



Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday | November 3, 2023 | 8:15 AM

City of Hawkinsville Commissioner Chambers – 56 Broad Street – Hawkinsville, GA

Present: Tyler Bryant, Maisie Pilkinton, Bobbie Clemons, Cami Jones, Michael Dupree, Tiffany Jolly, Daniel Mullis, Sylandi Brown

Absent: Sylandi Brown and Jessica Davies

I. WELCOME & INVOCATION

- a. Robert Herman called the meeting to order at 8:17 AM.
- b. Mark Caruso provided the invocation.

II. MINUTES & FINANCIALS APPROVAL

- a. Tyler Bryant presented the October 6, 2023 minutes. They were reviewed by the board. Passed unanimously.
- b. Tyler Bryant presented the October 2023 financials to the board for review. The financials were reviewed and discussed. Passed unanimously.

III. CHAMBER REPORT: OVERVIEW

- a. The Chamber has 187 members. New members include Wayne Wiley, 21st Century Partnership, and Tangles Salon
- b. Concerns were raised about the last Movie Night. It was decided the Chamber will not have a direct involvement in community movie nights moving forward. Passed unanimously.

IV. CHAMBER REPORT: UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Ocmulgee RiverFest – November 3 from 12:00-7:00 PM
- b. Business of the Quarter – November 7 at 11:00 AM (Taylor Regional Hospital)
- c. Pulaski Premier: Annual Awards Banquet: November 16 at 7:00 PM (The Steak House Restaurant)
- d. Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting: November 25 at 5:30 PM
- e. Ribbon Cutting: November 27 at 11:00 AM (Salt & Co.)
- f. Ribbon Cutting: December 7 at 11:00 AM (Tangles Salon & Wildflowers)
- g. Chamber office closed December 18, 2023-January 2, 2024

V. CEO EVALUATION

- a. Tyler Bryant was excused for this portion of the meeting. At the end of the closed meeting, Tyler was brought back in. The board agreed to increase Tyler's pay by 2.5%. Each board member was then given the opportunity to express their appreciation to Tyler.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2024 Outlook
 - Tyler expressed his excitement about the 2024 forecast for the Chamber. New events will be added to increase advocacy efforts for our members. A golf tournament and potential gun raffle are also being discussed as possible fundraisers to generate more non-member revenue.
- b. There will not be a board meeting in December.
- c. The Annual Board Retreat will be held January 26, 2024 at 8:15 AM and last until approximately 3:00 PM. Tammy Shepherd from SOAR Non-Profit Solutions will be leading the retreat.
- d. The next regular board meeting will be held the following week, February 2, 2024 at 8:15 AM.

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05am