

MINUTES
Development Authority of Crawford County
January 4, 2024
Board Meeting @ 6pm
Development Authority of Crawford County, Conference Room
1011 GA Hwy 341 N.
Roberta, GA 31078

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Griffin
Thomas Collins
Adriane Romeo
Dennis Kelly
Darlene Williams-Roberts
Terrance Searcy (Left 7:05PM)
Tisa Horton
Crystal Golden
Dale Jump

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jay Andrews
Broadus Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jackie McCowen
Jake Watson
Joe Romeo

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas Collins called the Development Authority of Crawford County meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation:

Given by Diane Griffin

Order of Business:

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 2, 2023 meeting. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve Executive Session meeting minutes, from November 2, 2023. Dennis Kelly made the motion. Seconded by Diane Griffin, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve November 15, 2023, call meeting minutes. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous.

Welcome:**New Board of Directors Member:** Terrance Searcy

The Board welcomed Mr. Searcy. Mr. Searcy gave the board a brief introduction of himself.

Old Business**Wright Avenue Parking Lot**

Tisa Horton, Executive Director, reminded the board that the stoppers have not been installed as of 2024. The board discussed several ideas. Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to table the issue. Darlene Williams Roberts made a motion. Dennis Kelly seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

New Business:**Officers Election**

Executive Director Tisa Horton asked for Board members to review their bylaws in their Board book. Article 5, Section 5.1 regarding officers' election.

Executive Director Tisa Horton opened the nomination for Chairman. Dennis Kelly made the motion to open. Seconded by Adriane Romeo, the vote was unanimous. Dennis Kelly nominated Thomas Collins. Terrance Searcy nominated Darlene Williams. Executive Director Tisa Horton asked for additional nominations; hearing none, asked for a motion to close the chairman officer nominations. Dennis Kelly made the motion. Seconded by Adriane Romeo, the vote was unanimous. Executive Director Tisa Horton called for the votes of Thomas Collins as Chairman. The votes for Thomas Collins were Dennis Kelly, Adriane Romeo, Diane Griffin, and Thomas Collins. Executive Director Tisa Horton called for the votes of Darlene Williams as Chairwoman. The votes for Darlene Williams were Terrance Searcy and Darlene Williams. The Chairman election with the majority of votes was for Thomas Collins as chairman.

Executive Director Tisa Horton opened the nomination for Vice Chairman. Diane Griffin made the motion to open. Seconded by Adriane Romeo, the vote was unanimous. Adriane Romeo nominated Dennis Kelly. Executive Director Tisa Horton asked for additional nominations; hearing none, asked for a motion to close the Vice Chairman officer nominations. Diane Griffin made the motion. Seconded by Thomas Collins, the vote was unanimous. Executive Director Tisa Horton called for the votes of Dennis Kelly as Vice Chairman; the vote was unanimous.

Executive Director Tisa Horton opened the nomination for Treasurer. Thomas Collins made the motion to open. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous. Thomas Collins nominated Adriane Romeo. Executive Director Tisa Horton asked for additional nominations; hearing none, asked for a motion to close the Treasurer officer nominations. Dennis Kelly made the motion. Seconded by Thomas Collins, the vote was unanimous. Executive Director Tisa Horton called for the votes of Adriane Romeo as Treasurer; the vote was unanimous.

Executive Director Tisa Horton opened the nomination for Secretary Crystal Golden as CCDAs Staff. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous. Executive Director Tisa Horton asked for additional nominations; hearing none, asked for a motion to close the Secretary officer nominations. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous. Executive Director Tisa Horton called for the vote of Crystal Golden as Secretary; the vote was unanimous.

Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics form as given to board to sign.

Meeting Schedule & Attendance

Executive Director Tisa Horton issued the 2024 meeting calendar for the Board and 2023 Attendance roster. The Board reviewed the meeting calendar for 2024 on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6PM. June

6th, July 4th, October 3rd meeting (Governor's Work Summit Conference) and December 5th are the pending no meeting months. Diane Griffin made a motion to accept. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous. The attendance record for 2023 was reviewed. Executive Director Tisa Horton asked the Board to keep in mind that consecutive absences can be subject to be removed by Crawford County Board of Commissioners. A certificate of perfect attendance for 2023 was given to Board member Diane Griffin.

Recap of 2023

Executive Director Tisa Horton reviewed the highlights of 2023 of the CCDA's accomplishments.

Industrial Park Occupancy & Construction Regulations

Executive Director Tisa Horton addressed the questions about the new data center noise level. The Industrial Park covenants were looked over. Our covenants do not address that noise level and it does say we can ask for screens.

Financials

Board members sign financials report.

The public was asked to leave the room for the Executive Session.

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to enter Executive Session to include Commissioner Dale Jump and Jackie McCowen. Darlene Williams made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

Legal

Real Estate

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to return open session. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous.

There was an action taken.

Jake Watson returned to the open meeting. Executive Director Tisa Horton asked him to further discuss his proposal for Holy Pie Pizzeria. Mr. Watson rescinded the proposal on the ice machine placement on the property as he no longer wishes to move forward with the business venture. He discussed the proposal of a new sign and the location of the sign. Mr. Watson will assume all the costs associated with the placement and electrical connection of the new sign.

Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to approve the using the existing signage for new sign placement for Holy Pie Pizzeria and that they will occur all cost associated with the placement and electrical connection of the new sign. Dennis Kelly made the motion. Seconded by Adriane Romeo, the vote was unanimous.

Announcements:

Housing Expo- March 2, 2024 @ 9AM –3PM

One Day Educator & Externship- March 29, 2024

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Thomas Collins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adriane Romeo made the motion. Seconded by Dennis Kelly, the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Next Board Regular Meeting February 1, 2024 @ 6PM