

MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2018

BROOKS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Chairman Buddy Holwell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board members Andy Swann, Delphanie McGhee and Henry Burton attended, along with Engineer Ben DeVane, Attorney Vann Parrott, Director Tiffany Holmes and Consultant Dara Barwick.

Appearances

Consultant Barwick presented to the board regarding the equestrian project. She has visited the center in Perry, and spoken with managers of others in Georgia and Florida. She recommended that the board pay for a feasibility study for the project. She has prices from UGA, but will research other options. Andy Swann motioned to approve spending up to \$25,000 on a full and comprehensive feasibility study; seconded by Henry Burton; unanimously approved.

Consultant Barwick also requested that she be given permission to apply for a tourism grant through the state to benefit a winter garden festival centered on the Quitman Camellia Show. Henry Burton motioned to approve paying a grant writer up to \$250, and providing a cash match of up to \$2,500; seconded by Andy Swann; unanimously approved.

Minutes and Financials

Copies of the minutes of the monthly meeting held March 12th. Henry Burton motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented; seconded by Delphanie McGhee; unanimously approved.

The financial reports for May 2018 were provided to the Board for review and approval along with the checking account balances. Andy Swann motioned to accept the financial reports as provided; seconded by Henry Burton; unanimously accepted.

Old Business

Project updates were provided.

New Business

Chairman Holwell moved to new business. In the interest of time, the board chose to table discussions for item 5a. Brief discussions were held concerning future funding: allocation/millage. Chairman Holwell will discuss further with Justin DeVane.

Tiffany presented the board with an offer to purchase 54.42 acres in the old industrial park. Attorney Parrott advised that the property be sold in a public sale. Henry Burton motioned to approve selling the property through the public sale process; seconded by Delphanie McGhee; unanimously approved. The interested party will be notified of intent to sale.

Chairman Holwell requested that the board select a date for a groundbreaking ceremony. It was decided to have the photo opportunity in place of the July 2018 board meeting. Tiffany will make necessary arrangements and will notify city and county elected officials.

Reports were made by the Director.

There being no further business, Henry Burton motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Delphanie McGhee; unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted:

Andy Swann
Secretary