

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2021

Present

Ron Palk, Chairman
Jason Dunn
Steve Taylor
Mark Turner
Hal Wiley

Absent

Jim Pucket

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Mike Dinnerman
Kathy Young
Melissa Dark
Cam Jordan
Elizabeth McClean

Chairman Ron Paulk called the November 10, 2021 meeting to order at 12:24 pm.

Chairman Ron Paulk welcomed guest Elizabeth McLean, Georgia Department of Economic Development project manager.

Minutes from the October 2021 meeting were reviewed. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve. Mark Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for October 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:

- Georgia Public Web internet tower: GPW has been invoiced for June-November. They are having trouble finding a builder, but continue to move forward with the project.
- The Development Authority will begin GRAD application for the Anderson Memorial Tract with environmental surveys, boundary and topographic surveys, and archeology. Cost is expected to be \$40,000 +.
- Workforce Development/College and Career Academy: Round one of FLEX competition is complete and the top 10 teams have been selected. The Superintendent hopes to be in the new school within this school year.
- MANA Nutrition will be building out a new line for jarred peanut butter to address domestic hunger. They will be installing the line in January.
- Co-Op/Innovation Kitchen- Development Authority submitted a grant on November 5th for the amount of \$500,000. If the grant is approved, FBHCDA will provide \$50,000 matching funds.

A motion was made to approve the submission of the Rural Investment Fund grant for the Co-Op/Innovation Kitchen, which includes a 50,000 cash match. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve moving forward with the grant. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the sale of 10.91 acres of 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

12:30

Minutes

Steve, hal

Christina financials