



**Hawkinsville-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2023**

Present: Robert Herman, Tyler Bryant, Jessica Davies, Maisie Pilkinton, Mark Caruso, Bobbie Clemons, Cami Jones, Michael Dupree, Donna Clark, Kristin Slayton

Absent: Sylandi Brown, Daniel Mullis, Tiffany Jolly

I. Call to Order

Robert Herman called the meeting to order at 8:21am.

II. Minutes

Tyler Bryant presented the August 4, 2023 minutes. They were reviewed by the board. Cami Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Bobbie Clemons seconded. Passed unanimously.

III. Financials

Tyler Bryant presented the August 2023 financials to the board for review. The financials were reviewed and discussed. Mark Caruso made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Donna Clark seconded. Passed unanimously.

IV. Chamber Report

The chamber has 181 members. Tyler Bryant gave a brief overview to the board of new members who have joined the chamber as well as the events hosted by the chamber in the month of August. Joint Business After Hours with the Perry Chamber was successful with 90 people in attendance. The Burden of Desire: Murder Mystery brought in \$2,616.49 in revenue.

V. Chamber Report: Upcoming Events

- a. Community Listening Session – Hawkinsville High School, September 7, 5:30-7pm

- b. Street Easts on Saturday & Family Fun Day – Lumpkin Street, September 9, 4-8pm
- c. Business After Hours: Planter’s First Bank – September 19, 5:30-7pm
- d. Lunch & Learn – City Hall, September 21, 11am
- e. Business of the Quarter: Turk Automotive – TBD

VI. Events Evaluation Recommendation: Continued from Prior Meeting

Michael Dupree made a motion for the board to continue with the Back to School Bash with the clause the board revisits the details in the January 2024 meeting, Kristin Slayton seconded. Passed unanimously. Nothing further has changed or been determined with the parade.

VII. Bylaws Amendments Proposal: Continued from Prior Meeting

The executive committee made a motion to allow elected officials to serve on the board as non-voting, ex-officio board members, Cami Jones seconded. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Board Nominations

Michelle Dowdy from Bow Ty’s & Buttons and Jose Lopez-Cruz from La Cabana have been nominated to fill the upcoming vacancies of Robert Herman and Kristin Slayton. Nominations to fill the vice-chair position are still needed.

IX. New Business

Sponsorships are needed for Ocmulgee RiverFest.

X. Meeting Adjourned

At 9:06am the meeting was adjourned by Robert Herman.