

Development Authority of Butts County
Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes

The Development Authority of Butts County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, May 13, 2022. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Historic Butts County Courthouse at 25 Second Street, Jackson, GA 30233.

Development Authority Members present and comprising a quorum were:

Members	PRESENT	ABSENT	Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
Zach Burden		X	Roger McDaniel	X	
Clint Crowe		X	Alicia Washington	X	
John Harkness	X		Arthur White	X	
Fred Head	X				

Guests: Dr. Irvin Clark, Dr. Xenia Johns and Dr. Mark Andrews-Southern Crescent Technical College; and, Authority Counsel, Kevin Brown-Seyfarth Sha

I. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Harkness called the meeting to order and confirmed that a quorum of the Board Members was in attendance. On a motion Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. Arthur White, the Agenda was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of the Minutes:

a) **April 8, 2022 Minutes:** On a motion by Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Arthur White, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the April 8, 2022 meeting as submitted.

III. Board Items for Discussion and Action:

a) **Financial Reports – April 2022:** On a motion by Ms. Washington, seconded by Burden, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 2022 Financial Statements as presented.

IV. Old Business

a) **MasterBrand Cabinets REBA Grant Update:** Executive Director Bob White provided an update on the MasterBrand Cabinets REBA Grant, noting that the grant application had been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Staff continues to work with our grant consultants, Allen-Smith Consulting and the company to provide remaining documentation for the grant award.

b) **Georgia Power Company Easement Requests:** The Board continued discussion of the requests by Georgia Power Company for easements on Authority property on Bibb Station Road for the installation of fiber optic lines. On a motion by Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Head, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the executive director to request a modification of the easement descriptions to specify the width and boundaries of the proposed easements.

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V. **New Business**

b) **Introduction of Dr. Irvin Clark, President-Southern Crescent Technical College** Executive Director Bob White introduced Dr. Irvin Clark, the new President of Southern Crescent Technical College, along with his colleagues, Dr. Xenia Johns and Dr. Mark Andrews. Dr. Clark briefly discussed his background as Vice President of Economic Development for Georgia Piedmont Technical College and he expressed his interest in and support for partnering with the Development Authority on workforce development programs.

c) **Project Oak Discussion:** Executive Director Bob White reported that Governor Brian P. Kemp had this morning formally announced that Procter & Gamble Distributing, LLC (Project Oak), is planning to invest \$205 million in a new distribution facility in Jackson that would employ some 350 associates. Mr. White and Authority Counsel, Kevin Brown, reported that the Company anticipates closing on the site in the River Park E-Commerce Center in June.

Mr. Brown provided an overview of the proposed Industrial Development Bond Resolution for the project, and the Memorandum of Understanding regarding project commitments. On a motion by Mr. Head, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the issuance of up to \$350,000,000 for the project, and for the Chair and Secretary to execute all bond-related legal documents. The Bond Validation hearing in Butts County Superior Court is scheduled for June 9th.

d) **Land Transaction Update:** Executive Director White reported that Exeter Riverview Business Center Land, LLC, had elected to terminate the Purchase and Sale Agreement on the Riverview property. No further action is required.

VI. **Staff Reports and Information:** Bob White provided an update on staff activities since the past meeting.

VII. **Executive Session:** There were no items for discussion in Executive Session.

VIII. **Adjournment:** On a motion by Mr. Arthur White, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes were officially approved by the Board on July 15, 2022

Executive Director

Chairman