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**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
OF DAWSON COUNTY

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**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 17, 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 (departed after New Business), Tara Hardwick, Secretary, Dennis Fedoruk, Tony Passarello, Dr. Carroll Turner and Ex-Officio(s): Mandy Power, Chris Gaines, & new Director of Economic Development Kevin Herritt.

**Absent:** Gary Coates, Treasurer.

**Guests:** Alexa Bruce, Whitney Brown, attorney.

- 1. Call to Order.** Called to Order at 6:02pm by Brian Trapnell, Chair.
- 2. Announcements.** No announcements.
- 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 Dennis Fedoruk. Passed 6-0. Allen, Fedoruk, 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 with the addition of moving Etowah Bluffs (New Business) to Executive Session by Tony Passarello. Seconded by Dennis Fedoruk. Passed 6-0. Allen, Fedoruk, 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 April 19, 2022 meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Tony Passarello to accept the April 19, 2022 minutes as written. Jere Allen seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Allen, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.
- 6. Financial Report.** Mandy Power gave overview of finances in the absence of Gary Coates, Treasurer (see attached Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenues and Expenses). Motion made by Dr. Turner to accept the May 17, 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Dennis Fedoruk. Passed 6-0. Allen, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.
- 7. Economic Development Report.** Mandy Power presented an Economic Development update (see attached report). 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 mentioned lots of zoning requests, elections coming up/please vote. Overall financial health of the county is very good. Trust is rebuilt with the BOC & DADC. No motions were made.
  - D. Chamber of Commerce** – Mandy Power reminded all of upcoming Chamber events. No motions were made.
- 9. Old Business.**
- A. ETC Grant Update.** Mandy & Attorney Whitney Brown briefed that we are in the process of coming to agreement with ETC; DADC was acting as pass-through agency but feedback is now for ETC to be “contractor.” Grant is reimbursement grant so would like DADC to pre-pay. Tentative solution in process. No motions made.
  - B. Rural Development Institute Summit Reminder June 7-9, 2022.** Mandy Power briefed about Valdosta State University Summit. We have blocked 4 rooms. Kevin Herritt, Mandy Power & Dr. Turner all expressed interest in attending. No motions made.
- 10. New Business.**
- A. Director of Economic Development Introduction.** Kevin Herritt spoke about his priority list (attached in Chamber Economic Development Report). No motions made.
  - B. Chamber Golf Tournament Team.** Sponsorship is \$500 for August 15, 2022 event. No motions made.
  - C. Groundbreaking hard hat.** Mandy Power showed examples of hard hats with logos for future consideration.
- 11. Executive Session.** Motion to move to Executive Session made by Dennis Fedoruk. Motions seconded by Dr. Turner. Passed 5-0. Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.  
Motion to end Executive Session made by Dr. Turner. Motion seconded by Dennis Fedoruk. Passed 5-0. Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

**12. Adjournment.** The Chair opened the floor to entertain a motion to adjourn the May 17, 2022 meeting. Dr. Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Fedoruk seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Attachments to these minutes on file: Board Meeting Packet, Sign in sheet, Minutes from April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting, 2022 Budget Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenue and Expenses, Economic Development Update.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Hardwick, Secretary