



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 **June 13, 2023**

- I. Call to order at 10:00 a.m. by Andy Arnold**
Present: Chair Andy Arnold, Vice Chair Max Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Cole, Mark Chandler, Executive Director Stephanie Watkins, and Development Authority Attorney David Gottlieb. Others present: see attached sign-in sheet.
Absent: Evitte Parrish and Shannon Whitfield
- II. Invocation given by Max Morrison**
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Chandler, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. May 16, 2023 Meeting**
Motion: Jim Cole made a motion to approve, seconded by Mark Chandler, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Financial Report**

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Cole gave the financial report for May 2023 stating that the Development Authority received a PILOT payment from Hitachi (Nissin). He mentioned that Bank of LaFayette CD would be renewing soon. The total balance of all Authority accounts as of May 31, 2023 was \$1,895,932.59.

Motion: A motion was made by Max Morrison to approve the financial report, seconded by Mark Chandler, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VI. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Stephanie Watkins stated that work continues to enhance the marketing efforts of available industrial properties through the WCDA website. She stated that she recently learned how to create a 3D speculative building within the database using the GIS Webtech Guru Property Enhancement tools.

Mrs. Watkins mentioned that she received 6 new requests for information since the last meeting. She stated that she is actively working 15 new projects, most of which are interested in the Walker County Business Park.

Executive Director Watkins mentioned that the Walker County Brownfields Program is progressing positively.

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

VII. Executive Session

A motion was made by Max Morrison to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel. The motion was seconded by Mark Chandler, 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Cole to exit Executive Session and enter into Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Chandler, 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Following Executive Session in the Regular Meeting, Max Morrison made a motion to extend the consulting contract with Robert Wardlaw for a 6-month period at \$1,000 per month. Mark Chandler seconded the motion, 4 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.


Secretary

7-18-23
Date

Minutes prepared by: Executive Director, Stephanie Watkins