

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2021

Present

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

Absent

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Cristina Evans
Mike Dinnerman
Cam Jordan

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

Minutes from April 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Steve Taylor, second by Hal Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for April 2021. Motion made by Jim Puckett, second by Steve Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- Commencement date of the Georgia Public Web lease is June 1; lease payments will begin.
- Millex: The Chamber is working with them to host a job fair for interviewing and hiring about 10 people.
- Polar Beverages: The survey for Conger investments is complete. The construction of the 100,000 square foot building will be in two phases and begin later in the year. A motion was made by Mark Turner and seconded by Jim Puckett to approve the sale of 5.79 acres at \$5,000.00 per acre in the Hwy 319 Business Park. This will come with an option to purchase an additional 2.65 acres as tract 3 of the survey done 4.21.21. The motion carried unanimously.
- Advanced Aluminum: Sales have increased dramatically in two years from \$2 million year one to nearly \$20 million in year 3. They are adding additional lines which will increase employee hiring. With sites on adding additional business, a study is being done on the cost of a new facility to house under one roof.
- Torginol: with survey of 10 acres completed along with conceptual site plans, we ask to receive approval of the sale of 10 acres at \$25,000 allowing FBHCDA to enter into a purchase agreement with the purchaser. Motion to approve by Jim Puckett, second by Hal Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.
- Eagle Cargo: They approached us needing a new building for a specialty trailer line. With no building available, offered 10 acres on southern side of Peachtree Road where they are planning on building at 20,000 square foot facility. We ask to receive approval to sale the 10 acres at a price of \$45,000, allowing FBHCDA to enter into a purchase agreement with the purchaser. Motion to approve by Hal Wiley, second by Steve Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.
- In other business, we are partnering with the Chamber and the CEO of Millex, to conduct a lodging study to determine the volume of lodging used by our businesses and industry community.

- May 27 and 28 will host Electric Cities of Georgia's economic team and give them a community presentation to consist of industrial sites and infrastructure plans; FLEX program; lodging survey and on-going manufacturing projects.

Cam Jordan inquired on activity at Agri Products. Mr. Dunn stated the land was sold to West Frazier and is an investment in the mill to house current parking and equipment or for future storage yard.

Mr. Dunn mentioned the fire at Sun Coast Bedding about 2 weeks ago and how effectively and efficiently the Fitzgerald Fire Department was in controlling the burn.

The next meeting is June 9.

Chairman Paulk adjourned the meeting at 12:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristina Evans".

Cristina Evans