

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2020

Present

Ron Palk, Chairman
Jason Dunn
Steve Taylor
Mark Turner

Absent

Hal Wiley

Other

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

Chairman Ron Paulk called the December 9, 2020 meeting to order at 12:27 pm.

Minutes from the November 11, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Jim Puckett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for November 2020. Jim Puckett made a motion to approve. Mark Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jim Puckett gave an update from the City of Fitzgerald.

Steve Taylor gave an update from Ben Hill County.

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- The FLEX program is underway. Ten companies are in operation. We are getting judges for the next rounds from Wiregrass Technical College, State Economic Development leaders, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and Valdosta State University.
- The Truelieve project continues to move forward. State regulations are rigorous.
- Pursuing One Georgia grant with Fitzgerald Utilities for Peachtree Corridor. They need wastewater capacity for West Frazier and it will also complement future projects on the property across from West Frazier.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dark

12: 23

Approve minutes

Steve

Mark

Christina Financial report

Mark

Steve

Jason Dunn report

GA public web- will begin site work

Building at 808 E Oconee- interest savings

One GA grant application

Polar beverage - 13 million investment- 40% increase in production, new building

FLEX update- round two was success

MILEX- new plant manager moving to Fitz, hoping to have 30 employees by the end of the year, working with them to have an open house

WORK REMOTE- pilot program, fitzgerald hub, five story building, federal building, state available to put some money in. company, state, and dev auth putting work into building, call tomorrow about possible tax credits, brought in douglas construction to look at building and give an estimate

MANA- connected them with next generation manufacturing, opportunity to speak about the community and industry here

TRULIEVE canceled their purchase agreement with us, saying that GA has made it difficult for their industry to work

Adjourn 12:58