Regular Meeting Minutes – Development Authority of Walton County

Date: 8:30 a.m., Monday, September 28, 2026

Location: 132 E. Spring Street, Monroe, Georgia, 30655 - Conference room

Board Members Present: Morris Jordan (Chairman), Bettye Ray, Melinda Dally, David Thompson, Tom Carter, David Keener, John Howard, Brandon Whitfield

Others Present: Shane Short; Jami Cash; Ben McDaniel; Chris Atkinson, Attorney; John Ward

1) **Welcome and Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

2) **Adoption of Agenda** – The Board adopted the agenda on a motion by B. Ray, second by J. Howard, which passed unanimously.

3) **Approval of Minutes –** Minutes for the August 31, 2026, meeting were presented. The Board approved the Minutes on a motion by T. Carter, second by M. Dally, which passed unanimously.

4) **Approval of Financials –** Summary of financials for the month ending August 31, 2026 were presented, which were approved on a motion by D. Thompson, second by D. Keener, which passed unanimously. The Board discussed evaluating CD's and US Treasuries for up to $1.5million of funds currently on deposit in bank.

5) **Old Business –**

   a) Social Circle Data Centers Update – S. Short advised that Project Lighthouse may be revived, and that discussions with Walton EMC and property owners were ongoing.

   b) Piedmont Regional Cultural Resources Findings – S. Short advised that UGA archeology department has been contacted.

   c) Two Downtown Properties – S. Short advised that property will be transferred from County to Authority.

   d) Purchase and Sale Agreement of 30 acres at Piedmont Regional Industrial Park – S. Short advised that sale to Delta X was in negotiations on MOU

   e) Purchase and Sale Agreement of 13.48 acres at Piedmont Regional Industrial Park – S. Short advised that sale to Insize was in due diligence period

6) **New Business –**

a) Landscaping at Authority Building – S. Short discussed stone edging around landscape beds. Board approved up to $5,400 for stone edging on a motion by J. Howard, second by D. Keener, which passed unanimously (D. Thompson abstained).

7) **Existing Industry Business Relations Report** – J. Cash advised that Dessa Morris was at Georgia Reads meeting and unable to attend. J. Cash discussed various initiatives and events.

8) **Walton Works Report** – J. Cash discussed various initiatives and events, including meeting with elementary school principals and Career Connections expo.

9) **Economic Development Report** – B. McDaniel discussed various projects and initiatives, including ongoing negotiations with DeltaX on MOU.

10) **President & CEO Report –** None.

11) **Announcements/Other Business** – None.

12) **Executive Session** –

a) The Board went into executive session at 9:28 a.m. to discuss real estate on a motion by J. Howard, second by M. Dally, which passed unanimously.

b) The Board exited executive session and entered back into regular session at 9:46 a.m. on a motion by D. Thompson, second by D. Keener, which passed unanimously. The Board did not take any votes in Executive Session.

13) **Adjourn** –The Board adjourned at 9:46 a.m. on a motion by D. Thompson, second by J. Howard, which passed unanimously.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Monday, October 26, 2026