



WALKER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

Mark Chandler
Shannon Whitfield
Stephanie Watkins (Executive Director)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting **March 14, 2023**

- 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, Shannon Whitfield, Executive Director Stephanie Watkins, and David Gottlieb Development Authority Attorney. Others present: see attached sign-in sheet.
- II. Invocation given by Shannon Whitfield**
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
Motion: Evitte Parrish made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Chandler, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. February 14, 2023 Meeting**
Motion: Jim Cole made a motion to approve, seconded by Mark Chandler, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Financial Report**

Jim Cole presented the financial reports for February. He stated that we have received rental income from our tenant at the Glass Road property and a PILOT payment resulting in the total account balance as of February 28, 2023 at \$1,551,181.11. He also reported that one of our CDs had matured and was reinvested for 8 months at a rate of over 4%.

Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to approve, seconded by Evitte Parrish, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VI. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Stephanie Watkins mentioned under Marketing Initiatives that she had been invited to accompany the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority in April to present information about our available properties to state and regional project managers in Atlanta.

Mrs. Watkins stated that we received six new requests for information since our last meeting including a site visit to the Walker County Business Park.

Lastly, Mrs. Watkins mentioned that the Walker County Brownfields Program is moving forward with good participation from property owners.

A copy of the Executive Director's Report is attached.

VII. Executive Session

A motion was made by Shannon Whitfield to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate. The motion was seconded by Jim Cole, 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Shannon Whitfield to exit Executive Session and enter into Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Max Morrison, 5 ayes 0 nay, motion carried.

Following Executive Session in the Regular Meeting, no action was needed.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Shannon Whitfield made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Evitte Parrish, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.


Secretary

4/10/23
Date

Minutes prepared by: Executive Director, Stephanie Watkins