

21st Century Partnership Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2017
10:00 a.m. GoodWill Industries, Macon, GA

Present: Andrew Ross, Randy Toms, Glen Starlnecker, Wayne Lowe, Bill Stenbridge, Bob Hatcher, Laura Mathis, April Bragg, Greg Ziesenhene, Jack Steed, Bob Walker, Lynn Harper, Nancy Wall, Cheri Adams, Dale Foster, Angie Gheesling, Kimberly Black, Pella Murphy, Sue Dryden, Marsha Buzzell, Danielle Apolinar, Al Stewart, Brad Fink, Beth McLaughlin, Chrissy Miner, Rob Brooks, Dan Rhoades, Pat Bridges

Welcome

Rob Brooks

The meeting officially opened at 10:05 a.m.

Prayer/Pledge

Jack Steed

Financial Report

Wayne Lowe/Laura Mathis

Partnership report given by Wayne Lowe; County/City report given by Laura Mathis

Chairman's Update

Rob Brooks

Mr. Brooks thanked everyone for attending and recognized the federal and state representatives, Board Membes, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development and the media who were present.

Mr. Brooks briefly discussed 2nd Annual RAFB Congressional Breakfast held the previous week – fantastic visit with great support.

Senior Advisor's Update

Chrissy Miner

Ms. Miner mentioned the different activities and actions provided at the last quarterly meeting and wanted to focus on why the partnership is doing these activities. One of the most important activities at this time is fundraising – which is needed to be sustainable. Ms. Miner discussed why the community should invest in the partnerships efforts; providing a map of the Robins AFB Economic Impact. The map reflected the counties, number of taxpayers and the amount of income represented in those counties by civilian, military and retirees from RAFB.

Ms. Miner provided examples of how the Partnership is always playing offense and defense in the following areas:

- Community experts on defense related activities – eyes and ears in Atlanta and Washington DC, State and Federal levels
- Laser focused on defense-impacting legislative actions at Federal/State levels – Nine pieces of legislation were passed to help Georgia installations

- Advocacy and Strategic Planning – Rule # 1 – keep what you got! Go after new workload!

Director of Strategy Update

Daniel Rhoades

Mr. Rhoades provided a synopsis of the current situations regarding:

- NDAA - \$700B
- Appropriations - \$640B (difference should not negatively impact RAFB)
- BRAC – Depots are where they need to be
- Joint STARS – short by \$7M for recap
- Public-Public, Public-Private (P4) Partnerships
- Rural Prosperity Summit – work with DoD to increase development in rural areas

Questions/Comments following:

Question: What was the JSTARS/Air Force feedback from the DC visit? Message received was that the Air Force has old aircraft and would like to spend the money elsewhere.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The Houston Home Journal was thanked for attending the RAFB Annual Congressional Breakfast and for providing great coverage of the event!

Mr. Brooks opened the floor to the Chambers of Commerce to let everyone know of the various opportunities coming up. Mr. Brooks thanked all for coming.

No new/old business

- The next 21st CP meeting is TBD (will de-conflict with several other calendars)
- Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.