



SCREVEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Screven County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
May 28, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present: Stephen Milner, Todd Bazemore, John Mark Counts, Christie Durrence, John Jeselnik, Ben Boyd, Rachel Thompson (attended via Telephone)

Others Present:

John Henry, Executive Director

Chairman Stephen Milner called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Todd Bazemore offered the Invocation.

Approval of Minutes:

John Mark Counts made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23rd meeting; Ben Boyd seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Approval of Financials:

Todd Bazemore made a motion to approve the April 2024 financials as presented, Christie Durrence seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Georgia Fund 1 Funds Transfer- Mr. Henry updated the board that the process for amending the resolution for the Georgia Fund was ongoing and that he hoped that it would be completed within the month.

Board Retreat- Mr. Henry updated the board on the confirmation of August 22nd and 23rd at Cedar Lodge for the Annual Retreat. Pat Merritt was confirmed to facilitate.

New Business:

- 1. Savannah World Trade Center Membership Renewal-** The board briefly discussed the annual renewal of membership in the SWTC. John Mark Counts made a motion to renew the annual membership at \$5,000 per year, John Jeselnik seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Annual Audit Engagement Letter-** The board briefly discussed approving an Engagement Letter with Jones, Jones, Davis & Associates. Todd Bazemore made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter for the upcoming annual audit. John Jeselnik seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Regional Industry Support Enterprise Membership-** The board discussed becoming a member of the "RISE" organization. There was some discussion regarding the cost, length of commitment and participation of industry and other organizations. Todd Bazemore made a motion authorizing Executive Director Henry to discuss and/or negotiate more favorable terms and bring them back before the board for final approval. Christie Durrence seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



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Director's Report:

Director Henry offered a brief update on activities and projects including meetings with Georgia Department of Economic Development officials and Request For Information (RFI) submissions.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, John Mark Counts made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 AM, Todd Bazemore seconded, motion carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,
John A. Henry**