



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
WWDA Board of Directors
November 29, 2023
9:00 A.M.
City Hall
Waycross, Ga 31503

Board Members Present:

Daniel Morris
James Willis
Stephen Burse
Rusty Hall
Dan Good

Staff Present:

Jason Rubenbauer
Kalissa Corbitt

Board Members Absent:

Candice Moody-Rice
Mayor Michael-Angelo James
Rusty Hall

Guest:

Hillary Stringfellow

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority was called to order by Chairman Daniel Morris at 9:23 AM.

II. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

James Willis provided the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

Dan Good made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Stephen Burse seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Dan Good made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023, meeting as presented. James Willis seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

V. Approval of Financials

James Willis made a motion to approve the September and October 2023 financials as presented. Dan Good seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

VI. Community Reports

No community partners were present to provide any updated information.

VII. New Business

- Dan Good made a motion to accept the proposal from Okefenokee Land & Habitat Management in an amount not to exceed \$5,600 to clean-up the properties of 2821 Industrial Blvd and 2969 Industrial Blvd. Rusty Hall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- James Willis made a motion to forward the nomination of Stephen Burse to the City of Waycross for the appointment to the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority Board of Directors City Seat 3 from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027. Rusty Hall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Rusty Hall made a motion to forward the nomination of Christopher Kovacs to the City of Waycross for the appointment to the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority Board of Directors City Seat 2 from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, to fill the unexpired term of David Rafus who has moved out of Ware County. Dan Good seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Rusty Hall made a motion to forward the nomination of Thomas Wesley to the Ware County Board of Commissioners for the appointment to the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority Board of Directors County Seat 3 from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027. Dan Good seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Dan Good made a motion to appoint James Willis to the position of Chairman of the Board for calendar year 2024. Rusty Hall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Rusty Hall made a motion to appoint Candice Moody-Rive to the position of Vice Chairman of the Board for calendar year 2024. Stephen Burse seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Dan Good made a motion to appoint Rusty Hall to the position of Secretary of the Board for the calendar year 2024. James Willis seconded the motion. All member present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Rusty Hall made a motion to appoint Dan Good to the position of Treasurer of the Board for the calendar year 2024. James Willis seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Rusty Hall made a motion to adopt the 2024 budget. Stephen Burse seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Stephen Burse made a motion to accept the proposal from Georgia Beaver Reapers in an amount not to exceed \$5,200 to eradicate beavers identified on the Development Authority property located behind Carolina Skiff. Dan Good seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Rusty Hall made a motion to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule as agreed by the Board of Directors during an open discussion. Dan Good seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Dan Good made a motion to cancel the December Regular Meeting due to no business matters requiring action. James Willis seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

VIII. Attorney items

No information was presented in open session.

IX. President's report

Jason Rubenbauer presented the written report to the board for review.

X. Chairman's report

Daniel Morris thanked the Board for their confidence in him and the CEO during his terms. He mentioned the following items:

- Hiring of President/CEO
- Announcement of Admares which has created an uptick with other industries;
- Began OneGeorgia Project;
- Purchased addition property;
- Finalize the incentive matrix for the President/CEO;
- Signage nearing finalization;

Items that need to be finalized:

- Covenants for business park
- Need to push the city and county for a tax based millage;
- Need to purchase more property for future developments;
- Need to clean-up additional 70 acres in the business park;
- Need rail expansion in the airport industrial park;

The Board presented a plaque to Daniel Morris in appreciation of his two terms of service to the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority.

XI. Executive Session

Dan Good made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing land/lease acquisition matters and personnel matters. Stephen Burse seconded the motion. All members present votes aye. The motion to enter executive session was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

At 10:29 A.M. the Board was in executive session.

Stephen Burse made a motion to reenter the regular session. Rusty Hall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The motion to reenter the regular session was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Regular session was back open to the public at 11:45 A.M.

Adjournment

No additional business was conducted, and the meeting was formally adjourned at 11:46 AM