

Minutes – Meeting January 24, 2025

Brooks County Development Authority

Regular Meeting

The Executive Director presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:08pm. Board members Ulysses Marable, Marie Horne, John LaHood via Zoom, Tyler Hart, and Derren Yearby attended, along with Executive Director Jerome Tucker, and Office Manager, Jayme Coody. The meeting coincided at 115 E. Screven St. Quitman GA.

Election of officers voted upon as follows:

Chairman- Derren Yearby nominated by Marie Horne, seconded by John LaHood; unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman- Tyler Hart nominated by Marie Horne, seconded by John LaHood; unanimously approved.

Secretary- Ulysses Marable nominated by Tyler Hart, seconded by John LaHood; unanimously approved.

Treasurer-The position has been postponed until the Board determines who is best suited to fill it, as the Board is currently short of two members.

Minutes

After thorough review of the November 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Tyler Hart made a motion to accept the minutes. Ulysses Marable seconded; Unanimously approved.

Financials

Chairman Derren Yearby moved to the acceptance of the November, & December 2024 financials. BCDA accountant Juan Turner with the Tax and Accounting Professionals addressed the board to give update on all BCDA Accts. After thorough review Ulysses Marable made a motion. Tyler Hart seconded; Unanimously approved.

Old Business

New Business

1. Industrial Park mowing contract to possibly be extended with Driftin South. The Executive Director and BCDA Board will review the packet provided by Justin Smith owner of Driftin South, and make recommendations, and final decision at next meeting. Driftin South will continue as of current with IP mowing needs.

Reports

Executive Director Jerome Tucker provided an update to the BCDA Board regarding Brooks County's use of office space within the BCDA office. He also announced plans to adjust the fiscal year calendar to align with the County's fiscal year schedule. The BCDA Board currently has two vacant positions, which the County has

been notified about, and proper protocol will be followed to fill these vacancies. Mr. Tucker further updated the Board on his efforts to engage with existing businesses in Brooks County and build relationships with them. He also presented the option of holding quarterly meetings instead of monthly ones unless a special meeting is required to address urgent business before the next quarterly meeting. These changes will take effect immediately and the next scheduled meeting will be April 24, 2025. All Board members agreed that this approach was practical and supported amending the By-Laws to reflect these adjustments.

Office Manager, Jayme Coody- The BCDA Board was updated on the completion of the new website, which is now live and accessible. Additionally, the VPN network has been fully secured, allowing the BCDA office to work remotely and access all necessary data. All office operations are up to date, and payables have been processed accordingly.

Tyler Hart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ulysses Marable; unanimously approved.