

Habersham County Development Authority
Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 3:30 pm
Executive Conference Room
130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523

The Habersham County Development Authority held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in the Executive conference room in the Habersham County Administration Building located at 130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA, 30523.

Members Present: Sidney Roland, Mike Franklin, Jeff Bruns, Allen Whitener, David Lovvorn

Members Not Present: Jim Butterworth, Bryan Ferguson

Others Present: Tim Sims, Patti McLarty, Janney Sanders, Rope Roberts, Mike Beecham, Phil Sutton, Brian Rochester, Media

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Sidney Roland.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Sidney Roland.

Approval of Agenda

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Allen Whitener, and voted 5-0 to amend the agenda by removing "Approval of Quarterly Financials", and to approve the agenda as amended.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by David Lovvorn, and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2025 Regular meeting.

Old Business

1. Airport Business Park Update – David Lovvorn drove by the park on his way to the meeting and said the grass was getting tall. He said it doesn't look "horrible", but it doesn't look good. Jim has not yet held a meeting with the City of Baldwin to discuss lawn care.
2. Phase II Business Park Update – None
3. Administrative Update – Patti McLarty gave the update. Patti sent out past due notices last month and has received payment from TDB Southern Enterprises. Mr. Higgins said he would look into his past due bills. Patti was also able to speak with Carole with Windstream, who said they had difficulty setting up a payment account, but they are working on getting that done to take care of their past due invoices. There is still a past due amount for Wade Rhodes. Wade sold his building during the second quarter of 2024 to Mr. Hayes, but Wade still owes for that quarter. Patti has sent multiple e-mails to Wade, but she hasn't gotten a response. GTS Customs has not replied to any attempt to send invoices. During the June meeting, there was some discussion about having Matt

Skilling send a letter to GTS Customs. Matt wanted to review the letter that Janney sent the owners at the beginning of the year before sending the letter.

4. Partnership Habersham Update – Rope Roberts gave the update. The Executive Director position has been posted to the Georgia Economic Development Association website. There have been a couple of responses so far, and the posting will expire on July 18th. Rope will have an update at our August meeting.

New Business

1. Consider/Approve continuation of streetlight billing (Tabled from June 12, 2025 meeting) – MOTION by Mike Franklin, seconded by Allen Whitener, and voted 5-0 to table this item until the August 2025 meeting.

Other Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Motion by Jeff Bruns, seconded by David Lovvorn, and voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session at 3:41 p.m. for the purpose of Property Acquisition & Disposal, pursuant to O.C.G.A §50-14-3 (b)(1).

Executive Session

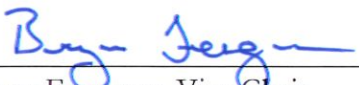
Motion by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Allen Whitener, and voted 5-0 to exit Executive Session at 4:39 p.m.

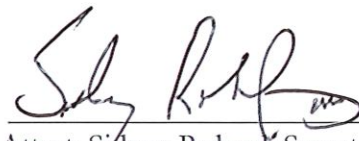
Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is Thursday, August 12, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Allen Whitener, and voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m.


Bryan Ferguson, Vice Chair


Attest: Sidney Roland, Secretary