

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2022

Present

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

Absent

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Cam Jordan
Jessica Griner
Melissa Dark
Kathy Young
Mike Dinnerman

Chairman Ron Paulk called the March 9, 2022 meeting to order at 12:23 pm.

Minutes from the February 2022 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Jason Holt seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for February 2022. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve. Jason Holt seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- The FLEX Finals will be held on March 15, 2022 at the Grand Theatre. The Board is encouraged to attend. The top three finalists are Cake it with Chloe, Imaginable Images, and KB's Muletape Madness.
- Millex is moving their Director of Operations to Fitzgerald. They will begin the process of moving mass production from Duluth to Fitzgerald this year.
- MANA Nutrition is in an agreement to purchase the Y&W sportswear building. They are planning a May 4th groundbreaking celebration for their new expansion. We are working on getting the governor to attend.
- Custom Profiles is planning an expansion. We've offered to sell land at an incentivized price, helped them with contacting building owners, and put them in touch with contractors to look at building a new building on site or on one of our sites.
- West Fraser is hiring for 20 positions.
- Hugh Taylor property is up for rezoning and annexation Monday night at the City Council Meeting.
- The USDA Rural Partners Network is a program being rolled out by USDA. We are 1 of 5 counties chosen to participate and potentially become a partner. Two counties will be selected. If chosen, Ben Hill County will have a more direct line to pursue funding from 13 federal agencies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark