

Cortana Corridor Economic Development District Regular Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Place: 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Time: 10:00 am

Minutes

Attending Board Members: Rodney Braxton, Chairman; Jay Colar, Vice Chairman; Suzanne Turner

Absent: Will Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer; Bradley Brown

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Vice President; Kendra Hendricks, Senior Manager of Economic Development and Finance; Tricia Prewitt, Office Coordinator; Amanda Robertson, VGraham; Lloyd Johnson, Faulk & Winkler; Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller

Meeting Called by: Rodney Braxton

Type of Meeting: Cortana Corridor Economic Development District Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

Note Taker: Kendra Hendricks

- I. **Action Item** Mr. Braxton called the meeting to order at 10:16 am
- II. **Action Item** Mr. Braxton confirmed receipt of proof of notice of meeting and the posting of public notice.
- III. **Action Item** Mr. Braxton confirmed the number of Board Commissioners present in person and the constitution of a majority.
- IV. **Action Item** The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 18, 2023, meeting. It was moved by Ms. Turner and seconded by Mr. Colar to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Discussion Item** Ms. Siemers gave a brief introduction of the Florida Corridor project team at Perkins & Will, who joined the meeting via Zoom. They gave an overview of the project activities, which included three in-person, community open house meetings and two advisory committee meetings. The team was enthusiastic about the feedback they received and will have a report for the board for the November meeting.
- VI. **Action Item** Mr. Lloyd Johnson from Faulk & Winkler gave the presentation of the 2022 audit report. Mr. Johnson mention that the board will need to adopt an operating budget for the 2024 budget year. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Turner and seconded by Mr. Colar to accept the audit report. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Amanda Robertson gave the financial

summary through August 31, 2023, and a draft of the 2024 budget was introduced to the board for review.

VII. **Action Item**

There was no public comment.

VIII. **Action Item**

Mr. Braxton requested a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Mr. Colar and seconded by Ms. Turner to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.