



WALKER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Andy Arnold (Chair)
Max Morrison (Vice-Chair)
Jim Cole (Secretary/Treasurer)
Evitte Parrish

Mark Chandler
Angie Teems
Stephanie Watkins (Executive Director)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting **July 8, 2025**

I. Call to order at 10:01 a.m. by Andy Arnold

Present: Chair Andy Arnold, Vice Chair Max Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Cole; Mark Chandler, Evitte Parrish, County Commission Chair Angie Teems, Executive Director Stephanie Watkins, and Development Authority Attorney David Gottlieb. Others present: see attached sign-in sheet.

Absent: None

II. Invocation given by Max Morrison

III. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: County Commission Chair Angie Teems made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to add the item of a QuitClaim Deed for Labrie, seconded by Jim Cole, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. June 10, 2025

Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark Chandler, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

V. Financial Report

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Cole presented the attached financial report as of June 30, 2025.

Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Evitte Parrish, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

VI. QuitClaim Deed for Labrie

Motion: Evitte Parrish made a motion to authorize Chairman Andy Arnold to execute the QuitClaim Deed for Labrie given their obligation has been satisfied, seconded by County Commission Chair Angie Teems, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

VII. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Stephanie Watkins mentioned that three new requests for information were received since the last meeting resulting in a total of 20 RFIs for FY 2025, 3 Site Visits, and 4 Existing Industry Visits. She stated that the Walker LAUNCH CCA is undergoing renovations, the Mechatronics Instructor had been selected and approved, and that the new Mechatronics Pathway should begin this school year. Executive Director Watkins then

mentioned her request and receipt of a proposal for engineering services from CTI Engineers regarding water and sewer for the Walker County Business Park.

VIII. Board Member Appointment

Chairman Andy Arnold stated that Max Morrison's term of service on the Development Authority Board would be ending soon and that Max had agreed to continue to serve should that be the pleasure of the Board. Chairman Arnold thanked Mr. Morrison for his service thus far and sought a motion to reappoint him to the Walker County Development Authority Board.

Motion: Evitte Parrish made a motion to reappoint Max Morrison for a two-year term, seconded by Jim Cole, 4 ayes and 0 nays, Mr. Morrison did not vote, motion carried.

IX. Presentations

None

X. Executive Session

Chairman Andy Arnold sought a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate and potential litigation.

Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Mark Chandler, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to exit Executive Session and re-enter into the Regular Meeting, seconded by Evitte Parrish, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

IX. CTI Engineers Proposal

Motion: Walker County Commission Chair Angie Teems made a motion to authorize Executive Director Stephanie Watkins to enter into an agreement with CTI Engineers for engineering services for water and sewer for the Walker County Business Park, up to \$13,000, seconded by Max Morrison, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

X. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.


Secretary

Date

Minutes prepared by: Executive Director, Stephanie Watkins