

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
December 14, 2022

Present

Ron Paulk, Chairman
Jason Dunn
Steve Taylor
Mark Turner
Hal Wiley
Jason Holt

Absent

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Melissa Dark

Chairman Ron Paulk called the December 14, 2022 meeting to order at 12:24 pm.

Minutes from the November 2022 meeting were reviewed. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for November 2022. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Mark Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Director Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- GRAD Application has been submitted and we've received feedback on a few minor items that need to be corrected.
- We are developing a marketing plan and preparing for the grant submission for Peachtree Business Park.
- We are hoping to hear back soon on the grant for the Wiregrass CDL training center.
- Polar Beverage truck staging area construction will kick off the first quarter of January 2023.
- Co Op/Innovation Kitchen land deeds are recorded. We'll soon be moving forward with the demo of the blighted structure on the property. We should have a construction contract by the next meeting.
- Sirco Industrial land is under contract and they are working through their due diligence.
- The USDA Rural Partner Network needs a signature project out of Ben Hill County. Mike Dinnerman, Kathy Young and the Development Authority are working on a P-25 communication network for first responders.

Modern Dispersions PILOT agreement is complete and ready for approval. The agreement is for 10 years. The first 5 years will be a 100% tax incentive and years 6 through 10 will require a graduated payment.

Jason Holt made a motion to approve the PILOT program with MDI. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark