



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF DAWSON COUNTY

Development Authority of Dawson County
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2023

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

Attendees: Jere Allen, Vice-Chair; Tony Passarello, Treasurer; Dr. Carroll Turner, Lynn Jackson, Gary Vaughters (via video) and Ex-Officio(s): Dawson County Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Mandy Power & Director of Economic Development Kevin Herrit.

Absent: Brian Trapnell, Chair; Dennis Fedoruk, Secretary; Brooke Anderson, Nicole LeCave, and Chris Gaines

Guests: Jason Smith, COO of ETC,

- 1. Call to Order.** Called to Order at 6:00 pm by Jere Allen, Vice-Chair.
- 2. Announcements.** Jere Allen welcomed. No announcements were made.
- 3. Approval of the advertised Location, Quorum & Attendance.** The Vice-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. The motion to approve the advertised location, quorum, and attendance was made by Dr. Carroll Turner and Seconded by Tony Passarello. Passed 5-0. All attendees were in favor. None opposed.
- 4. Approval of the Agenda.** The Vice-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. Carroll Turner. Passed 5-0. All attendees were in favor in favor. None opposed.
- 5. Approval of the Minutes.** The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the regular meeting minutes of the May 2, 2023, meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Dr. Carroll Turner to accept the May 2, 2023, minutes as written. Tony Passarello seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. All attendees were in favor. None opposed.

- 6. Financial Report.** Tony Passarello presented the financial report and overview of finances (see attached Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenues and Expenses). Motion made by Jere Allen to accept the August 1, 2023, Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Carroll Turner. Passed 5-0. All attendees were in favor. None opposed.
- 7. New Business.** Director of Economic Development Kevin Herrit presented updates on the projects Homebase and Thunder Road. Director Herrit presented information on a OneGeorgia Grant “Rural Innovation Fund” to the board and requested approval to submit for the grant.
- 9. Old Business.** ETC Project update. Jason Smith presented an update on the ETC project. He stated that Phases 1,2 and 3 are currently installed and ETC was beginning customer connections throughout all three phases of the project. No Board action was required. Director Herrit informed the Board that the USDA Grant with RDI was approved, and RDI should be sending a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) within the next few months.
- 10. Economic Development Report.** President and CEO Ms. Power and Director Herrit presented an Economic Development update (see attached report). No motions were made regarding the Economic Development Report.
- 11. Ex-Officio Reports.** Mandy Power updated the board on Chamber of Commerce events and the Workforce Committee. No Board action was necessary.
- 13. Adjournment.** The Vice-Chair opened the floor to entertain a motion to adjourn the August 1, 2023, meeting. Dr. Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Vaughters seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. All attendees were in favor. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM

Attachments to these minutes on file: Board Meeting Packet, Sign-in sheet, Agenda, Minutes from May 2, 2023, Regular Meeting, 2023 Budget Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenue and Expenses, Economic Development Update.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Fedoruk, Secretary DADC