

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
October 13, 2021

Present

Ron Palk, Chairman
Jason Dunn
Steve Taylor
Mark Turner

Absent

Jim Pucket
Hal Wiley

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Mike Dinnerman
Jessica Griner
Melissa Dark
John VanBrunt, ECG
Michael Pachan, ECG
Michael Cahill, ECG

Chairman Ron Paulk called the October 13, 2021 meeting to order at 12:38 pm.

Minutes from the September 2021 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 September 2021. 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:

- Welcome to the ECG Team, John VanBrunt, Michael Pachan, and Michael Cahill. We appreciate their visiting Fitzgerald and joining the meeting for an update on Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County.
- Jason Dunn was selected to serve on the Wiregrass Technical College President Selection Committee.
- There are currently no new manufacturing recruitment projects.
- In our existing industries, Golden Boy is putting in a new peanut roaster and Polar Beverage is planning for growth.
- Northstar Cargo bought the LOOK building and has leased part of the space to Torginol who was looking for space.
- Update on the Entrepreneur Innovation Community Kitchen: Jason Dunn has talked with construction companies, a kitchen consultant, and the department of agriculture on the project. He anticipates that it will receive DCA funding. The estimated cost is \$300,000 to \$350,000.

A motion was made to approve the sale of the property on Glenn Bass Road for \$30,000 to Shapiro Metals for their expansion. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve. Mark Tuner seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark