



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF DAWSON COUNTY

Development Authority of Dawson County
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2021

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

Attendees: Tony Passarello, Chair, Brian Trapnell, Vice-Chair, Tara Hardwick, Secretary, Jere Allen, Treasurer, Dennis Fedoruk, Gary Coates and Ex-Officios: Mandy Power, & Chris Gaines.

Absent: Calvin Byrd, Dr. Damon Gibbs, Brooke Anderson, & Bobbi Larson.

Guests: Mike Eason, Mayor.

- 1. Call to Order.** Called to Order at 8:08 A.M. by Tony Passarello, Chair.
- 2. Announcements.** None.
- 3. 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 Jere Allen. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.
- 4. 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 the addition of removing approval of October Special Called Meeting minutes by Jere Allen. Seconded by Gary Coates. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

5. Approval of the Minutes. The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the regular meeting minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Jere Allen to accept the August 24, 2021 minutes as written. Brian Trapnell seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the minutes of the September 15, 2021 Special Called Meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Dennis Fedoruk to accept the September 15, 2021 minutes as written. Brian Trapnell seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

6. Financial Report. Jere Allen presented a general overview of the financial statements. Gary Coates recommended changing “P & L” to “Expenditures & Revenues.” Motion by Gary Coates to accept the DADC October 26, 2021 Financial Reports as presented. Seconded by Brian Trapnell. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

7. Economic Development Report. See attached report electronically provided in advance to the Board. No motions made.

8. Ex-Officio Reports.

A. School Board – Dr. Gibbs absent. No report. No motions were made.

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

C. County Government – Chris Gaines gave budget updates, including LOST & SPLOST updates. No motions were made.

D. Chamber of Commerce – Mandy Power reminded all of upcoming Chamber events. No motions were made.

E. UNG- Bobbi Larson absent. No report. No motions made.

F. Mayor Mike Eason gave report on City of Dawsonville, including Moonshine Festival update as well as airport update.

9. Old Business.

A. Incubator Grant Defunding. Experts agree our population is too low to have a business incubator; several local higher education establishments already have incubator hubs that we can partner with & utilize. Motion made by Jere Allen to table defunding until undetermined date. Motion seconded by Dennis Fedoruk. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

10. New Business.

A. Discussion of 2022 Executive Committee. Potential slate of officers for next year discussed. Will be discussed again in December meeting. No motions made.

B. 2022 Meeting Dates & Times- Motion made by Jere Allen for 2022 meetings to take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm, commencing on 1/18/2022. Motion seconded by Dennis Fedoruk. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

C. Project Feasibility Sub Committee. Discussion of 2 potential locations for new industrial park. Motion made by Brian Trapnell to reject Project Feasibility Subcommittee & designate Advisory Group in partnership with Director of Economic Development consisting of Trapnell, Allen & Fedoruk, who will report back to Board at each scheduled meeting until project completed. Motion seconded by Dennis Fedoruk. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed.

D. Board Planning Retreat December 7th Schedule. Potential sites include Amicalola Lodge or the new Holiday Inn. Mandy Power & Tony Passarello will handle arrangements & agenda. No motions were made.

11. Adjournment. The Chair opened the floor to entertain a motion to adjourn the October 26, 2021 meeting. Tara Hardwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Trapnell seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello & Trapnell in favor. None opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

Attachments to these minutes on file: Board Meeting Packet, Sign in sheet, Minutes from August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting, Minutes from September 15, 2021 Special Called Meeting, Economic Development Update, Financial Report, Agenda Item Summaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Hardwick, Secretary