



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF DAWSON COUNTY

Development Authority of Dawson County
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 16, 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, Tony Passarello, Dr. Carroll Turner and Ex-Officio(s): Mandy Power, Brooke Anderson, & Director of Economic Development Kevin Herritt.

Absent: Ex-Officios Chris Gaines, Nicole Lecave.

Guests: none.

- 1. Call to Order.** Called to Order at 6:04pm by Brian Trapnell, Chair.
- 2. Announcements.** Congratulations were extended to Dr. Turner on the birth of his first grandchild, a baby girl! The Chamber golf tournament on 8/15/22 was a huge success. The sign noting the support of DADC was shown in a photo.
- 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 7-0. Allen, Coates, 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 by Dr. Turner. Seconded by Jere Allen. Passed 7-0. Allen, Coates, 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 July 19, 2022 meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Gary Coates to accept the July 19, 2022 minutes as written. Dennis Fedoruk seconded the motion. Passed 7-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the Executive Session minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. Motion by Tony Passarello to accept the July 19, 2022 Executive Session minutes as written. Dr. Turner seconded the motion. Passed 7-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed

6. Financial Report. Treasurer Coates gave an overview of finances (see attached Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenues and Expenses). Treasurer Coates commented that he will be recommending a few changes in wording/semantics in the future. Motion made by Tony Passarello to accept the August 16, 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Turner. Passed 7-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

7. Economic Development Report. Mandy Power & Kevin Herritt presented an Economic Development update highlighting, among other updates, the 3 projects as determined by the Rural Development Institute Summit (see attached report). Also of note- Kevin has joined the GMRC Board. No motions made.

8. Ex-Officio Reports.

A. School Board – No representative present. No report. No motions were made.

B. EWSA – Brooke Anderson discussed that chemical costs have doubled. No slow down in construction as yet. 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. ETC Grant Update. Mandy Power briefed us that all is progressing along as planned and that we are on target. No motions made.

10. New Business.

A. Dawson Community Investment Guidelines. Kevin Herritt presented draft documents to be used for Economic Development scoring of proposed industry. Discussion & recommendations followed. No motions made.

11. Executive Session. Motion to move to Executive Session made by Dr. Turner (affidavit signed). Motion seconded by Jere Allen. Passed 7-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed. 7:05pm.

Motion to end Executive Session made by Dr. Turner. Motion seconded by Jere Allen. Passed 7-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed. 8:10pm.

12. Etowah Bluffs. Pursuant to Executive Session real estate discussion, motion to authorize Chair to work on finalizing Etowah Bluffs agreement to be presented to Board at September meeting made by Dr. Turner. Motion seconded by Gary Coates. Passed 7-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed.

13. Adjournment. The Chair opened the floor to entertain a motion to adjourn the August 16, 2022 meeting. Gary Coates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jere Allen seconded the motion. Passed 7-0. Allen, Coates, Fedoruk, Hardwick, Passarello, Trapnell & Turner in favor. None opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Hardwick, Secretary