



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF DAWSON COUNTY

Development Authority of Dawson County
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022

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: Brian Trapnell, Chair, Jere Allen, Vice-Chair, Tara Hardwick, Secretary, Tony Passarello, Dr. Carroll Turner and Ex-Officio(s): Mandy Power & Director of Economic Development Kevin Herrit.

Absent: Gary Coates, Treasurer, Dennis Fedoruk and Ex-Officios Chris Gaines, Nicole Lecave, Brooke Anderson.

Guests: Gary Hammond (Peaks of Dawsonville), Donald Sizemore (virtually, Whitney Brown (Stewart, Melvin & Frost), Phil Ebberly & Amanda Rostin (Lead Edge Design Group).

- 1. Call to Order.** Called to Order at 6:05pm by Brian Trapnell, 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 Jere Allen. Seconded by Dr. Turner. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner 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 by Tony Passarello. Seconded by Dr. Turner. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

5. Approval of the Minutes. The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the regular meeting minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Jere Allen to accept the August 16, 2022 minutes as written. Dr. Turner seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the Executive Session minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Tony Passarello to accept the August 16, 2022 Executive Session minutes as written. Jere Allen seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed

6. Financial Report. In the absence of Treasurer Coates, Chairman Trapnell & Mandy Power gave an overview of finances (see attached Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenues and Expenses). Motion made by Tara Hardwick to accept the October 18, 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Jere Allen. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

7. Public Hearing on Bond Resolution for The Peaks of Dawson. Hearing opened at 6:11pm. Chair read email received from Joey Homans. No additional comments. Hearing closed at 6:19pm.

8. New Business.

A. Bond Fee for The Peaks of Dawson. \$5000 recommended by attorney Tread Syfan. Low risk bonds. Dawson County Board of Commissioners or DADC bear no risk (even though we issue). Motion made by Dr. Turner to approve a \$5000 bond fee. Motion Seconded by Jere Allen. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

B. The Peaks of Dawson Bond Resolution. Motion to approve adoption of bond resolution regarding the issuance of DADC revenue bonds for the Peaks of Dawson as written made by Tony Passarello. Motion Seconded by Dr. Turner. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

C. Lot 8 Northside Dawson Dr. Motion to approve Chairman Trapnell to sign letter (attached) for Lot 8 on Northside Dawson Drive for NK Real Estate, LLC as written made by Tony Passarello. Motion seconded by Dr. Turner. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

D. Lead Edge Presentation-Airport 101. See attached presentation on Elliott Field. No motions made.

E. DADC Retreat. Motion to approve DADC Board retreat at Amicalola State Park Lodge November 7-8, 2022 not to exceed \$5000 made by Tony Passarello. Seconded by Jere Allen. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

9. Old Business.

A. ETC Grant Update. Mandy Power briefed us that all is progressing along as planned and that we are on target. First round of funds have come in. No motions made.

10. Economic Development Report. Mandy Power & Kevin Herrit presented an Economic Development update (see attached report). No motions made.

11. Ex-Officio Reports.

A. School Board – Nicole Lecave sent report. Up 88 students (3%) from last year. Class of 2022 graduation rate at 93.1%. Seeking mentors for students. No motions were made.

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

C. County Government – Chris Gaines was absent. No report. No motions were made.

D. Chamber of Commerce – Mandy Power reminded everyone in attendance of the upcoming Chamber events. No motions were made.

12. Adjournment. The Chair opened the floor to entertain a motion to adjourn the October 18, 2022 meeting. Dr. Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jere Allen seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. Allen, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Attachments to these minutes on file: Board Meeting Packet, Sign in sheet, Agenda, Minutes from August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting, 2022 Budget Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenue and Expenses, email from Joey Homans regarding Peaks of Dawsonville, Peaks of Dawson Bond Resolution docs, Lot 8 Northside Dawson Dr. letter, Lead Edge PowerPoint presentation, Economic Development Update.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Hardwick, Secretary