



# WALKER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Andy Arnold (Chair)  
Max Morrison (Vice-Chair)  
Jim Cole (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Evitte Parrish

Mark Chandler  
Angie Teems  
Stephanie Watkins (Executive Director)

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting** **February 11, 2025**

### **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, County Commission Chair Angie Teems (late arrival), Executive Director Stephanie Watkins, and Development Authority Attorney David Gottlieb. Others present: see attached sign-in sheet.

**Absent:**

### **II. Invocation given by Evitte Parrish**

### **III. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** Evitte Parrish made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Max Morrison, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

#### **A. January 14, 2025**

**Motion:** Max Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim Cole, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

### **V. Financial Report**

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Cole presented the attached financial report as of January 31, 2025.

**Motion:** Mark Chandler made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Evitte Parrish, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

County Commission Chair Angie Teems joined the meeting.

### **VI. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Stephanie Watkins stated that she received seven RFIs and that she is working on 8 active industrial projects. She mentioned that the EDGE Grant funds were received and will be remitted to Roper at which time the bank account for that grant will be closed and the grant closeout process would begin. Executive Director Watkins stated that Project Purpose would be held in June and that existing industry visits are scheduled for the end of the month.

**VII. Presentations**

No presentations.

**VIII. Executive Session**

**Motion:** County Commission Chair Angie Teems made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, seconded by Max Morrison, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion:** Max Morrison made a motion to exit Executive Session and enter into the Regular Meeting, seconded by Evitte Parrish, 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

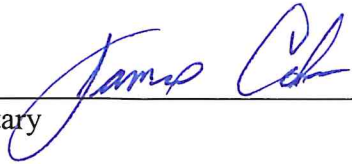
In the Regular Session, there was no action to be taken regarding Real Estate.

Max Morrison asked if Executive Director Stephanie Watkins could assist with registration for all board members to attend a Development Authority Board Member Training Session on February 26-27. Executive Director Watkins stated that she would check and get back with the Board.

**IX. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Secretary



Date

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Minutes prepared by: Executive Director, Stephanie Watkins