



**Hawkinsville-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2023**

**Present: Donna Clark, Bobbie Clemons, Jessica Davies, Mark Caruso, Sylandi Brown, Cami Neisler, Robert Herman, Tyler Bryant, Tiffany Jolly, Daniel Mullis, and Kristen Slayton**

**Absent: Tonya Boyd and Michael Dupree**

**I. Call to Order**

Robert Herman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mark Caruso gave the invocation. Robert called the meeting to order at 8:17am.

**II. Board Member & Secretary/Treasurer Vacancy**

Tyler Bryant informed the board of Tonya Boyd's decision to leave her seat. The board was asked to think of community members who would be a good fit for the board. Taylor Sapp and Marshall Way of Way Brother's were mentioned. Daniel Mullis offered to speak to both. Cami Neisler asked to resign as Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations were accepted. Mark Caruso nominated Jessica Davies. The board was all in favor. There was no other discussion and none opposed.

**III. Minutes**

Tyler Bryant presented the February 3, 2023 minutes. They were reviewed by the board. Bobbie Clemons made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Cami Neisler seconded the motion. There was no other discussion and none opposed.

**IV. Financials**

Tyler presented the February 2023 financials to the board for review. The financials were reviewed and discussed. Donna Clark made a motion to accept

the financials as presented, Bobbie Clemons seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**V. Chamber By Laws Revised**

Tyler Bryant presented the revised bylaws that were discussed in the February meeting. There was no other discussion.

**VI. Chamber Report**

Tyler briefed the board on the chamber's current events as well as showcased the new chamber website with all its added features. New features include: allowing vendors to register for events, the community can purchase Business After Hours tickets, members can request and pay for invoices, and the website links with QuickBooks and the chamber's bank account(s).

**VII. Chamber Report: Upcoming Events**

- a. News & Brews – Yummy Joe's (March 7, 7:45am)
- b. Peaches to the Beaches – Various Locations (March 10 & 11, 8am-6pm)
- c. Street Eats on Saturdays – South Lumpkin Street (March 18, 4-8pm)
- d. Business After Hours – The Steak House Restaurant (March 28, 5:30-7:30pm)
- e. Murder Mystery Program – Opera House (August 2-6)

**VIII. New Members**

- Hope Lodge
- Dennis & Stacy Vickers
- The Columns
- Tangles

**IX. Business of the Quarter**

The nominations for Business of the Quarter were Deep South Fireworks, Ace Hardware, Hawkinsville Collision & Towing, Taylor Reginal Hospital, Pulaski County School System, Batt's Drug Company, and Lisa's Corner Market. With most of the votes (6 total), Lisa's Corner Market was noticed as Business of the Quarter.

**X. New Business**

Deep South Fireworks put in a bid to perform the at Ocmulgee Riverfest firework show. Bobbie Clemons made a motion to accept the bid. Mark Caruso seconded the motion. There was not other discussion and none opposed. Mark Caruso has worked with Maggie Bloodworth with Family Connections to host a literacy night at First Baptist Church. Tiffany Jolly would like to work with the Chamber to host

a health day. SBDC is hosting a Lunch & Learn April 13 on *Employee Retirement*, and again on September 21 on *Marketing*.

**XI. Meeting Adjourned**

At 9:19 am the meeting was adjourned by Robert Herman. A motion was made by Bobbie Clemons and it was seconded by Mark Caruso.