

## Lake Oconee Area Development Authority

Minutes – November 3, 2014

### Attendees:

Putnam: Dan Elmore (Putnam), Joe Schneider (Putnam), Terry Schwindler (EcD/Putnam), Kevin Mathis (Putnam)

Greene: Ronald McWhorter (City of Greensboro), Valerie Duvall (EcD/Greene County)

Guests: Hannah Wilcher (Greene County Tourism), Dick Schneider (Greene County Chamber), Gary Sanders (City of Eatonton)

- I. **Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Schneider**
- II. **Minutes from the 8/4/14 Meeting: A motion was made by Kevin Mathis to approve the minutes, Dan Elmore seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously**
- III. **Updates from counties:**
  - a. Terry Schwindler, Economic Development Director for Putnam County:
    1. The Harbor at Harmony Crossing had their grand opening on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. (41,000 SF, \$3 million investment, 15 FT employees to start.)
    2. The Furniture Outlet opened on Hwy 44 and has 4 FT employees.
    3. A new gas line to the RETP will be complete in November.
    4. Aalto Scientific will open in December.
    5. Hike & Bike Trail downtown on N. Jefferson St. is now open and they are working on getting a grant for Phase II.
    6. Huddle House Restaurant has been renovated and has re-opened.
    7. Auto Zone in the Walmart out parcel is open and has 3 FT & 4 PT employees.
    8. PDA is running an ad in *Global Corporate Xpansion* Magazine in the November issue.
    9. PDA is running an ad in *Business Xpansion Journal* Magazine in the January issue.
  - b. Valerie Duvall, Economic Development Director for Greene County:
    1. Mega Site at I-20 continues to be marketing to the State Project managers. A press release was sent to the Atlanta marketing this week.
    2. This week's papers (LON & Herald Journal) will feature the bid for construction for the new Economic Development & Tourism Center located by I-20 along with a rendering of the front of the building.
    3. The Boys & Girls Club of Greensboro had a recent ribbon cutting for the Novelis Math and Science Lab that was donated and built by local Novelis employees.
    4. A2b Fulfillment had a recent expansion that features air conditioned storage for beauty and vitamin products
    5. Our new Greene County website should launch within the next month.
    6. Greene County will be featured in Site Selection Magazine beginning in 2015.
- IV. **Terry is working on updating the DCA authority registration and needs information in regards to reappointment dates, term expirations, and status of member development authority training.**
- V. **Motion to adjourn meeting by Joe Schneider, Motion passed.**
- VI. **The Next Meeting will be January 5, 2015 at The People's Bank in Eatonton, GA**