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**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
OF DAWSON COUNTY

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Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 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, Gary Coates, Treasurer, Dennis Fedoruk (Virtual), Tony Passarello, Dr. Carroll Turner and Ex-Officio(s): Mandy Power.

**Absent:** none.

**Guests:** Julia Fechter/Dawson County News.

- 1. Call to Order.** Called to Order at 6:05pm by Brian Trapnell, Chair.
- 2. Announcements.** Chairman Trapnell shared the plaque we were presented with from Dawson County Chamber from our Gold Sponsorship in 2021.
- 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 Gary Coates. Seconded by Jere Allen. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, 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 6-0. Allen, Coates, 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 March 22, 2022 meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Dr. Turner to accept the March 22, 2022 minutes as written. Jere Allen seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

**6. Financial Report.** Gary Coates, Treasurer, presented a general overview of the financial statements. Account 4585 was closed and \$10,385.30 balance moved to account 7308 (see attached statement from United Community Bank). Chamber building adjusted from DADC assets/liabilities. Chamber building signed back to Chamber & deed recorded (see attached deed document). Motion made by Tony Passarello to accept the April 19, 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Turner. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

**7. Economic Development Report.** Mandy Power presented an Economic Development update (see attached report). Discussion followed about possible DADC support of projects such as Etowah Bluffs, etc. Trail grant expired yesterday- not applied for. Motion made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Gary Coates, amended by Tony Passarello, amended motion seconded by Dr. Turner to authorize Chair to develop program of support and communication for Etowah Bluffs commercial and industrial projects. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

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

**9. Old Business.**

- A. **Economic Developer Search.** Press release will go out Friday announcing new Director of Economic Development. First day will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>. No motions made.
- B. **Strategic Plan Discussion.** Synopsis of who we are and how we define success (in progress). No motions made.
- C. **ETC Grant Update.** Met with attorney and all is progressing along. No motions made.

**10. New Business.**

- A. **SAM Registration renewed.** See attached handout. No motions made.
- B. **Rural Development Institute Summit June 7-9.** Will help facilitate & implement at least one project. 6 members from local community, including one from DADC. \$2500 per community (see attached flyer). Held at Valdosta State University. Motion made by Tara Hardwick to designate \$2500 for participation fee in Rural Development Institute in Valdosta plus travel expenses. Motion seconded by Gary Coates. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

**11. Adjournment.** The Chair opened the floor to entertain a motion to adjourn the April 19, 2022 meeting. Tara Hardwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Turner seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Allen, Coates, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Attachments to these minutes on file: Board Meeting Packet, Sign in sheet, Minutes from March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting, UCBI account transfer statement, 2022 Budget Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenue and Expenses, Chamber Deed Transfer document, SAM Registration document, & Rural Development Institute flyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Hardwick, Secretary