

**Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 9, 2021**

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Jim Pucket

**Other**

Kyle Cook  
Christina Justice  
Cam Jordan  
Mike Dinnerman  
Jessica Griner  
Deepa Patel

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Chairman Ron Paulk called the June 9, 2021 meeting to order at 12:13 pm.

Minutes from the May 2021 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Hal Wiley seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for May 2021. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve. Mark Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College has announced that the Industrial Systems Technology program will return to the Ben Hill- Irwin campus.
- Lippert Components: Plans for new construction of 100,000 square feet building end of 2022/early 2023.
- Polar: Allen Conger closed on the land last week. Ground has been broken for the new 100,000 square feet warehouse for Polar Beverages. This will bring 17 new jobs and add \$600,000 in payroll.
- Advanced Aluminum: Working to house all of their Georgia Operations under one roof in Fitzgerald.
- Torginol: Due diligence process is complete and things are moving smoothly.
- Eagle Cargo: Closing is today for the sale of 10 acres on Peachtree Rd.
- Unemployment rate is sub 5%.

The Next held board meeting will be August 11, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Griner