



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 11, 2022**

- I. Call to order at 10:02 am by Andy Arnold**
Present: Chair Andy Arnold, Vice-Chair Max Morrison, Secretary/ Treasurer Jim Cole, Mark Chandler, Evitte Parrish, Board of Commission Chairman Shannon Whitfield, Executive Director Stephanie Watkins. Others present: see attached sign-in sheet.
- II. Invocation given by Board of Commission Chairman Shannon Whitfield**
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Chandler, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. December 14, 2021 and December 21, 2021**
Motion: Shannon Whitfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Max Morrison, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Financial Report**

Jim Cole presented the December financial report. He stated a deposit had been made to the Bank of LaFayette account from Ohio Logistics to pay off their note and PILOT payments owed.

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

Stephanie Watkins presented an overview of marketing initiatives, Governor Brian Kemp's visit to Roper, and other economic development activities such as meetings, website development, and training opportunities. (see attached) The board discussed potential training for development authority members and requested that the executive director inquire as to what opportunities there are to host the training in our community and to invite members of our cities' downtown development authorities to participate.

- VII. Conveyance of Properties from Development Authority to Walker County, Georgia**
Attorney David Gottlieb presented two Quit Claim Deeds for consideration. One was for two tracts of land, Lots Nos. 3 and 5 according to a plat survey of Hinkle Town Center and roadways shown as Hinkle Switch Lane and Hinkle Drive as well as utility easements. The other was for Lot No. 2 in the Hinkle Town Center according to the same land plat survey.

Motion: Jim Cole made a motion to approve, seconded by Shannon Whitfield, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

VIII. Approval of FY 2022 Budget

Shannon Whitfield presented a proposed FY 2022 Budget highlighting projected revenues that included projected interest on development authority bank accounts, PILOT payments, rental income, and pass-through bond debt service. The proposed expenditures included cost sharing of the county's economic development director salary, purchased/contracted services, supplies, capital vehicle purchase, and the pass-through bond debt service. The overall budget reflected total revenues of \$1,880,272, total expenditures of \$1,432,843 for a net total of \$447,429.

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

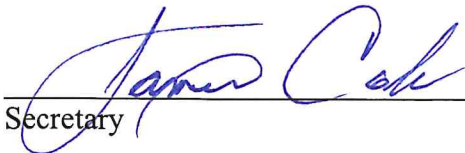
IX. Election of Officers

The current slate of officers are as follows: Andy Arnold, Chair; Max Morrisons, Vice-Chair; Jim Cole, Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Andy Arnold stated that he was willing to continue serving as chair of the development authority if that was acceptable to the board.

Motion: Shannon Whitfield made a motion to approve the same slate of officers in 2021 for 2022, seconded by Evitte Parrish, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am


Secretary


Date

Minutes prepared by: Executive Director, Stephanie Watkins