Downtown Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Second Floor
Columbus, GA 31901
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 8:30 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS' PRESENT:	Steve Butler	Allen Taber
	Brian Sillitto	Brad Coppedge
	Karl Douglass	Billy Blanchard

OTHERS PRESENT:
Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (Development Authority of Columbus, GA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Steve Butler called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Rob McKenna stated that, since the board has not met in several years, new officers needed to be elected. After some discussion the following slate of officers was presented:

Chair – Steve Butler
Vice Chair – Billy Blanchard
Secretary – Missy Kendrick

Mr. Allen Taber made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. Mr. Brad Coppedge seconded. Butler, Sillitto, Douglass, Taber, Coppedge, and Blanchard voted in favor.

LEGAL ISSUES

Mr. McKenna shared that in 2015, the DDA issued a 10-year bond for $925,000 to finance the River Valley Regional Commission building. That bond expired in May, and the RVRC has asked the DDA to refinance the balance of $475,000 for another 10 years. The note is being held by Cadence Bank and the address of the building is 710 and 728 Front Avenue. Mr. Allen Taber made a motion to approve the bond issue and Mr. Coppedge seconded. Butler, Sillitto, Douglass, Taber, Coppedge and Blanchard voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was had about the 61 acres around the Clingstone stadium. The city has tasked the development of that area to the Development Authority of Columbus.

Additional marketing ideas were shared.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Coppedge made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and Mr. Billy Blanchard seconded. Butler, Sillitto, Douglass, Taber, Coppedge and Blanchard voted in favor.

Mr. Blanchard made a motion to return to Open Session and Mr. Coppedge seconded. Butler, Sillitto, Douglass, Taber, Coppedge, and Blanchard voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Blanchard and a second by Mr. Coppedge.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick

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Secretary