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Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 ♦ 1:00 PM
107 S. Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, GA 31024

The Putnam Development Authority met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at approximately 1:00 PM in the Putnam Development Authority Office, 107 S. Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Walt Rocker III
Member Patty Burns
Member Brice Doolittle
Member Mylle Mangum
Member John Wojtas

OTHERS PRESENT

Attorney Kevin Brown (via telephone)
Economic Development Director Matt Poyner
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Rocker called the meeting to order at approximately 1:04 p.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

Minutes

2. Approval of Minutes - February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Doolittle.

Voting Yea: Chairman Rocker, Member Burns, Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

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Financials

3. Approval of Financials - February 2025

Member Burns reviewed the financials and advised that the format had changed slightly. She and Executive Director Poyner reported on the audit findings:

1. The authority needs to change to an Accrual Basis of Accounting which records expenditure transactions in the period the liability was incurred rather than when the expenditure is paid; and
2. The authority needs to record prior year audit adjustments and current year transactions related to leases.

Bookkeeper Rebekah Coker is working to make these changes.

Chairman Rocker requested extra information on future financial reports to explain line items due to the change required by the auditors.

Motion to approve the February 2025 Financials.

Motion made by Member Mangum, Seconded by Member Doolittle.

Voting Yea: Chairman Rocker, Member Burns, Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

(Copy of financials made a part of the minutes.)

Reports

4. Economic Development Director Report

Executive Director Matt Poyner reported the following:

(Copy of report made a part of the minutes)

- Administrative
 - Six-month CDs
 - New account at FMB
 - Audit completed
- Business & Industry Company Contacts
 - Business Expansion
- Workforce Development
 - Putnam College & Career Academy
- Marketing & Branding
 - Office
 - Career Academy has agreed to build the new sign for the exterior of the building and provided three concepts for review. All members preferred the top design.
 - Marketing
- Project Status
 - Project activity
- Rock Eagle Technology Park
 - Miscellaneous
- South Industrial Park
 - Property overview

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Regular Business

None

Other Business

5. Other Business

Plans for the upcoming BOC Townhall meeting on March 18, 2025 for the Goodwill/Southeastern project were discussed. Chairman Rocker, Matt Mills from Southeastern, and Jim Stiff from Goodwill plan to attend and participate. It was suggested that someone make an opening statement explaining the facts. No action was taken.

Next Meeting Items

6. Next Meeting Items

None

Closing

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Member Doolittle, Seconded by Member Wojtas.

Voting Yea: Chairman Rocker, Member Burns, Member Doolittle, Member Mangum, Member Wojtas

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Walt Rocker III
Chairman

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