

MINUTES

Development Authority of Crawford County

Thursday, March 2, 2023

6PM

Development Authority of Crawford County, Conference Room

1011 Hwy 341 N.

Roberta, GA 31078

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Griffin
Richard Murphy
Thomas Collins
Adriane Romeo
Dennis Kelly
Tisa Horton
Crystal Golden

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jay Andrews
Broadus Williams
Martha McAfee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Sanders
Dale Jump
Jackie McCowen
Casey Moore
Daniel Wilder
Matt McDonald
Holly Hunt

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Collins called the Development Authority of Crawford County meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation:

Given by Thomas Collins

Order of Business:

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the agenda. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 2, 2022. Diane Griffin made the motion. Seconded by Adriene Romeo, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve Executive Session meeting minutes from February 2, 2022. Adriene Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Richard Murphy, the vote was unanimous.

Welcome:

Guests:

The Board welcomed the guests in attendance.

Presentation

Georgia Small Business Credit Initiative, Georgia Agribusiness and Rural Jobs Act Program
Holly Hunt, Program Manager, DCA Community Finance Division Affairs

- Access to Capital for Small Businesses
- 5 programs available through SSBCI 2.0
 - Georgia Loan Participation Program
 - Small Business Credit Guaranty Program
 - Georgia CDFI Program – a new companion loan program between the CDFIs and partnering lending institutions. (For Non-Depository Georgia CDFIs)
 - Georgia Equity Direct Program – Direct Venture Capital administered by Invest Georgia
 - Georgia Venture Capital Program- Fund of Funds VC administered by Invest Georgia

Old Business:

Business Center Roof Bids Update

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, updates the board on the roofing bid job. Prime Construction Resources, LLC started the roof repairs for Wing B and D on 2/14/2023 and completed on 2/23/2023. No leaking upon inspection by Director and staff.

Industrial Park Marketing Proposal Update

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, updates the board that the proposal will need to be revisited with Daniel Wilder, the CCDA Attorney and Art Barry, the realtor. There are some properties that were not on the listing agreement and will need to be amended to the contract.

Revolving Loan Fund Update

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, updates the board. The County Commissioner gave the approval for Dicky Farms for the Revolving Lona Fund in the amount of \$150,000 for 10/years with one year and an IR of 5%.

Valdosta Rural Development Institute's Update:

USDA Rural Business Development Grant Application

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, updates the board regarding the USDA grant. The grant was submitted along with 7 other counties (Seminole, Worth, Mitchell, Lanier, Bacon, Twiggs, Dawson.) The board asked about the details of the grant.

New Business: NA

Financials:

Truist Bank \$516,520.96

Georgia Community Bank \$1,591.49

Executive Session:

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to amend the agenda to add Executive Session for legal. Adriene Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Richard Murphy, the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Thomas Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session allowing County Commissioner Jackie McCown and CCDA Attorney Daniel Wilder to stay and participate in the executive session.

Richard Murphy made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to return to open session. Richard Murphy made the motion. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous.

There was no action taken.

Announcements:

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, made the following announcements:

- Peaches to Beaches
Friday & Saturday, March 10-11, 2023, 8am – 6pm
- Roberta-Crawford County Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Awards Banquet
Thursday, March 16, 2023, 6:30pm

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Kelly made the motion. Seconded by Richard Murphy, the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.