



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM**  
**THE COLONNADE**  
**264 CATOOSA CIR., RINGGOLD, GA 30736**

**TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Catoosa County Development Authority/Development Authority of Catoosa County (EDA) was held on January 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM at The Colonnade located at 264 Catoosa Cir., Ringgold, GA 30736.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rick Partain established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

- ❖ The following board members were present: Rick Partain, Mike Signiski, Jim Cutler, Paul Lee, Ray Johnson, Katie Sponberger
- ❖ The following board members were absent: Stephanie Dickert
- ❖ The following ex officio members were present: Amy Jackson, Marissa Brower, Larry Black, Jeff Long, Chuck Harris, Vanita Hullander
- ❖ The following staff were present: Dan Wright, Jama House, Chad Young, Meghan Trusley
- ❖ The following guests were present: Spencer Hogg, Phyllis Williams

**AGENDA SETTING**

**PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2023**

*Ray Johnson made a motion to approve the presented agenda of the Regular EDA Meeting held on January 10, 2023. Mike Signiski seconded the motion. Chair Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.*

**MINUTES**

**PROPOSED APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR EDA MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

*Mike Signiski made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular EDA Meeting held on November 8, 2022. Paul Lee seconded the motion. Chair Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Attorney Chad Young presided over the election of officers and opened up the floor for nominations.

- Rick Partain was the only nominee for Chair.
- Mike Signiski was the only nominee for vice-chair.
- Stephanie Dickert was the only nominee for Treasurer/Secretary.

Hearing no other nominations, Young closed the floor to nominations and presented this slate of officers to the board for approval.

***Ray Johnson made a motion to appoint the officers as presented. Rick Partain seconded the motion. Young called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.***

## **REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS**

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce President Amy Jackson informed the board of the upcoming Annual Chamber Brunch that will have a record turnout of about 150 people. She also explained that she, along with County Manager Dan Wright, will be doing an interview with Georgia Trend Magazine about Economic Development in Catoosa County. Chamber Annual Award Nominations are due by Friday, 1/13/2023.

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY**

From Here to Career Academy CEO Marissa Brower informed the board that over 150 students have already applied/pre-registered for the Career Academy. They will be having a RealityU event on January 23rd in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. This event is for 9th graders throughout all three high schools and allows them to experience scenarios dealing with budgets, careers, children, etc. The College and Career Academy is on track to open August 2023.

### **NORTHWEST GEORGIA JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Vice President of Economic Development and Government Relations with the Joint Development Authority Spencer Hogg gave a verbal report regarding the activities of the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority. He noted that there were seven Requests for Information in Catoosa County in the last quarter of 2022. The JDA is actively searching out grant funds for their counties and currently have an active project in each of them.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Mike Signiski made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purposes of Legal and Real Estate discussions. Jim Cutler seconded the motion. Chair Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. The board entered Executive Session at 4:16 PM.***



**Mike Signiski made a motion to exit Executive Session.** Ray Johnson seconded the motion. Chair Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. The board exited Executive Session at 4:47 PM.

**OPEN SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURN**

**Ray Johnson made a motion to adjourn.** Paul Lee seconded the motion. Chair Partain called for all those in favor of approving the motion to indicate so by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. **The board adjourned at 4:47 PM.**

**Officer Approval of Minutes**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_