

**Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 14, 2022**

**Present**

Ron Paulk, Chairman  
Jason Dunn  
Steve Taylor  
Mark Turner  
Hal Wiley  
Jason Holt

**Absent**

**Other**

Kyle Cook  
Christina Justice  
Melissa Dark

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Chairman Ron Paulk called the December 14, 2022 meeting to order at 12:24 pm.

Minutes from the November 2022 meeting were reviewed. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for November 2022. 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:

- GRAD Application has been submitted and we've received feedback on a few minor items that need to be corrected.
- We are developing a marketing plan and preparing for the grant submission for Peachtree Business Park.
- We are hoping to hear back soon on the grant for the Wiregrass CDL training center.
- Polar Beverage truck staging area construction will kick off the first quarter of January 2023.
- Co Op/Innovation Kitchen land deeds are recorded. We'll soon be moving forward with the demo of the blighted structure on the property. We should have a construction contract by the next meeting.
- Sirco Industrial land is under contract and they are working through their due diligence.
- The USDA Rural Partner Network needs a signature project out of Ben Hill County. Mike Dinnerman, Kathy Young and the Development Authority are working on a P-25 communication network for first responders.

Modern Dispersions PILOT agreement is complete and ready for approval. The agreement is for 10 years. The first 5 years will be a 100% tax incentive and years 6 through 10 will require a graduated payment.

Jason Holt made a motion to approve the PILOT program with MDI. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark