

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
October 14, 2020

Present

Ron Palk, Chairman
Jason Dunn
Steve Taylor
Hal Wiley

Absent

Mark Turner
Jim Puckett

Other

Christina Justice
Kyle Cook
Jessica Griner
Mike Dinnerman
Melissa Dark
Cam Jordan
Austin Futch

Chairman Ron Paulk called the October 14, 2020 meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Christina Justice presented the financials for September 2020. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Hal Wiley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Hal Wiley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Cam Jordan gave an update from the City of Fitzgerald.

Steve Taylor gave an update from Ben Hill County.

Executive Director Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- Polar has plans to expand to another production line, which would yield approximate 30 million cases of drinks produced annually in Fitzgerald. They are installing an additional 33 acres of solar panels and will potentially have reason to build another warehouse in the near future.
- Georgia Public Web approved lease for a new tower site.
- Advanced Aluminum currently leases their building. The CEO has asked to buy the building in order to take advantage of the Federal Opportunities Zone legislation.
- TruLieve Medical Cannabis deal has slowed down due to delays in legislation and other factors.
- West Fraser closed on their track last Friday. They are looking to create a new entrance and exit to help traffic on Peachtree.

One Resolution was approved:

Motion to earmark \$10,000 for cash match for Southern Georgia Regional Commission grant to study feasibility of Lake Beatrice restoration. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark