

Tallassee Redevelopment Authority - TRA

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023

I. Call to order

Dylan Daniel called to order the meeting of the Tallassee Redevelopment Authority – TRA at 5:30 PM on 3-7-2023 at the Tallassee Recreation Center.

II. The pledge was recited, and an invocation was offered.

III. Agenda was approved.

IV. Board members in attendance

Dylan Daniel	Steve Burak	Steve Miller
David Lawrence	Gregg Brinsfield	
Ethan Colley	Blake Moon	

Guests

Damian Carr, City Council Liaison	Fred Randal Hughey, Talisi Historical Preservation Society (THPS)
Don Heacock, IDB Liaison	

V. The 3-14-2022 Meeting Minutes were approved.

VI. Election of new chairman.

- a) Gregg Brinsfield by unanimous vote

VII. Treasurers report

- a) Current balance, \$1,780.76, report approved by unanimous vote.

VIII. Old business

- a) David Lawrence reported that Liability Insurance for the TRA has been secured for current fiscal year. Cost was \$1,600.
- b) The THPS removed the trees around the Old Armory at their expense.
- c) Funding of the TRA was discussed. Funds are needed to maintain the Old Mill.
- d) The board discussed that to truly be effective the board needs an Executive Director and a board attorney. Currently funding does not exist to fill these two positions.

- e) It was reported that City funds for the TRA is not a line item in the city budget. TRA funding would come from an Ad Hoc line item of about \$8,000. Councilmen present indicated we should be able to request some of these funds be released to the TRA. David Lawrence plans to discuss this with the City Clerk. City budget planning for next fiscal year begins in July. The mayor has appointed all councilmen to the committee. TRA will request to be added as a line item as in the past. Past city budgets used to provide the TRA \$8,000 annually.
- f) The board continued discussions on funding and questioned if the Mayor and City Council were fully behind the existence of the TRA. Councilmen Carr and Hughey indicated the city wants an active TRA.
- g) Discussion for more funding centered around grants, golf tournament, sponsor a marathon, start a development campaign, use powers of the TRA to fund projects with property tax by acquiring projects and leasing the premises back to project owner at a percentage of the tax savings.

IX. New business

- a) Since the board consists of many new members, all got an opportunity to introduce themselves.
- b) All members were provided copies of Draft By-laws, TRA Articles of Incorporation, State of Alabama enabling law to form Redevelopment Authorities, and maps of the current TRA redevelopment district.
- c) Changes to By-laws were tabled until next meeting.
- d) Don Heacock, Chairman of the IDB reported the IDB will consider providing the TRA permanent office and meeting space, an address, office furniture, and supplies. The IDB by law can only handle industrial projects and considers the TRA an important cooperating entity in the redevelopment of retail and office space in Tallassee.
- e) The board was brought up to date on the history of the TRA and its past and current projects.
- f) The next meeting of the board will be April 4, 2023.

X. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Steven Burak

Minutes approved by: Gregg Brinsfield