



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MONROE COUNTY
Board Room at 10 W Chambers Street

Regular Board Meeting
January 8, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Development Authority of Monroe County (“the Authority”) regular board meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce building at 10 W. Chambers Street, Forsyth, Georgia on January 8th at 8:30 a.m. Notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was duly given to all Authority members and to the public, as provided in the Authority by-laws and by law. The meeting was open to the public.

Development Authority Board members present were: Tom Baugh-Chairman, Otis Ingram-Vice Chairman, Larry Evans-Co-Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Head-Co-Secretary/Treasurer, Directors-Wendell Horne; Jim Cole, Phil Ham, Craig Craddock, Michael Leverett (via phone), Bob Harris-Attorney. Staff present were: Bo Gregory-President; Valerie McCullough-Office Manager,.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Tom Baugh called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared there was a quorum.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Greg Head made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the minutes from last month’s meeting. Mr. Phil Ham made a motion to approve the minutes from last month’s meeting. Mr. Larry Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of Financials

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Otis Ingram made a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Introduction of new board members, Craig Craddock and Michael Leverett

President's Report

Mr. Bo Gregory reported on the Ready Mix project, down payment has been received. Survey should be completed by Thursday, January 10th for the 8 acres in Industrial Park. Contract has been signed.

Project AR-To close mid-February.

Five Below has been utilizing the Chamber/Development offices until they are up and running. Their HR and Operations staff has been in attendance working on their opening and interviewing. There is a job fair scheduled for January 23rd. They estimate 10% of Monroe County residents to fill jobs. They are growing with plans to open 3 more DC's in the next 3 years and 2500 retail stores.

Inland Port planning process has an upcoming meeting, Bo to attend. This will be for all of Middle GA not just Monroe County. Our location between Savannah and Atlanta is optimal.

Next week a meeting will be held in Macon, GA at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. Bo will attend, mainly the honorable Nadia Theodore, Consul General of Canada and Commissioner of International Relations for GA Ecom & Development will be in attendance. This will be moderated by Trevor Williams who is the Managing Director for Global ATL. We have been visited by the Consul when Encore was first acquired. We have the relationship with them and would behoove us to continue to grow our relationship. They constantly have projects north of our border and are looking in the Southeast. To date no one has visited them, and we should consider doing so. Bo stated he has looked at the numbers and it's not that expensive, a 5day/1 person mission trip would be around \$1K.

Bo Gregory called for a motion to approve a new office chair/additional chair for board room. Mr. Jim Cole made a motion to approve a new office chair/additional chair for board room. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bo stated the Indian Springs project should close February 15th. Check in hand. Bo stated the Monroe County Park should close next week (Jan. 18th), check in hand, cash deal. Rodeheaver is ready to get started, he is moving his company here.

Bob stated he talked w/Ramiro who is in charge of the crew that is building the wall. The challenge has been to get 3 consecutive days that it does not rain. They are around 60% complete.

Adjournment

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to adjourn at 8:54 a.m. Mr. Phil Ham made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Greg Head seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:
Brandy Bankston-Boynton by dictation