

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2022

Present

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

Absent

Hal Wiley

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Cam Jordan
Jessica Griner
Melissa Dark
Kathy Young
Mike Dinnerman

Chairman Ron Paulk called the April 13, 2022 meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

Minutes from the March 2022 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Mark Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Executive Director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- Jason has ordered a survey for the Lippert sale and expansion, the next step in their purchase agreement.
- Mana Nutrition's groundbreaking is planned for May 4th to celebrate their new expansion. They are currently producing food to send to Ukraine. At 1,000,000 units, it will be one of the largest humanitarian efforts by a private company.
- The PILOT/incentives agreement for MDI's expansion will be completed within the next month. Polar Beverage and Fitzgerald Utilities met this morning to discuss the remaining \$2.8 million needed for the Land Application System expansion. Fitzgerald Utilities received the \$2.5 million ARPA water/sewer grant. We are still waiting for word on our EIP grant.
- The initial estimate on equipment for the Co-op/Innovation Commercial Kitchen came in a considerable amount over the planned budget. Jason is evaluating the options to increase funding for the project or put the project on hold.
- Jason met with the Hospital Authority about purchasing 402 South Grant for a small business incubator.
- Fitzgerald was selected to participate in the USDA Rural Partners Network. FBHDA will be the point of contact for this program. We will begin working with team members tomorrow to assess and prioritize needs.

Following his director's report, Jason gave a presentation on the Real Property Assets of the Fitzgerald & Ben Hill County Development Authority.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark