



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MONROE COUNTY  
10 West Chambers Street

Regular Board Meeting  
May 14, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Development Authority of Monroe County (“the Authority”) regular board meeting was held at 10 West Chambers Street, Forsyth, Georgia on May 14, 2019 at 8:30am. 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, Larry Evans-Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Head-Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Directors-Wendell Horne, Phil Ham, Craig Craddock, Michael Leverett and Bob Harris-Attorney. Staff present were: Bo Gregory-President; Brandy Bankston-Boynton-Assistant to President. Guests present: Floyd Newton-King & Spaulding Law Firm, Johnny Howze-GA Power, Brett Mitchell-GA Power and Ron Shipman-GA Power.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Tom Baugh called the meeting to order at 8:31 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. Larry Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Greg Head 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. Greg Head made a motion to approve the minutes from last month’s meeting. Mr. Craig Craddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review and Approval of Financials**

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Greg Head made a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Larry Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

Officer Elections:

Mr. Wendell Horne voted to keep officers as listed below with title changes. Mr. Phil Ham seconded the vote to keep officers as listed below with title changes.

- a) Tom Baugh-Chairman
- b) Otis Ingram-Vice Chairman
- c) Larry Evans-Secretary/Treasurer (Changing from Co-Secretary/Treasurer)
- d) Greg Head-Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (Changing from Co-Secretary/Treasurer)

By Laws should be reviewed and updated if necessary.

Bond resolution and Commencement Validation for Florida Power and Light. Mr. Floyd Newton stated this was a preliminary approval of the bonds for Florida Power and Light which will be used on their portion of Unit 4. Once the engineering reporting has been completed, he will be back for a final approval and amount. The approved/sign documents will be filed with the Superior Court of Monroe County which takes around 3 weeks.

He also stated that he believes Oglethorpe and GA Power will be ready for bonds in the next year or so. Mr. Newton then gave a summary of the resolution before vote/approval/signature. Mr. Larry Evans made a motion to present as reviewed, Mr. Greg Head seconded the motion. There will be a copy of the bond on file.

Mr. Johnny Howze, Mr. Brett Mitchell and Mr. Ron Shipman gave an update on Plant Scherer and how they are adjusting operations with the shutdown/removal of the ash pond. The first step was to stop sending ash to the pond and go to a dry process. This was research and the process started in 2014/2016. There was a \$250mil project do cut out and replace the wet handling system. There has been a "Superbelt" installed which is a steel conveyor belt that moves ash while cooling and it is then blown into a silo. Trucks move the ash to site storage. From there GA Power sells some of the ash as a by-product. He stated it is becoming quite the commodity.

There is a new organization within GA Power dedicated to the closure of ash ponds. The process for Plant Scherer's 550-acre ash pond will take around 10-12 years to complete and they will continue to monitor ground water during and after completion for 30+ years. Monitoring data is housed on their website and available to the public.

## **President's Report**

Mr. Bo Gregory shared the site assessment matrix prepared by Mickey Daniels/GA Power. This is a quick reference guide to property that meets criteria for industrial needs when looking for potential land.

Mr. Gregory stated there have been phone calls regarding projects that would be less than 10 acres but nothing concrete, just inquires.

Mr. Gregory attended the Electric Cities of GA Annual Conference in Jekyll Island April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tushar Patel/BP Owner, new site close to 75. The wall and pond are finished. They are working on the out parcel for Zaxby's, the footings were changed again and have been resubmitted to the City of Forsyth.

Mr. Gregory will attend the GA EMC Conference May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Executive Session**

Started 9:38 Motion to begin executive session made by Mr. Phil Ham. Mr. Wendell Horne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ended 9:58 Motion to exit executive session made Mr. Larry Evans. Mr. Greg Head seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Evans motioned to approve a 10-year tax abatement for Project Fireball. Craig Craddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Phil Ham disclosed that he has no interest in any properties associated with Project Chew.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Tom Baugh called for a motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Craig Craddock made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Michael Leverett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brandy Bankston-Boynton