

**Development Authority of Lumpkin County Meeting Minutes**  
**January 18, 2011 9am Courthouse Conference Room**

Board members in attendance: Chris Dockery (chairman), John Gaston, Al Chang, Jimmy Anderson, J.B. Jones, Don Trice, D.L. "Tinker" Head

Associate members/guests/others in attendance: K.C. Horne, John Raber, Tim Bowden, Gary McCullough, Dudley Owens

**Call to order:** Chris called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Agenda.** Motion to approve the agenda, amended to move executive session up to follow associate member reports and to add Siemens building update and election of officers: Tinker. Second: J.B. Motion carried.

**December 14, 2011 minutes.** Motion to approve minutes corrected to show John as chair of nominating committee: Jimmy. Second: J.B. Motion carried.

**Associate member reports**

- Lumpkin County. John Raber said DA should consider consolidation with Dahlonega DDA and Chamber. County was commended for road clearing and cleanup during recent snow event.
- City of Dahlonega. Gary McCullough said city has installed injection system at treatment plant to remove odor, taste from water. City is not interested in consolidating DDA with other organizations.
- Water and Sewerage Authority. Dudley Owens said bids are out for water lines tying Copper Ridge, Copper Pines and Pecks Creek wells together and for well house improvements.

**Executive session.** Motion at 9:24am to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter: Don. Second: Tinker. Motion carried. Regular meeting resumed at 9:44am. Chris announced Authority's decision to hire Steve Gooch to fill position of executive director.

**Committee reports**

Officer Elections. Motion to amend agenda to consider election of officers as part of the committee reports: Al. Second: Don. Motion carried. John said he and Nominating Committee members sought input from all board members and while several members were mentioned as good potential candidates, all were satisfied with officers currently in place. Nominating committee recommended keeping the same officers. Motion to approve recommendation made by the Nominating Committee and re-elect the current slate of officers for 2011: Al. Second: Tinker. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial report**

- Monthly financials. Don reviewed reports and explained why actual expenditures were \$235,000+ less than projected in 2010 budget: higher Siemens monthly lease than anticipated; no payroll for 3 months after executive director resignation, NGN marketing plans postponed and auditing-related issues handled differently from previous year.
- 2010 Audit. Don said DA was not included in county's renegotiation with Mauldin Jenkins for 2010 audit so authority can negotiate its own agreement with Mauldin Jenkins or put out for bid. The firm has not provided a proposal yet but indicated the audit would be more expensive with DA audit being separate from county. Motion to authorize Don to negotiate agreement with Mauldin Jenkins up to

\$7,000 and come back to the board if agreement can't be reached within that limit: Don. Second: Jimmy. Motion carried.

- Grants. Don said DOL has extended \$19,000 grant through 2011 for approved purpose, as needed, and gave update on North Georgia Network. DA will be asked soon to execute lease with NGN triggering sale lease-back arrangement for \$2.5 million worth of electronics and drawdown of OneGeorgia grant funds awarded in 2010.

**Koyo.** Don said HR director Roger Yonts thought they would know by end of 2010 whether Koyo corporate would select the Dahlonega plant for expansion, but now appears it may be the end of January before they learn the decision. Don reviewed the Economic Incentive Program that Koyo has been invited to participate in. Gary asked Don to explain the program at a city council meeting.

**Siemens building.** Don said United Central's option runs out March 30 and if they do not take action, they will lose the option. Alex Garkusha is not returning phone calls or Telexes, so his plans for the building are unknown. BB&T loan matures March 20, 2011.

**Other.** Board reminded Casey to write a friendly letter to Mark Sosebee requesting reimbursement for \$4,000 of engineering fees for sewer pre-treatment system at Dahlonega building.

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn: Don. Second: John. Meeting adjourned 11:03am.

Approved by chair

