



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
Robert Wardlaw (Executive Director)

Minutes of the Called Meeting July 8, 2021

I. Call to order at 10:00 am by Andy Arnold

Present: Chair Andy Arnold, Vice-Chair Max Morrison, Secretary/ Treasurer Jim Cole, Mark Chandler, Board of Commission Chairman Shannon Whitfield, Executive Director Robert Wardlaw, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb

Absent: Evitte Parrish

II. Invocation given by Executive Director Robert Wardlaw

III. Approval of Bond Resolution regarding the McLemore Resort, LLC Project

Robert Wardlaw explained this project has been ongoing over the last several years. David Gottlieb explained Kate Haywood and Jim Woodward (on conference call) were with the bond council and can answer any questions. He stated the project is under construction and the bond is not to exceed \$100-million. The McLemore Resort currently has a golf course and clubhouse and they are adding a hotel resort. Max Morrison asked if the County would assume any liability with the issuance of this bond. Jim Woodward and Robert Wardlaw stated the county will not be under any risk or liability from the bond.

Motion: Shannon Whitfield made a motion to approve the bond resolution regarding the McLemore Resort, LLC project and Jim Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: All Members Present

Not in Favor:

Duane Horton came forward to give an update on the project. He stated when they bought the property a few years ago people were giving property back because of the fees and dues associated with them, now they are selling homes for over \$500,000. He provided Shannon Whitfield with a copy of the bond issue for the hotel project which is in the market to recruit investments to move the project forward. He displayed a presentation

with projected images of the resort. He stated the resort is bringing money in from outside of the county and the projection to continue this type of growth is greatly expected. He stated there are around 100 employees currently and with the addition of the resort they will be adding almost three hundred more employees. He stated there has been numerous investments in this project and they are excited about all of the future growth to come. Shannon Whitfield thanked the McLemore project for their commitment and investment in our County.

IV. Approval of Bond Resolution regarding the Gateway at Rossville, LP Project

David Gottlieb stated this bond is for \$19-million. He stated this is a project for a 156 apartment complex on Happy Valley Road in Rossville. He added this bond will not put any liability on the Development Authority or the County.

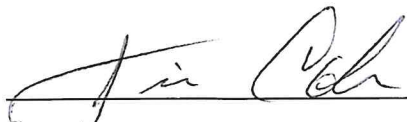
Motion: Max Morrison made a motion to approve the bond resolution regarding the Gateway at Rossville, LP project and Mark Chander seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

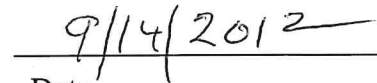
In Favor: All Members Present

Not in Favor

V. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am


Secretary


Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey