

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
March 2, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heath Schondelmayer, Selvin Hollingsworth, Tyson Begly, Charles Ray Sheffield, Geniece Granville, Travis Chambers, Dallis Copeland

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Meghan Richardson, Joe Sanders, Jerald Mitchell, Conner Miller, Kathryn Quackenbush, Ben Adams, Pam Hodge, Deborah Kidder, Kristie Bozeman, Robert McKenna

The meeting was called to order by Heath Schondelmayer. He introduced everyone to the meeting.

I. WELCOME

- A. March 2, 2023 Minutes - **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting attached as "Exhibit A".**

II. FINANCES

- A. February Financial Update – Tyson Begly commented on several line expenses to include the millage rates, and future expenses being lower. Tyson covered the balance sheet accounts being in line and spoke on the investments towards Muscogee Technology Park. Joe Sanders elaborated on the cash flow and numbers within the CEDC. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Travis Chambers, the Authority unanimously approved the February 2023 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- A. Meghan Richardson presents economic development snapshot. She reported the following items:
- Discussion on the land opportunities, small business, and maintaining the robust pipeline for creating jobs and relocating businesses.
 - Meghan shared information on robotics with Fort Benning's Robotics System, office space and other opportunities for the programs.
 - Discussion on how to target Columbus, marketing and land acquisitions with the Valley Partnership communities. Questions fielded by Heath Schondelmayer about defining the term of prospects for the pipeline.
 - Meghan spoke on workforce development apprenticeship programs to include HK, McCauley, Oneda, Panasonic and Columbus Technical College to help build these connections throughout the pipeline. Transitioning information about the apprenticeship program will be accredited by the Department of Labor.
 - Meghan reported on the ARP Program with the City and ensuring the small businesses were set up and educated on being compliant/eligible for the grant. She mentioned the Small Business Bootcamp and the benefit factors of attendance, as well as the marketing aspects for this event.

IV. CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

- A. Pam Hodge gave a brief report of the City of Columbus. She talked on the name change of Fort Benning to Fort Moore projects and locations of the name change being updated by the middle of May. Pam spoke on a portion of the SPLOST funds targeting South Columbus for redevelopment efforts.

V. CHAMBER REPORT

- A. Jerald Mitchell reported on the following items:
- Jerald elaborated on a snapshot of where the Chamber is headed and maintaining the robust pipeline, creating more jobs and gathering more prospects for new projects.
 - Jerald spoke on an upcoming event that will target and strengthen workforce development. He also discussed the upcoming Red-Carpet Tour and engagements that will help build the Columbus Region, as well as the Georgia Tourism event being spearheaded by Peter Bowden.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Nothing significant to report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ben Moser spoke on different acts and which facilities would be more beneficial for Columbus and elaborated on it being positively transformational over the next 20 years. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved the funding in support of the CHIPS for CHIPS Act.**

VIII. LEGAL ISSUES

- A. The proposed Project Agreement and Inducement Resolution for Project Tremco was presented to the Authority by legal counsel. Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth, seconded by Tyson Begly, the Authority unanimously approved the Project Agreement and the Inducement Resolution.
- B. Upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield, seconded by Heath Schondelmayer, the Authority unanimously approved the First Amendment to Lease Agreement between the Authority and Applied Food Biotechnology to include the assets acquired with the proceeds of State grant money.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. An Executive session was called for by the Chairman.

X. MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business the Authority was declared adjourned by the Chairman.



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman



Tyson Begly, Secretary/Treasurer