**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**WWDA Board of Directors**

**May 7, 2025**

**11:00 A.M.**

**2855 Forest Drive**

**Waycross, Ga 31503**

* **Call to Order**

Chairman James Willis called the May 7, 2025, meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

* **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Jason Rubenbauer provided the invocation and led the board in the pledge of allegiance.

* **Approval of Agenda**

Dan Good motioned to approve the agenda of the May 7th, 2025, regular meeting. Daniel Morris seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

* **Approval of Minutes**
  + Regular Meeting April 2, 2025
  + Special Called Meeting

Daniel Morris motioned to approve the minutes of both the April 2nd regular meeting and the April 21st special called meeting. Dan Good seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

* **Approval of Financial Reports**
  + February 28, 2025
  + March 31, 2025

Jason Rubenbauer presented the financial reports for the months of February and March, indicating that the authority is operating in line with expected expenses and income, including SPLOST reimbursements. Without further discussion, Daniel Morris motioned to approve both presented financial reports. Rusty Hall seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

* **Community Reports**
  + Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce

Jason Rubenbauer announced to the board that the Chamber of Commerce has filled the President position, and that the board of the Chamber of Commerce has asked Jason to be closely aligned with the Chamber as the new president acclimates to the position.

* + Downtown Waycross Development Authority

Jason Rubenbauer announced that the DWDA has an open position for President/CEO.

* + Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau
  + Coastal Pines Technical College
  + South Ga. State College

Taylor Hereford informed the board of SGSC’s graduation ceremony commencing next Friday (05/16) and encouraged the board to attend. Mr. Hereford also announces that SGSC will adopt new operating hours beginning June 2nd, implementing a Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M-5:00 P.M. calendar.

* + Ware County Board of Education
* **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

* **New Business**
  + Presentation, discussion, and request for action pertaining to the clearing, stumping, and grubbing of 91.52+/- acres at the Gus Karle Parkway Business Park

Jason Rubenbauer presented a rubric of all eligible bids, with all bids being anonymized and presented solely on a total cost & cost-per-acre basis. After discussion pertaining to the availability of SPLOST funds to complete the project, Daniel Morris motioned to approve ‘Company A’. Dan Good seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Hillary Stringfellow announced that she has received no response from the current deed holders of the ballfield property. Hillary Stringfellow recommends quiet-title action to the board. Following discussion, Daniel Morris motioned to approve a quiet-title action as well as a budget amendment of $5,000.00 for associated legal costs. Dan Good seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Jason Rubenbauer highlighted ongoing conversations he is having with city and county officials, including a project he has been approached about pertaining to utility infrastructure relations between Pierce and Ware County.

* **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. Dan Good seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously, and the board entered executive session at 9:42 A.M.

Brian Jackson motioned to enter back into regular session. Daniel Morris seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously, and the board entered back into regular session at 10:22 A.M.

* **Adjournment**

Prior to adjourning, Jason Rubenbauer briefly reminds the board of the importance of punctual communication and attendance at board meetings and thanks the board members for their involvement.

Rusty Hall motioned to adjourn. Brian Jackson seconded the motion. All present members voted aye and the motion passed unanimously. The May 7, 2025, meeting was adjourned at 10:34 A.M.