

Minutes
Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton and Bowman
June 11, 2025

Chairman Al McCall called the meeting to order. Present were Caitlin Dye, Mayor Daniel Graves, Anna Grant Jones, Lee Vaughn, Kevin Eavenson, Tamara Butler, Robert Wheeler, Mrs. Mary Clark, guests and media. Steve Banks was absent.

After the Pledge to the United States flag, the invocation was given by Mayor Graves.

Approval of the Agenda. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Ms. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2025. Mayor Graves made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report. Mr. Eavenson stated cash on hand is \$92,309. All contributions have been paid. Thru May, we have a net income of \$23,104.

Old Business. None

New Business. Caitlin stated April and May was busy; a lot of RFI's came in with hopefully a potential site visit from one of the projects. She also got to tour the Chip Mill on Bowman Hwy and learned about some of that business and the struggles they're facing. She also toured Pilgrim's Pride. Chairman McCall thanked Caitlin again for the hard work that she put into the Existing Industry breakfast; although the turn-out was not what we hoped for. Mr. Vaughn said going forward the members would work harder at getting businesses there.

Approval of Landscaping Quote for the Industrial Park sign. Caitlin said Rusty Burdette gave a quote of \$2,420 for plants, mulch and a drip irrigation system. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to approve this expenditure; seconded by Mrs. Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Ga Tech Targeted Industry and Workforce Study Proposal. Caitlin said this is a part of the short-term work plan. Looks at what growth is happening in the area that we could capitalize on and see what type of work-force needs do we need to implement to bring in these targeted industries. The overall work that is proposed is \$40,131; but GA Tech has EDRP funding of \$18,500; which almost cuts the cost in half. Our community cost is \$21,631. Mayor Graves made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval on ECS Limited's Due Diligence Studies Quotes. Caitlin said these are proposals for wetlands and endangered species studies and cultural assessment. The full quote is \$9,400 and Phase 1 ESA is \$3,200 and the Geo Technical Assessments is around \$45,000. She said she has in the budget for this year and next year enough to cover the Wetlands and Phase 1 ESA. The Geo Tech will have to wait. Ms. Jones commented these are incentives for anyone looking at the Industrial Park and is an investment in the community. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Vaughn.

Adjournment. Mayor Graves made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion passed unanimously.