

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2023

Present

Mark Turner
Jason Floyd
Steve Taylor
Jason Holt
Lawton Tinley

Absent

Mike Dinnerman

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Kathy A. Young
Melissa Dark

Vice Chairman, Mark Turner called the October 11, 2023 meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

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

Christina Justice presented the financials for September 2023. Jason Floyd made a motion to approve. Jason Holt seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

The Development Authority has collaborated with Whitney Justice at the City of Fitzgerald to begin advertisement for engineering services. This will be ongoing and end the week of October 20th. We have received qualifications from Statewide engineering, who we have partnered with before. Upon closing qualifications, we will finalize the construction plans and move forward with the bid process.

The Industry Roundtable has been postponed so that Wiregrass can make improvements to their Industrial Systems lab.

Next week is the Hungarian Delegation visit. They will tour Hudson Pecan, Paulk Vineyard, ABCD Farm, Protein Plus, and Mana Nutrition. They will have a special lunch at Cafe Budapest and a dinner reception at The Pillars catered by Coastal Plain BBQ.

On November 8, the Locate South Georgia Bus Tour of project managers will be coming through Fitzgerald, Cordele, and Douglas to look at industrial sites. Jason will be helping to facilitate this tour. The November FBHCDA Board Meeting will have to be rescheduled.

The Project Magnolia site visit went well. They saw the GRAD site and Peachtree Business Park. Our team did an excellent job representing Fitzgerald.

Communication Study is scheduled for October 23rd. Jason will assemble the stakeholders for that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark