

**Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2021**

Present

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

Absent

Other

Kathy Young
Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Mike Dinnerman
Regina Maddox

Chairman Ron Paulk called the March 20, 2021 meeting to order at 12:23 pm.

Minutes from the February 2021 meeting were reviewed. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve. Mayor Jim Puckett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for February 2021. Mayor Jim Puckett made a motion to approve. Hal Wiley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- Jason Dunn introduced Regina Maddox with Next Generation Manufacturing. Regina is visiting to do a virtual tour with MANA Nutrition.
- The Georgia Public Web project is progressing and will need to amend the lease due to wetland issues.
- The work remote project is progressing slowly with a 2022 projection.
- MANA Nutrition is in the midst of a 11.5 million dollar growth and investment.
- Waste water system is outdated and is at max capacity. The system must be expanded in order for industries to grow. There is a half a million dollar grant available and the grant must be in the name of the Development Authority. The Development Authority must also invest some cash.
- Truck traffic at Polar is projected to increase from 1000 trucks a week to 2000 a week. A community parking lot is needed EIP Grant for this project would need to be in the name of The City of Fitzgerald.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Griner