

DADE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 Minutes of Meeting

MEETING DATE	MEETING TYPE	MEETING LOCATION	QUORUM PRESENT?
June 17, 2024	Regular	Dade County Administration Bldg. 71 Case Ave. Trenton, Georgia 30752	Yes

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE				
MEMBERS	NAME	OFFICER TITLE(S)	IN PERSON	BY TELEPHONE
	Dr. James Cantrell	Chair	✓	
	M. Leisa Cagle	Vice Chair & Treasurer	✓	
	George Williams	Secretary	✓	
	Adam Austin			✓
	Seth Houts		✓	
NON-MEMBER OFFICERS	Will Garrett		x	
	NAME	TITLE	IN PERSON	BY TELEPHONE
N/A				
OTHERS IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY	NAME	CAPACITY	IN PERSON	BY TELEPHONE
	J. Robin Rogers, Esq.	Attorney representing the Dade County IDA	✓	
	Evan Stone	Executive Director	✓	
	William A. Back	Recording Secretary	✓	
VISITORS WHOSE NAMES ARE KNOWN TO THE IDA	NAME	ORGANIZATION		
	Lydia Berglar	Dade Sentinel		
	Jeff Mullis	NW GA JDA		
	Susie Talbott	Citizen		
	Harry Pierce	State of Georgia		
	Lori Dowdy	GA Dept of Econ Dev		
	Carey Anderson	Dade County		

CALL TO ORDER
By: James Cantrell, Chair, at 10:33 a.m.

Routine Motions.

MOTION to approve Agenda.

Moved by George Williams

Seconded by Leisa Cagle

Carried by the following vote: unanimous

MOTION to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the most recent meeting(s).

Moved by George Williams

Seconded by Leisa Cagle

Carried by the following vote: unanimous

MOTION to approve those Minutes.

Moved by Leisa Cagle

Seconded by Seth Houts

Carried by the following vote: unanimous

MOTION to approve the Financial Reports for the period ending May 31, 2024.

Moved by Leisa Cagle

Seconded by George Williams

Carried by the following vote: unanimous

Discussions and Other Motions.

Report by Evan Stone, Executive Director.

- Trenton Pressing. Ribbon cutting scheduled for 6-28-24.
- CHI Memorial building. Air conditioning unit in rear needs replacement.
- Introducing Lori Dowdy. She and Evan met with local industry this past month.

Harry Pierce, former Home Depot executive, will now handle economic development matters for the Georgia Dept of Economic Development, 14th District (11 counties).

- We will refund \$60,000 from the Construction Account to the General Account, to reimburse the general account for the purchase of the strip of land along Hwy 11 just south of the Price Farm property.
- Presentation of 2024-2025 budget.
- Average wage in Industrial Park now about \$18 per hour plus benefits.
- Chattanooga Industrial Motors. \$2.5 million expansion. Construction to start soon.
- Covenants for Price Farm property – draft proposal.

MOTION to accept best bid to replace air conditioning compressor for CHI Memorial building.

Moved by George Williams

Seconded by Seth Houts

Carried by the following vote: unanimous

MOTION to adopt budget as presented.

Moved by Leisa Cagle

Seconded by George Williams

Carried by the following vote: unanimous

The Chair established a committee to finalize covenants to protect citizens of the County. Adam, Leisa, and George.

Robin Rogers

Nothing new to report.

JDA - Jeff Mullis

- Many RFIs coming in.
- Working to support local industry.
- Had to pass on some RFIs that aren't a good fit.

Seth Houts

- Has completed some minor changes to web site.
- Placer I.O. – We are in talks with this data aggregator that uses cell phone and consumer data to track consumer behavior. Retail cost: \$20,000, to be shared.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Susie Talbott (citizen)

(1) Pleased to see live streaming of IDA meetings.

(2) Not pleased about difficulty in conferring directly with IDA Members; would like Members' email address to be published.

(3) Would like to see different type of financial disclosure.

Evan Stone

(1) The IDA has been transparent as to every aspect of IDA governance and finances.

George Williams (Chair, Alliance for Dade)

(1) The Alliance has established a Workforce Development Committee to be led by Josh Ingle and Hands Pfunder.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to go into executive session to discuss real estate negotiation; real estate purchase, sale or exchange; or personnel.

Moved by George Williams

Seconded by Leisa Cagle

Carried by the following vote: unanimous

MOTION to exit executive session.

Moved by George Williams

Seconded by Seth Houts

Carried by the following vote: unanimous

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

10:30 a.m. on Monday, 7-15-24

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn

Moved by George Williams

Seconded by Leisa Cagle

Carried by the following vote: unanimous, 12:14 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

LATE-ARRIVING OR EARLY-DEPARTING MEMBERS	N/A
PLACES WHERE NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING WERE POSTED OR SENT	Dade County web site Dade County Administration Building notice board
ATTACHMENTS	The following documents are incorporated within these Minutes: Financial statement(s).
PREPARATION OF MINUTES	_____ Wm. A. Back, Recording Secretary June 23, 2024

Note: These Minutes are unofficial until approved by the IDA Members.