



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF DAWSON COUNTY

Development Authority of Dawson County
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2023

Location: Meeting conducted at the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce building, located at 44 Commerce Drive, Dawsonville, GA and simultaneously remote meeting via video conference.

Attendees: Brian Trapnell, Chair; Jere Allen, Vice-Chair; Tony Passarello, Treasurer; Dennis Fedoruk, Secretary; Dr. Carroll Turner, Gary Vaughters.

Absent: Lynn Jackson

Ex-Officio: Dawson County Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Mandy Power.

Guests: Director of Economic Development, Kevin Herrit; Julia Hansen, Dawson County News via video conference.

Call to Order. Called to Order at 6:03 pm by Brian Trapnell, Chair.

1. Announcements. None

2. 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. The motion to approve the advertised location, quorum, and attendance was made by Jere Allen and Seconded by Gary Vaughters. Passed 6-0. Trapnell, Allen, Passarello, Vaughters, Fedoruk, and Turner were in favor. No discussion. None opposed.

3. 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 6-0. Trapnell, Allen, Passarello, Vaughters, Fedoruk, and Turner were in favor. No discussion. None opposed.

4. Approval of the Minutes. The Chair opened the floor to discuss the regular meeting minutes of the August 1, 2023, meeting, as previously provided to the Board electronically. The

Chair requested a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion was made by Dr. Turner to accept August 1, 2023, minutes as written. Jere Allen seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Trapnell, Allen, Passarello, Vaughters, Fedoruk, and Turner were in favor. No discussion. None opposed.

The Chair requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session as presented. Motion was made by Gary Vaughters to accept August 1, 2023, Executive Session minutes as written. Jere Allen seconded the motion. Passed 6-0. Trapnell, Allen, Passarello, Vaughters, Fedoruk, and Turner were in favor. No discussion. None opposed.

Financial Report. Tony Passarello gave an overview of finances (see attached Balance Sheet & Statements of Revenues and Expenses). Motion made by Dr. Turner to accept the August 2023 Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Passarello. Passed 6-0. Trapnell, Allen, Passarello, Vaughters, Fedoruk, and Turner were in favor. No discussion. None opposed.

5. New Business.

A. One Georgia Grant Update. The BTD expansion of 164,000 square feet of space and the creation of 64 new jobs was discussed by the Board. It was noted and discussed how this expansion would be a positive investment in the community. After much discussion, a motion by Dr. Turner was presented to approve the One Georgia Grant package of up to \$200,000 in funding for infrastructure improvements for the water line on Lumpkin Campground Road (as stated in the DADC agenda packet) and was seconded by Mr. Fedoruk. Passed 6-0. Trapnell, Allen, Passarello, Vaughters, Fedoruk, and Turner were in favor. Discussion to take a tour of the BTD facility was discussed. None opposed.

B. Thunder Road Project Update: No update. No action.

6. Old Business. ETC Project Update. Jason Smith, via email, stated that they continue to market to customers in the service area and continue to sign on new customers. No motions were made.

7. Economic Development Report. President and CEO Ms. Power presented an Economic Development update (see attached report). No motions were made.

8. Ex-Officio Reports. (see attached report)

9. Executive Session. None.

10. Adjournment. The motion to adjourn was presented by Jere Allen and seconded by Dr. Turner. All attendees were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Fedoruk, Secretary - Development Authority of Dawson County