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**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 ◊ 3:30 PM**  
Putnam County Administration Building – Room 204

The Putnam Development Authority met on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at approximately 3:30 PM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, Eatonton, Georgia.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Walt Rocker III  
Member Patty Burns (arrived late)  
Member Brice Doolittle  
Member John Wojtas

**ABSENT**

Member Mylle Mangum

**STAFF PRESENT**

Attorney Kevin Brown  
Executive Director Matt Poyner  
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

**Opening**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Rocker called the meeting to order at approximately 3:48 p.m.  
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

**Minutes**

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. October 11, 2022 Executive Session

**Motion to approve the October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.**

**Motion made by Member Doolittle, Seconded by Member Wojtas.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Rocker, Member Doolittle, Member Wojtas**

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**Financials**

3. Approval of Financials - October 2022

Executive Director Poyner reviewed the financials.

**Motion to approve the October 2022 Financials.**

**Motion made by Member Wojtas, Seconded by Member Doolittle.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Rocker, Member Burns, Member Doolittle, 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
  - Presentation made to the Greene and Putnam County Rotary Club
  - Hosted new Jones County Director, Haley Watson
- Business & Industry Company Contacts
  - Existing Industry Updates
- Workforce Development
  - Putnam County High School
- Marketing & Branding
  - Goebel Media
- Project Status
  - Project Activity – company looking for 10 acres to assist the film industry
- Strategic Planning Retreat – 2022 Goals
  - Website/Marketing
  - Industrial Park
  - Workforce Engagement
  - Existing Industry
  - Property Acquisition
- Rock Eagle Technology Park
  - GDOT
- South Industrial Park
  - Existing Entry Sign

**Regular Business**

5. Approval to Apply to Rezone the Old Hotel Eatonton from Public to Commercial

Executive Director Poyner advised that five entities showed up for the October 19th Mandatory Property Review at the Old Hotel Eatonton. He received a list of questions. One was asking for a plat, which he is getting done. Another concerned the current zoning, which is Public. He and Chairman Rocker discussed going ahead and starting the rezoning process, however, Attorney Brown advised waiting until a firm use is known, so the type of rezoning needed will be known. No action taken.

**Other Business**

6. Other Business

None

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**Next Meeting Items**

7. Next Meeting Items

Need to approve the 2023 meeting schedule.

**Executive Session**

8. Enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4, if necessary, for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate

**Motion to enter Executive Session as allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 for Litigation and Real Estate.**

**Motion made by Member Doolittle, Seconded by Member Burns.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Rucker, Member Burns, Member Doolittle, Member Wojtas**

Meeting closed at approximately 4:12 p.m.

9. Reopen meeting and execute Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting

**Motion to reopen the meeting and execute the Affidavit concerning the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting.**

**Motion made by Member Burns, Seconded by Member Wojtas.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Rucker, Member Burns, Member Doolittle, Member Wojtas**

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

Meeting reopened at approximately 4:28 p.m.

10. Action, if any, resulting from the Executive Session

No action taken.

**Closing**

11. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion made by Member Doolittle, Seconded by Member Burns.**

**Voting Yea: Chairman Rucker, Member Burns, Member Doolittle, Member Wojtas**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth  
County Clerk

Walt Rucker III  
Chairman

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