

Screven County Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting June 27, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present: Stephen Milner, Rachel Thompson, Todd Bazemore, John Mark Counts, Christie Durrence, John Jeselnik

Others Present:

John Henry, Executive Director Stacy Mathis, City of Sylvania Mayor Preston Dees, City of Sylvania Will Boyd, County Commission Chairman

Chairman Stephen Milner called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.

Chairman Stephen Milner offered an Invocation.

Approval of Minutes:

John Mark Counts made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28th meeting as presented; Todd Bazemore seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Approval of Financials:

Rachel Thompson made a motion to approve the March 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 1 has been completed and he is awaiting confirmation.

Board Retreat- Mr. Henry reported that the dates of August 22nd and 23rd have been confirmed with Cedar Lodge and a menu has been set. He also informed the board that Pat Merritt has retired and would not be available as a facilitator, but he had secured Scott Berta with ECG if the board approves. After some discussion, the board approved. members on their availability. Mr Henry asked if all were attending and received confirmation. John Mark Counts said that he would be interested in receiving information regarding the impacts of recruited industries.

RISE Membership- Mr. Henry reported that following the last board meeting he had discussed the terms of membership with Anna Chafin and the group had agreed to prepare a new membership proposal with a two year commitment (instead of four), that would be at the same cost as previously, but it would be subject to adjustment (not to exceed 10%). There was discussion regarding interest levels of other community stakeholders. The board was in agreement to seek membership if there would be financial commitment from other stakeholders in the community.

Rachel Thompson made a motion to pursue membership with the authority's contribution not to exceed \$20,000 per year, John Jeselnik seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Henry



agreed to meet with other stakeholders to determine if the balance of the required annual cost could be secured from others.

New Business:

No new business was presented.

Director's Report:

Director Henry offered a very brief update on activities and projects and indicated that a more thorough written report had been submitted to the board members.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Rachel Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 AM, Todd Bazemore seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, John A. Henry