

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

Present

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

Absent

Jim Puckett

Other

Cam Jordan
Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Mike Dinnerman
Melissa Dark

Chairman Ron Paulk called the February 10, 2021 meeting to order at 12:23 pm.

Minutes from the December 2020 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Mark Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for January 2021. Mark Turner made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- Georgia Public Web is set to begin site work.
- Jason is working on a One Georgia grant application.
- Polar Beverage is making an additional 13 million investment here and plans to increase production by 40%.
- Round two of FLEX was a success. Teams will continue to work toward the final competition in March.
- Milex has hired a new plant manager. They are hoping to have 30 employees by the end of the year.
- Work continues on a Work Remote pilot program with an upcoming meeting on possible tax credits. A construction company has come to evaluate the Federal Building and give an estimate for work needed for the project.
- Jason has connected MANA with Next Generation Manufacturing. They will have an opportunity to speak about the community and industry here.
- TRULIEVE canceled their purchase agreement with us, saying that Georgia legislation has made it difficult for their industry to succeed in Georgia.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark