

Development Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia d.b.a. Decide DeKalb Development Authority

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DECIDE DEKALB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Date: March 14, 2024 **Time:** 11:30 AM

Location: Teleconference via Zoom

Board Members Present:

Don Bolia, Chair Kevin Gooch, Vice- Chair Andrew Greenberg, Board Member Rebekah Coblentz, Board Member Robert Patrick, Board Member David Moody, Board Member

Board Members Absent

Ann Hanlon, Treasurer Alan Ferguson, Board Member Miranda Mack McKenzie, Secretary

Legal Counsel Present

Ansly Moyer, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP

Staff Members Present

Dorian DeBarr, President
Randi Mason, VP, Economic Development
Terra Washington, Vice President, Marketing & Communication
Amanda McAbee, Director, Accounting & Finance
Jenee Williams, HR Coordinator/Office Manager
Yvette Humphries, Manager, Redevelopment & Strategic Initiatives
Laura Ramos, Marketing Manager
Shelbia Jackson, Director, DEC
Courtney Haynes, Executive Assistant

Others Present

Beth Ganga, BOC Mary Hinkel, DeKalb Resident Grace Donnelly, Atlanta Business Chronicle Kwasi Obeng, BOC

The March regular meeting of the Decide DeKalb Development Authority was called to order at 11:32am on Thursday, March 14th, 2024, by teleconference via zoom.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bolia presided.

II. ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. Approval of January 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Greenberg made a motion to approve the January Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Moody seconded the motion which was unanimously approved, except for Vice Chair Gooch who was absent for the vote.

B. Approval of January 2024 Financials:

Ms. McAbee presented the January 2024 financials.

Current assets are as follows: Cash \$1.42m, Total investments \$1.58m, Accounts Receivable \$462k.

Ms. Coblentz made a motion to approve the January 2024 financials. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved, except for Vice Chair Gooch who was absent for the vote.

C. Approval DDDA 2024 Operating Budget:

Ms. McAbee presented the draft 2024 operating budget to the Board during the January board meeting for review. A few minor updates have been made to the budget since the January draft to allow for a flatter budget; however there will be an expected net income of \$134k at year end. The Board asked about the expense lines for salaries and consulting expenses. Ms. McAbee clarified that these line items are allocated across the operations and economic development departments. Mr. DeBarr confirmed several upcoming projects, including hiring grant writers, renewing the Economic Development (ED) strategic plan, and launching the Welcoming of DeKalb initiative, will contribute to these expenses.

Ms. Coblentz made a motion to approve the 2024 Operating Budget as presented. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion:

A. President's Report:

Mr. DeBarr presented the President's Report.

In Business Development, the team attended several partner meetings including the SBDC 18th Annual Women's conference, DeKalb school district CTAE advisory meeting, Council for Quality Growth's Emerging Leaders on Autonomous Vehicles and Urban Mobility and hosted a partner meeting with DeKalb Planning & Sustainability.

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Marcom celebrated Black Business week with a social media campaign that highlighted several businesses in DeKalb. The team is also preparing for Economic Development week which will take place May 6-10th.

Mr. DeBarr then made a few remarks and commented on recent trends and the pipeline of potential economic development opportunities. In recognition of International Women's Month he thanked all the women on staff. He also congratulated the Marcom team on being nominated for 2 Amy awards for their work on the DeKalb Entertainment Commission website.

A copy of the full President's Report and all Fact Sheets presented to the Board are included in the meeting file

The Decide DeKalb Development Authority Board Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.