

Minutes – Meeting September 25, 2025

Brooks County Development Authority

Regular Meeting

The BCDA Chairman presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Board members Ulysses Marable, Tyler Hart, Clifford Burton, Mike Stiller and Derren Yearby attended, along with Executive Director Jerome Tucker, and Accountant, Juan Turner. The meeting was located at 115 E. Screven St. Quitman GA.

Minutes

After thorough review of the June 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Mike Stiller made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Ulysses Marable seconded; unanimously approved.

Financials

Chairman Derren Yearby moved to accept the June, July, and August 2025 financials. BCDA accountant Juan Turner with the Tax and Accounting Professionals addressed the board to give an update on all BCDA accounts. After a thorough review, Tyler Hart made a motion. Dr. Ulysses Marable seconded; unanimously approved.

Old Business

- a. Ratification of approval to pay Driftin South Mowing Service.
- b. Ratification of approval to pay Tax & Accounting Professionals.
- c. Ratification of agreement with Steel Builders & Systems, Inc.
- d. Ratification of agreement to pay Jayme Coody.
- e. Ratification of agreement to pay CCB Tech Group.

Tyler Hart made a motion. Dr. Ulysses Marable seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Final signature to close agreement with Steel Builders and Systems, Inc. Tyler Hart made a motion. Dr. Ulysses Marable seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Reports

Executive Director Jerome Tucker provided a recap of 2025's most significant events.

- a. Community Heart and Soul dissolved and replaced with the Rural Development Institute.
- b. The South Georgia Studios tolling agreement expired.
- c. Collaboration with the Quitman City Manager, Willie Burns, Chamber of Commerce, Valdosta Tourism Authority, One Valdosta Lowndes County Development Authority.
- d. Confirmation the BCDA Bylaws were amended to change the BCDA Board meeting frequency from monthly to quarterly.

The Executive Director requested the board's approval to work with AgTech Recycling as a pass-through entity for a grant. Tyler Hart motioned. Clifford Burton seconded the motion; unanimously approved. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs' annual fall conference is scheduled for November 17-20, 2025.

The Executive Director requested three scholarships for the following organizations:

1. Brooks County Development Authority
2. City of Quitman
3. Brooks County Board of Commissioners

The total funding requested was \$5,000.00. Mike Stiller motioned. Tyler Hart seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Accountant, Juan Turner- Provided an update regarding the annual audit's progress and approved extension. The BCDA's next audit will cover Jan – June 30, 2025, to align with the county's fiscal year. Tyler Hart motioned to begin the executive session. Clifford Burton seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Executive Session

- a. Personnel
- b. Property

Tyler Hart motioned. Clifford Burton seconded the motion; all executive session items unanimously approved.

Return to regular session

Tyler Hart motioned to return from the executive session. Clifford Burton seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Call to adjourn

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