

**Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 10, 2023**

**Present**

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

**Absent**

**Other**

Kyle Cook  
Christina Justice  
Kathy A. Young  
Mike Dinnerman

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Chairman Ron Paulk called the May 10, 2023 meeting to order at 12:23 pm.

Minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Jason Holt made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for April 30, 2023. 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:

- Peachtree Business Park
  - A grant for \$500k has been submitted. DCA Commissioner Nunn visited site and FHSCCA, he was satisfied with what he saw.
- Workforce Development/College & Career Academy
  - Peyton Dix has been named CEO we will be working close with her.
  - We will be working alongside the Georgia Chamber of Commerce's incentives tax force as the GA legislature begins studies to alter Georgia's job creation tax credits.
- Prospecting
  - Washington DC trip was productive and holds a lot of promise, very beneficial to work alongside the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the Electric Cities of Georgia project managers for two days. Have some leads with Argentina for a peanut project in South Georgia, Mexico for a blueberry project, India for an Indian consulting group that assists in bringing manufacturers into the US and Hungary working on a visit to Fitzgerald by the Economic Consulate of Hungary.
- Co-op/Innovation Kitchen
  - Advertising for bids from CM/GC will begin May 17 and close in mid-June.
- Polar Beverages
  - Truck staging area bids to be in and opened on June 6.
- Advanced Aluminum
  - Have a project to bring to Fitzgerald, it will require the construction of a 75,000 sq. ft, they have asked if the Development Authority will build it and lease back from us. Allen Conger will be assisting in the planning of the building and determining cost estimates, we will approach this as a build-to-suit/lease back. The location is TBD.
- Teramore Development
  - Phase I triggered a Phase II study, possible issues offsite. We will move forward in rezoning the 2-acre site from H-I to GB.
- UGA Propel Program
  - The grant for start-up funding has been submitted, Jessica and Jason have a follow-up meeting on May 11.
- Torginol

- o Meeting with them today. Their 60,000 Sq. ft facility is about 50% complete.
- Bishop/McSwain Property
  - o Phase I showed no environmental concerns, Kyle will be moving forward with closing.

Other:

Georgia Flex big endorsement and promise from the Georgia Department of Agricultural.

The next meeting will be on June 14, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Justice