

## MINUTES

### LAKE OCONEE AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AUGUST 6, 2012

Members Present: Becky Cronic, Wayne Jackson, Ron McWhorter, Donald Griffin, Dan Elmore

Others present: Roddie Anne Blackwell, Phil Mellor

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McWhorter and he welcomed new Putnam members Joe Schneider and Tex McIver (neither one was present).

A motion was made by Cronic and seconded by Elmore to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Greene County reported:

1. they will have a new commission chair and commissioners with the election.
2. Met Life has closed on Reynolds Plantation.
3. Aug. 16 is the ground breaking for the new hospital.
4. there will soon be a new road from Hwy. 44 to Walker Church Road
5. they have 3 new members on the Development Authority
6. Unemployment rate went to 10% in June
7. Dry Cleaners in Industrial Park expanded and added 5 new jobs.
8. They are working to get Caterpillar spin-off industry also
9. Lake Country to be in next Ga. Trend magazine
10. Only grocery store in Union Point is reopening under new management

Putnam Reported:

1. Ga. Trend article for September will cover S. Rodeheaver and his 3-D machine
2. relocated small manufacturer ( 5 jobs) from Dalton making tassels & braiding
3. Aluminum Plant Mill houses have been removed
4. Available 1000 track of land next to Technology Park
5. City has extended new gas line to restaurants at Lake Oconee and is ready to go into Sebastian Cove

6. Crooked Creek restaurant has opened under new menu & format
7. Oconee Ale House has opened where Eenoco Restaurant was and they have moved into Hugs
8. Auction House has opened next to Hannah's in downtown Eatonton
9. Eatonton received grant from USDA for downtown parking lot, also grant from DOT
10. City of Eatonton is reinstating property tax for first time in 20 years.
11. Working with prospect for Boutique hotel on Putnam/Greene Co. line
12. Mayor Reid is now President of GMA
13. Old Mill #5 Restaurant has opened downtown
14. Pawn shop had auction and closed

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.