



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 **January 10, 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. December 13, 2022 Meeting**
Motion: Max Morrison 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 December. He stated the two CDs will mature in March and that the total account balance as of December 31, 2022 is \$743,902.84.

Motion: Shannon Whitfield 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 stated that the information about the additional 103 acres of our Walker County Business Park has been added to the available properties database.

Mrs. Watkins stated that we received two new requests for information for the Walker County Business Park and one for the Northwest Georgia Business & Industrial Park.

Executive Director Watkins stated that she has an existing industry visit with Shaw in Chickamauga next week.

Lastly, Mrs. Watkins mentioned that the Final Report for the closeout of the REBA Grant is still pending approval.

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

VII. Election of Officers

The 2022 Officers for the Walker County Development Authority Board is Andy Arnold, Chair; Max Morrison, Vice Chair; Jim Cole, Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion: Evitte Parrish made a motion to approve the same slate of officers as of 2022 to serve for the year 2023, seconded by Shannon Whitfield, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Secretary

Date

Minutes prepared by: Executive Director, Stephanie Watkins