

Minutes – Meeting June 27, 2024

Brooks County Development Authority

Regular Meeting

Chairman Derren Yearby presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Board members Erin McKenzie, Ulysses Marable, Marie Horne, Tyler Hart, Harlie Bodine, John LaHood and Derren Yearby attended, along with executive director Stephanie Williams and Small Business Director, Jayme Coody. The meeting was held at 610 S. Highland Dr. Quitman GA.

Minutes

After thorough review of the May 23, 24 meeting minutes. John LaHood made a motion to deny the minutes. Tyler Hart seconded. Unanimously approved.

Financials

Chairman Derren Yearby moved to the acceptance of the February, March, & April, May 2024. After a thorough review of the financials Director Stephanie Williams explained that due to being relocated from the Quitman office and audit preparation taking precedent the financials are not completed but will be up to date by next month's meeting.

Old Business

1. Administrative Office Update:
Jayme Coody explained to the Board that State Farm has not officially decided on the coverage type our claim will fall under. She explained the bill with documentation from Serve Pro, and the explanation of coverage from our insurance agent with State farm. Currently we are waiting on the insurance company adjustors to make a definite decision on coverage type and can move forward with construction.
2. South Georgia Studios Update:
Director Stephanie Williams updated the Board that they have made investments and are moving forward even though their project has been mildly delayed by certain setbacks regarding film in Georgia.
3. Project Torchwood Update:
Director Stephanie Williams explained prospect was out of state and interested in Brooks County, GA. However, the prospect decided to relocate to a neighboring county.
4. Project Tabby cat Update:
Director Stephanie Williams updated the Board that we lost this prospect to an area outside the region.
5. IEDC: Economic Resilience Update:
Director Stephanie Williams informed the Board of the week we had spent with the IEDC team. She also shared a letter of support and gratitude that the IEDC members presented to the Development Authority for hosting them. She explained we will have a preliminary report out from their team soon and once she receives it, she will share it and update.

6. USDA Rural Development Water Development Project in IP
Director Stephanie Williams explained the application has been completed and sent to the USDA to move forward. Will update as she's updated.

New Business

1. Project Dustpan
Industry looking to locate industry business in Brooks County, GA. CEO of company presented his business. Spoke on investment and job creation/retention and the benefits the industry would bring to Brooks CO. At this time no definite action has been taken. The Board Authority agrees to revisit this prospect once more information is available.

Executive Session

Chairman Derren Yearby asked the administrative office staff to please leave the room while the board discussed office personnel. Ulysses Marable made a formal motion to go into Executive session, seconded by Harlie Bodine, unanimously approved.

Reports

Discussion of executive session, and update on audit completion.

Tyler Hart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John LaHood; unanimously approved.