

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

August 16, 2023

Present: Keith Ward, Tina Clary, Bruce Butler, Alexandra Hill, Chereese Stewart

Staff: Josh Cockrell (Executive Director)
April Scott (Legal Counsel)

Guests: Crawford Powell, Stephen Nebrat

Call to Order: **Keith Ward** called the Clay County Development Authority ("CCDA") Public Meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

Roll Call: **Josh Cockrell** recorded the attendance.

Invocation: **Bruce Butler** provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from the Public: **Keith Ward** mentioned no comments from the public.

Secretary's Report

Chereese Stewart provided the Secretary's report. July 19, 2023 minutes were presented. **Bruce Butler** made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tina Clary provided the Treasurer's report for July 2023. **Bruce Butler** made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Clay EDC Report

Crawford Powell provided the insights of IKO and how they continue working on their new market tax credit to support their application. **Crawford Powell** also mentioned how he has been trying to push for Clay County to obtain more site-ready sites.

Executive Director's Report

Josh Cockrell provided grants updates and mentioned that an RFP for the Florida Defense Support Task Force for 2024 was released. The CCDA would apply for the usual \$500,000 request and that the presentation would be made in May of 2024. Josh reminded the Board of the importance of attending September's Board Meeting to approve the budget and to board elections. Furthermore, Josh informed the Board of the Clay Commission meeting he attended regarding the ARPA funds to be requested to fund water and sewer infrastructure for the College Drive project.

Attorney's Report

April Scott mentioned no comments for the attorney's report.

Old Business/New Business/Board Comments

Keith Ward provided insight on how the College Drive project is moving forward well. He brought up contracts and sponsorships for the fiscal year 2023-2024. **Josh Cockrell** presented Clay Economic Development's request for sponsorship. **Bruce Buttler** made a motion for a \$15,000 sponsorship and proposed a review to add \$5,000 more for the EDC after closing the property. The motion seconded and approved unanimously. **Josh Cockrell** presented Coleman and Associates CPA's contract for renewal. No changes compared to the previous year. **Bruce Butler** made a motion to approve the contract. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Next Board Meeting: September 20, 2023.

Adjourned: 05:03PM