**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**WWDA Board of Directors**

**April 2, 2025**

**9:00 A.M.**

**2855 Forest Drive**

**Waycross, Ga 31503**

**Board Members Present: Staff Present:**

James Willis Jason Rubenbauer

Candice Moody-Rice Chase McDonald

Dan Good

Rusty Hall

Brian Jackson

Daniel Morris

**Board Members Present via teleconference: Guests Present:**

Michael-Angelo James Drew Wright

**Board Members Absent:**

Stephen Burse

* **Call to Order**

Chairman James Willis called the April 2, 2025, meeting to order at 9:13 AM.

* **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Daniel Morris provided an invocation and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

* **Approval of Agenda**

Dan Good motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Rusty Hall seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

* **Approval of Minutes**
* March 5, 2025

Daniel Morris motioned to approve the March 5, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Candice Moody-Rice seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

* **Approval of Financial Reports**

There were no financial reports to review this month, as the Authority is still awaiting relevant documentation. The board will review April and May’s financial reports at next month's meeting. There was no action for this item.

* **Community Reports**
* Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce
* Downtown Waycross Development Authority
* Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau
* Coastal Pines Technical College
* South Ga. State College
* Ware County Board of Education
* **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

* **New Business**
  + Presentation, discussion, and request for action to join the Grow Southeast Georgia marketing alliance.

Jason Rubenbauer presented an opportunity for the Waycross-Ware County Development Authority to join a collaborative regional marketing effort with several other southeastern Georgia counties, an initiative that would cost the Authority and fellow participating development authorities $2,500.00 annually. Daniel Morris recommended that the board approve the WWDA’s involvement contingent upon annual review of the agreement. Dan Good motioned to approve the WWDA’s involvement and associated costs. Rusty Hall seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

* **Attorney’s Items**
* Hillary Stringfellow – Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C.

Drew Wright, who filled in for Hillary Stringfellow, informed the board that we are still awaiting signatures from both city and county officials pertaining to the GATX sliver.

* **President’s Report – Jason Rubenbauer**

Jason Rubenbauer informed the board that signage on Gus Karle Parkway is expected to be completed by the end of April, 2025. Mr. Rubenbauer also announced that the signage on Fulford Road will be updated and outfitted with new lighting in the near future.

* **Chairman’s Report – James Willis**

There was no report made available by Chairman James Willis.

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

Daniel Morris motioned to enter executive session. Candice Moody-Rice seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously. The board entered into executive session at 9:50 AM.

Daniel Morris motioned to enter into regular session once again. Rusty Hall seconded the motion. The board entered back into regular session at 10:31 AM.

* **Adjournment**

Rusty Hall motioned to adjourn. Daniel Morris seconded the motion. The April 2nd, 2025, meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.