

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
April 14, 2021

Present

Ron Palk, Chairman
Jason Dunn
John Ed Smith
Steve Taylor
Mark Turner

Absent

Jim Pucket
Hal Wiley

Other

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

Chairman Ron Paulk called the April 14, 2021 meeting to order at 12:27 pm.

Minutes from the March 2021 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Mark Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for March 2021. 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:

- Cell Tower agreement is moving forward, waiting to start
- Arising Industries project is on hold indefinitely.
- The Work Remote Project is still interested in Fitzgerald. The information about the project and potential site is waiting for the CEO's review.
- Mana Nutrition is making an 11.5 million dollar investment in their plant. They plan to start tackling domestic malnutrition by bottling peanut butter. They will be adding another production line later this year.
- Polar Beverage expansion project is underway. They plan on doubling production and shipping 2000 semi trucks per week.
- We have begun working with Torginol. They are buying Justice Products. They want to double their footprint here. The new owners will be in town on the 21st looking at options to expand.
- LOOK Trailer property is under contract.

Cam Jordan informed the board that the movie company is willing to rent a hotel for a month. They have a need for at least 50 rooms. He plans to call a meeting of all hotels to put together a plan.

A motion was made for Executive Director, Jason Dunn to participate in a meeting with hotel owners discussing hotel conditions. Mark Turner made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark