christie Moore and Betsy McGriff gave a LOST/SPLOST update, as well as a workforce update, a Covid19 effects analysis, and Intergovernmental Agreement Accountability update. Of note, new business and expansion inquiries continue despite Covid19. No motions were made.

9. Ex-Officio Reports.

A. EWSA – Brooke Anderson absent. No report. No motions were made.

B. School Board – Christie Moore reported for Damon Gibbs that the school system thanks everyone for their support during this trying time. No motions were made.

C. Chamber of Commerce – see Economic Development Report. No motions were made.

D. County Government – Chris Gaines said that TSPLOST did not pass on the recent ballot. SPLOST 7 is planned to be on the March/April 2021 ballot. No motions were made.

10. Executive Session. Motion was made for Closed Session at 10:40 am by Brian Trapnell. Motion seconded by Gary Coates. Motion passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello and Trapnell in favor. None opposed.
Motion was made by Gary Coates for Chairman Passarello and staff to continue to research and have dialogue on Operation Face Mask. Motion was seconded by Brian Trapnell. Motion passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello and Trapnell in favor. None opposed.
Motion was made at 11:28 am by Gary Coates to end Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Brian Trapnell. Motion passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello and Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

11. Adjournment. The Chair opened the floor to entertain a motion to adjourn the July 28, 2020 regular meeting. Brian Trapnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Coates seconded the motion. Passed 4-0. Coates, Hardwick, Passarello, and Trapnell in favor. None opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Attachments to these minutes on file: Agenda, 4/28/20 Meeting Minutes, 6/12/20 Special Called Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports, 2019 Audit Report, Economic Development Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Hardwick, Secretary