



**Hawkinsville-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 7, 2023**

**Present: Robert Herman, Tyler Bryant, Jessica Davies, Tiffany Jolly, Sylandi Brown, Kristin Slayton, Daniel Mullis, Donna Clark, Masie Pilkinton, and Jamie McDonald**

**Absent: Mark Caruso, Cami Jones, Michael Dupree**

**I. Call to Order**

Robert Herman called the meeting to order at 8:16am.

**II. Minutes**

Tyler Bryant presented the June 2, 2023 minutes. They were reviewed by the board. Bobbie Clemons made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Sylandi Brown seconded. Passed unanimously.

**III. Financials**

Tyler Bryant presented the June 2023 financials to the board for review. The financials were reviewed and discussed. Jessica Davies made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Maisie Pilkinton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**IV. Chamber Report**

As of July 6, 2023 the chamber has 177 members. Despite additional advertising, attendance for Street Eats was still poorly attended. The Business of the Quarter celebration for Jodi's was a success. Joint Business After Hours with Cochran-Bleckley Chamber was a success. There was 75 or more in attendance. The Grand Opening of The Coke Lofts was held with major success. There were around 69 people in attendance. Tyler Bryant attended the Southeast Institute and shared with the board what he learned, from financial fitness to board governing. The Ocmulgee RiverFest brochures were passed out to the board. This year, t-shirt purchases will be minimal. Board members will begin asking for sponsorships

around August and September instead of hitting business in the slower months which are June and July. Tyler Bryant and Daniel Mullis will get together and discuss how to revamp the cook-off portion of the event.

**V. Chamber Report: Upcoming Events**

- a. GACCE Executive Leadership Conference – July 9-13 in St. Simons
- b. July Movie Night – Broad Street Baptist Church, July 15, 7pm-until
- c. Back to School Bash – CGTC, July 18, 4pm-6pm
- d. Pulaski Restaurant Week – Rescheduled for October 2-6
- e. Ocmulgee RiverFest – November 4

**VI. New Members**

- Pulaski Brewing Company
- Kenny & Patty Bryant
- Brown Irrigation
- UDA Small Business Development Center
- Jennings Investments, LP
- Pulaski County Archway Partnership
- Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Family Connection

**VII. New Business**

There is still conversation of a roundtable finance class. The Burden of Desire is a partnership between Economic Development & Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce. Any profits raised by the event will be split between the two entities. Jamie McDonald from the 2022 graduating class of Pulaski Tomorrow shared with the board plans for a new park downtown on Commerce Street. The Pulaski Tomorrow Class is fundraising to raise their portion of the funds needed for the project.

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned**

At 9:05am the meeting was adjourned by Robert Herman.