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**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
OF DAWSON COUNTY

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Special Called Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2021**

**Location:** Meeting conducted at Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, 44 Commerce Dr., Dawsonville, GA & simultaneously remote meeting via video conference due to Covid19 Pandemic.

**Attendees:** Tony Passarello, Chair (arrived 8:25am), Brian Trapnell, Vice Chair, Tara Hardwick, Secretary, Jere Allen, Treasurer, Calvin Byrd (arrived after Executive Session), Gary Coates, Dennis Fedoruk and Ex-Officio: Mandy Power. Betsy McGriff attending as Director of Economic Development.

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Ralph Forbes- Consulting Engineer with Thomas & Hutton & Tread Syfan.

- 1. Call to Order.** Called to Order at 8:06 a.m. by Brian Trapnell for Tony Passarello, Chair.
- 2. Executive Session.** Motion was made for Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition at 8:08 am by Brian Trapnell. Motion seconded by Gary Coates. Motion passed 5-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Trapnell in favor. None opposed. Passarello & Byrd absent.
- 3. Motion to end Executive Session.** Motion was made by Gary Coates at 9:30 am to end Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Dennis Fedoruk. Motion passed 7-0. Allen, Byrd, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.
- 4. Motion to amend agenda to include USDA Grant Resolution Discussion.** Motion made by Dennis Fedoruk to amend agenda to add USDA Grant Resolution Discussion. Motion seconded by Jere Allen. Motion passed 7-0. Allen, Byrd, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

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- 5. USDA Grant Resolution Discussion.** GMRC has provided resolution for DADC to proceed with grant application, requesting \$35,000. DADC will match \$15,000 for a total of \$50,000. Grant will be to perform a study to determine feasibility to fund an Innovation & Entrepreneurship Hub. Motion made by Gary Coates to authorize Chair Passarello to submit application to GMRC for USDA Grant. Motion seconded by Dennis Fedoruk. Motion passed 7-0. Allen, Byrd, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.
- 6. Adjournment.** The Chair opened the floor to entertain a motion to adjourn the March 23, 2021 Special Called Meeting. Jere Allen made the motion to adjourn. Dennis Fedoruk seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Allen, Byrd, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell in favor. None opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

Attachments to these minutes on file: none.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Hardwick, Secretary