



The Camden Partnership  
 Board of Directors Meeting  
 August 23, 2017  
 Minutes

Center for Industry and Commerce  
 531 N. Lee St., Kingsland GA 31548

**ATTENDANCE:**

James Coughlin	P	Debbie Lasick	P	Howard Sepp	P	
Bill Gross	A	Sheila McNeill	P	Alecia Webb	P	
Joel Hanner	P	Keith Post	A	Jim Wells	P	
Marty Klumpp	P	Lonnie Roberts	A	C.B. Yadav	A	
J.C. Knoll	P	Alison Shores	A	Walt Yourstone	P	<i>P=present</i>
Al Konetzni	A					<i>A=absent</i>

Guests: None

Chairperson Howard Sepp called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 24, 2017, board meeting were emailed to members on August 17, 2017. No revisions were requested. Motion to approve minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Chairperson Sepp provided the treasurer’s report ending July 30, 2017. Total income for the year was \$3620.60 and expenses were \$7092.75, producing a net income balance of \$-3472.15. Motion to approve treasurer’s report was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

RECOMMENDATION OF JOB OFFER TO SHEILA MCNEILL: Chairperson Sepp presented Sheila McNeill the TCP President job offer, as recommended by the board at the July 24, 2017, meeting, which she has accepted.

BYLAW COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee discussed the creation of a Bylaw Committee, as discussed at the last board meeting, but recommends waiting to appoint until after the September 6, 2017, Strategic Planning Retreat. Suggested appointees are Howard Sepp, Walt Yourstone, Sheila McNeill, and Alecia Webb. Charlie Smith has agreed to review the bylaws. President McNeill suggested that issues from the current bylaws be marked for discussion at the retreat. President McNeill will email the current TCP bylaws to all board members.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT: The retreat is schedule for September 6, 2017, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Southeast Georgia Health System (SGHS), Camden Campus. Lunch will be provided at noon by SGHS. Jenny Robbins of Okefenoke Rural EMC will facilitate the retreat.

BUDGET: The City of Kingsland will vote on TCP funding at their September 2017 city council meeting, while the City of Woodbine will vote on the issue at their November 2017 city council meeting. Although we anticipate both cities will fund TCP, the board-approved budget for 2017-2018 does not include these funds. The budget will be amended if/when funding is approved by the cities.

### NEW BUSINESS

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Al Konetzni and Keith Post both accepted TCP board member positions and were invited to this meeting; however, both were unable to attend due to previously scheduled engagements. Cindy Santos, of Lockheed Martin, declined due to her travel schedule and job responsibilities. Possible contractors were discussed.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATIONS: Jeff Barker and Stan Fowler have resigned from the TCP Board of Directors. Stan will continue to serve at the organization's accountant; however, a new treasurer need to be appointed. This appointment will be delayed until after the planning retreat on September 6.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Full report attached.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board members were encouraged to check their email and reply regarding availability to attend the Strategic Planning Retreat on September 6.

A suggestion was made to have Jenny Robbins survey community leaders prior to the retreat so issues raised could be covered. Chairperson Sepp offered to talk with her to see if this was possible.

2017 Meeting Schedule (8:00 a.m. at the Center for Industry and Commerce meeting room):

September 27 – discuss retreat recommendations

October 25

*November meeting cancelled due to holiday*

*December meeting cancelled due to holiday*

Meeting adjourned by board chair at 8:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alecia Webb, Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 23, 2017

### THE CAMDEN PARTNERSHIP

#### ACTIVITIES SINCE July 24, 2017 meeting

##### Ongoing – all require a meeting

Chamber Military Affairs Committee  
St. Marys Submarine Museum Board  
Chamber Legislative Affairs  
Strategic Deterrent Coalition Board member  
Submarine Industrial Base Board – region leader  
Chamber Workforce Committee  
Dolphin Scholarship BoD  
Navy League's National Legislative Affairs committee

##### Upcoming Trips and events:

Triad: September 28  
Naval Submarine League: Nov. 1-2  
WW II Submarine Veterans: Nov 3  
Navy League National + Capitol Hill: November 13-15  
Georgia Safety Board: October 11, 12  
DIVE: October 16, 17, 18,  
July 26 Workforce Meeting  
July 27 Attended USCG retirement of Chief Tommy  
July 27 Met with T&G editor on free ads  
Aug 1 Legislative Affairs Conference Call  
Aug 1 Attended Vector Launch  
Aug 7 Meeting concerning NSBKB anniversary  
Aug 8 Military Community Affairs Meeting  
Aug 9 The Camden Partnership/Navy League joint dinner  
Aug 11 Attended pinning of RADM Crites  
Aug 11 Lunch with RADM and Mrs. Crites, RADM Bruner, Keith Post  
Aug 11 Change of Command for Squadron 20 Capt. T.R. Buchanan relieved by  
Captain Wirth  
Aug 15 State Chamber Legislative Lunch in Macon

- Strategic Planning

- Job Description
- DIVE planning
- Approving schedule with TRF and TTF
- Fund raising
- Working with Thornhill and Coughlin on calling on defense contractors
- Navy League and The Camden Partnership join meeting with VADM Tofalo working on agenda, introductions, planning