



**Hawkinsville-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2023**

Present: Tyler Bryant, Sam Sampson, Jessica Davies, Tiffany Jolly, Michael Dupree, Cami Neisler, Daniel Mullis, Sylandi Brown, and Robert Herman

Absent: Kristen Slayton, Bobbie Clemons, Donna Clark, Mark Caruso

I. Call to Order

Robert Herman called the meeting to order at 8:18am.

II. Vacancy to Fill

Marshall Way and Taylor Sapp at Way Brothers declined the invitation to serve on the board. However, Chris Dollar has expressed interest on serving, but it was mentioned that Masie Pilkinton would be a better fit. Chris Clark also expressed an interest. Tyler Bryant will reach out to all parties interested.

III. Minutes

Tyler Bryant presented the March 3, 2023 minutes. They were reviewed by the board. Michael Dupree made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Sylandi Brown seconded the motion. There was no other discussion and none opposed.

IV. Financials

Tyler Bryant presented the March 2023 financials to the board for review. The financials were reviewed and discussed. Sylandi Brown made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Cami Neisler seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

V. Chamber Report

Tyler Bryant purchased name tags for all board members. As of April 6, 2023 the chamber has 160 members. The Business After Hours was successful with 50 or more people in attendance. Peaches to the Beaches was also successful. Vendors were happy and did well. There was a good turn out at Street Eats with 400-500 people in attendance, vendors were happy, and there was plenty for children to do. There have been two new vendors booked for the next Street Eats. Business of the Quarter was celebrated at Lisa's Corner Market, and Lisa (and her team) were appreciative to the chamber and the community. The ribbon cutting for Hampton House Bakery was another success with 150 or more people there to celebrate the grand opening. Hawkinsville Collision & Towing and Hargray are now partners with the chamber.

VI. Chamber Report: Upcoming Events

- a. News & Brews – Yummy Joe's, 7:45am
- b. Lunch & Learn – City Hall Conference Room, 11am-12:15pm
 - The Rustic Bistro will cater
- c. Street Eats – S. Lumpkin Street, 4-8pm
- d. Spring Job Fair & Mock Interviews – Highschool, 7:45am-2:30pm

VII. New Members

- Legacy Outdoor Ministries
- Kevin & Kelli Pilsbury
- ESG Operations/Inframark
- Allen & Paula Sampson
- Hampton House Bakery
- Jodi's
- Bodega Brew
- Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter
- Canine Clubhouse
- Three Farms Pecans, LLC
- Quigg Heating & Air
- Shannon Bryant

VIII. New Business

A discussion was started concerning whether chamber board members should be allowed to be voted for community and business awards. Using the new voting system, it is fair and transparent. Chamber members and partners can vote for anyone of their peers – equally, including board members. To ensure transparency in everything done, the chamber board has requested the agenda and minutes be uploaded to the website with a notice that all meetings are open

to the public. Michael Dupree motions to begin adding agenda and minutes (in April) to the website – retroactively to start at January. Sylandi Brown seconds. Tyler Bryant mentioned hosting a Chamber 101 event that will educate the public, current members, and potential members on the role of the chamber. The Poker Run was cancelled. Tickets have gone on sale for the murder mystery.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

At 9:03am the meeting was adjourned by Robert Herman. A motion was made by Daniel Mullis and it was seconded by Cami Neisler. All in favor.