



REGULAR MEETING Minutes
WWDA Board of Directors
March 4, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
2855 Forest Drive
Waycross, Ga 31503

Board Members Present:

Rusty Hall
James Willis
Stephen Burse
Dan Good
Brian Jackson

Digital Presence:

Kim Bennett-Callahan
Michael-Angelo James
Hillary Stringfellow

Board Members Absent:

Daniel Morris

Staff Members Present:

Jason Rubenbauer
Frances Golder

Guests Present:

Mittie Vaughan
Lynn Barber
Lonnie Roberts

• **Call to Order**

Acting Chairman Rusty Hall called the March 4, 2026, to order at 9:01 A.M.

• **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

James Willis provided the invocation and led the board with the pledge of allegiance.

• **Approval of Agenda**

Waycross Mayor Michael-Angelo James motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Dan Good seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval of Minutes**

• Regular Meeting February 4, 2026

Michael-Angelo James motioned to approve the February 4, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Stephen Burse seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

• **Approval of Financial Reports**

• February 28, 2026

Jason Rubenbauer presented that the February 28, 2026, financial reports were not ready to be presented, as the new firm was unable to have the reports ready in time.



- **Community Reports**

- Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Waycross Development Authority
- Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau
- **Coastal Pines Technical College-** Lonnie Roberts, stated that a needs assessment survey is going out to industries and that it is important to get those back so the college can make sure its classes are still in line with community need.
- **South Ga. State College** – Taylore Hereford informed the board that a new UGA Pathways program for students transferring to UGA. He also informed the board that a ceremony for the second annual “BLESSING OF THE CROPS” will be held at South Georgia State College on Monday March 23, 2026, at 1:30 PM.
- **Ware County Board of Education-** Dr. Lynn Barber, Ware County Superintendent, said that the school board is extremely grateful for money to remodel the Ware County Middle school. He said the county is beginning earlier instruction in trades to encourage greater employment participation.

- **Old Business**

- Ford Expedition Max discussion – Jason Rubenbauer advised the board that he is continuing to reach out. He has presented the board 2 options so far and the discussion remains on going.

- **New Business**

- Presentation, discussion, and request for action pertaining to the Canon Lease Agreement, The board agreed that it is best to buy whichever printer would be best for the Authority and a vote was not needed.
- Discussed the GRAD Due Diligence proposals and related matters
- Discussed the clearing, stumping, and grubbing proposals and related matters
- Discussed 91st Annual Chamber Banquet – March 19, 2026, 11:00 am—1:00 pm

- **Attorney’s Items- Hillary Stringfellow**

- Nothing to report

- **President’s Report—Jason Rubenbauer**

- Nothing to report

- **Chairman’s Report—Acting Chair Rusty Hall**

- Nothing to report

- **Executive Session**



For discussion of land/lease and acquisition matters pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

With no more business to be discussed in regular session Brian Jackson motioned to enter executive session. Michael-Angelo James seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously. The board entered executive session at 9:36 A.M.

- With no more business to discuss in executive session Stephen Burse motioned to enter back into regular session. Brian Jackson seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously. The board entered back into regular session at 9:55 A.M.
- **Adjournment**
With no more business to discuss, Dan Good motioned to adjourn. Brian Jackson seconded the motion. All present members voted aye, and the motion passed unanimously. Rusty Hall adjourned the March 4, 2026 meeting at 9:56 A.M.