



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 17, 2022**

- I. Call to order at 8:01 a.m. by Andy Arnold**
Present: Chair Andy Arnold, Secretary/ Treasurer Jim Cole, Mark Chandler, Max Morrison, Evitte Parrish (late arrival), 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: Jim Cole made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Max Morrison, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. January 11, 2022**
Motion: Shannon Whitfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Mark Chandler, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Financial Report**

Jim Cole presented the February financial report. He stated there were no expenses to report for the month of February, only interest earned. He mentioned that our CD's were set to renew this month.

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

Stephanie Watkins stated that a group of Walker County leaders traveled to Birmingham, Alabama to participate in a Retail Academy workshop provided by Retail Strategies. Mrs. Watkins mentioned industrial recruitment activity that included three RFIs and a response to two of those. She stated that Hitson Cabinets had completed the purchase of the former Ohio Logistics facility in the Northwest Georgia Business and Industrial Park, and that operations began in late February. Mrs. Watkins also mentioned other economic development activities such as existing industry visits and speaking opportunities. Lastly, Mrs. Watkins noted other upcoming meetings/training opportunities. A copy of the Executive Director's Report is attached.

VII. Meeting Calendar

Discussion was held regarding the potential change of the Development Authority meeting calendar from a monthly meeting to bi-monthly meeting. It was decided to table this item until a later date.

Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to table this item, seconded by Mark Chandler, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

VIII. Board Member Appointments

Chairman Arnold made mention of resolutions of board member appointments to the Walker County Development Authority which were received from the City of Chickamauga to reappoint Evitte Parrish for a two-year term beginning March 7, 2022 and ending March 1, 2024, the City of LaFayette to reappoint Andy Arnold for a two-year term beginning April 15, 2021, and the City of Rossville to reappoint Jim Cole for a two-year term beginning March 31, 2020, ending March 31, 2022 and also another term beginning March 31, 2022 and ending March 31, 2024.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.


Secretary

4/12/22
Date

Minutes prepared by: Executive Director, Stephanie Watkins