



# 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** **April 10, 2023**

- I. Call to order at 10:00 a.m. by Andy Arnold**  
**Present:** Chair Andy Arnold, Vice Chair Max Morrison, Mark Chandler, Evitte Parrish, Shannon Whitfield, Executive Director Stephanie Watkins, and Development Authority Attorney David Gottlieb. 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, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. March 14, 2023 Meeting**  
**Motion:** Max Morrison made a motion to approve, seconded by Mark Chandler, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Financial Report**  
Financial Report for the month of March will be given at next meeting.  
**Motion:** None
- VI. Executive Director's Report**  
Executive Director Stephanie Watkins mentioned that we continue to enhance the listings of our Walker County Business Park and NWGA Business & Industrial Park by adding information to our site selection database such as boundary outlines that highlight the Parks' footprint. She stated that she is looking forward to accompanying the JDA next week to showcase both industrial parks to state and regional project managers.  
  
Mrs. Watkins stated that we received five new requests for information last month bringing the total RFIs for the first quarter to 22.  
  
A copy of the Executive Director's Report is attached.
- VII. Approval of Roper Series 2023 Inducement Resolution**  
**Motion:** Evitte Parrish made a motion to approve the Roper Series 2023 Inducement Resolution, seconded by Mark Chandler, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

Before moving forward, Mayor Teddy Harris with the City of Rossville asked for the Board to consider acquiring the old Coats America building/property from the County to directly manage the marketing and sale of the property, working closely with the City to fulfill its vision for redevelopment/revitalization.

**VIII. Executive Session**

A motion was made by Shannon Whitfield to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate. The motion was seconded by Evitte Parrish, 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

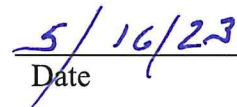
A motion was made by Evitte Parrish to exit Executive Session and enter into Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Shannon Whitfield, 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Following Executive Session in the Regular Meeting, Shannon Whitfield made a motion to sell up to 5 acres of land in the Northwest Georgia Business & Industrial Park to Laurence Richardson of METCO Metal Fab with closing to take place by the end of July. Evitte Parrish seconded the motion, 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

**IX. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Shannon Whitfield made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Chandler, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. It was noted that the next regular meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

  
Secretary

  
Date

Minutes prepared by: Executive Director, Stephanie Watkins