

Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Development Authority

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 13, 2024
12:00 noon**

REGULAR MEETING

Present:

Members: Commissioner Steve Taylor, Justin Smith and Lawton Tinley
Members Absent: Mayor Jason L. Holt
Ex-Officio: Kathy Young, Kyle Cook
Others: none

Meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Lawton Tinley. No citizens or visitors were present.

The minutes of the last regular scheduled meeting were presented to those present. A motion was made by Steve Taylor to **approve the minutes of February 14th, 2024**, as presented, seconded by Justin Smith. *Roll call vote: 3 Yes 0 No, motion carried.*

City Administrator, Kathy Young presented the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2024. The total cash on hand was \$557,197.33, SPLOST funds totaling \$52,065.58, investments in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, ending the month with a total of \$2,109,262.91. A motion was made by Steve Taylor to **approve the financial report** as presented, seconded by Justin Smith. *Roll call vote: 3 Yes 0 No, motion carried.*

Jason Dunn, Executive Director, provided the following updates:

- The engineering process with Peachtree Business Park continues.
- Meeting today with West Fraser to accept the check for \$250k in connection with the Workforce Development/College & Career Academy.
- Mana Nutrition coordination with teams from Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond and Electric Cities of Georgia regarding solar project.
- The truck staging area with Polar Beverages has been delayed due to the rain.
- Advanced Aluminum is meeting with a couple of contractors on the building project.
- Eagle Railcar aims to create over 75 jobs in a three-year period. They appreciated the incentives provided but are focusing on the job tax credit incentives from the state. Just waiting for their announcement.
- The kitchen project is being advertised again and has been placed on the procurement registry.
- The UGA Propel program welcomed students into Fitzgerald last week.
- The leadership program kicked off last week and went well.
- P25 Communications project study should be received today and will be forwarded to Kathy Young, Mike Dinnerman and Motorola for a quote so it can be returned by March 22nd.

Taylor noted how well the communication flow has been from Senator Ossoff's office with Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County. All present agreed that this has been the best communication from a Senator office in some time.

Tinley questioned the jobs that would be available for Eagle Railcar. Dunn shared the positions that they are looking for and the starting wages.

A motion was made by Steve Taylor to **nominate Lawton Tinley as the Chairman** of the Authority, seconded by Justin Smith. *Roll call vote: 3 Yes 0 No, motion carried.*

With there being no further business to discuss. This meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy A Young
City Administrator

APPROVED:

Lawton Tinley, Chairman

DATE APPROVED: