



Cortana Corridor Economic Development District (“District”) Board of Directors (“Board”)
Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Place: Fishman Haygood, 100 North Street, Ste. 800, Baton Rouge, La 70802

Time: 2:30 pm

Attending Board Members: Rodney Braxton, Chair; Jay Colar, Vice Chair; Suzanne Turner; Will Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

Excused Board Members: Bradley Brown

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Vice President; Kendra Hendricks, Director of Operations and Programs; Amanda Robertson, V/Graham; Kincaid Jackson, Kean Miller; Lloyd Johnson, Faulk and Winkler; Helena Cunningham, Consultant; Kathryn Willa Rose; Pennie May Landry; Dr. Dina Johnson

Meeting Called by: Rodney Braxton

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Note Taker: Tricia Prewitt

❖ **Action Item**

- Mr. Braxton called the meeting to order at 2:46 pm
- Mr. Braxton confirmed receipt of proof of notice of meeting and the posting of public notice.
- Mr. Braxton confirmed the number of Board Commissioners present and the constitution of a majority, with excused absences of two board members.
- The Board reviewed the minutes from the meeting of the CCEDD board on April 11, 2024.
- Mr. Braxton entertained a motion to update the agenda. Financial report for periods ending July 31, 2024 corrected to Financial Reports for periods ending June 30, 2024. It was moved by Mr. Colar and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the change. The motion carried unanimously.

❖ **Action Item: Financial Reports**

- Ms. Robertson presented the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Robertson reported that revenue and expenditure are in line with expectations. Money has been deposited in the account. Everything is good. There were no objections.



- ❖ **Discussion Item: Administrative update**
 - Ms. Siemers updated the board on progress with the community center project.
 - Ms. Siemers updated the board on Florida Corridor Masterplan, stating that it went before the Planning Commission the previous evening and was approved to go before the Metro Council. Ms. Siemers reported that it was well received and that we are already working on getting funds and partnering with other entities.
- ❖ **Action Item: Approve and adopt 2023 Audited Financial Statements from Faulk and Winkler**
 - Lloyd Johnson, from Faulk and Winkler, reviewed the 2023 audit with the board. There were no issues. Mr. Johnson presented the board with a few recommendations in policies and procedures. Mr. Braxton entertained a motion to approve and adopt the 2023 Audited Financial Statements from Faulk & Winkler. Mr. Campbell made a motion, Mr. Colar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ **Action Item: Approval of Project Facilitation Fee Request**
 - Ms. Siemers reviewed the request with the board. Mr. Braxton opened it up for discussion. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Braxton entertained a motion to approve the Project Facilitation Fee Request. Mr. Campbell made a motion, Mr. Colar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ **New Business**
 - There were no new business items
- ❖ **Discussion Item: Public Comment**
 - The Board entertained questions and comments from members of the public, Ms. Landry and Dr. Johnson.
- ❖ **Action Item: Adjourn to Executive Session**
 - The board did not adjourn to Executive Session.
- ❖ **Action Item: Adjournment**
 - It was moved by Ms. Turner and seconded by Mr. Colar to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm