

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
August 14, 2024

Present

Corey Gibbs
Justin Smith
Steve Taylor
Lawton Tinley
Jason Dunn

Absent

Kyle Cook
Kathy Young

Other

Jason Holt
Christina Justice
Mike Dinnerman
Christine Cook
Hal Wiley

Chairman, Lawton Tinley called the August 14, 2024 meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Minutes from the July 2024 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Justin Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for July 2024. She gave the following report on CDs, which are coming due. Currently, CDs are with Colony Bank & Community Bank. Looking at the 9 month rate and consider moving \$150,000 from checking into the CDs. Will renew and continue with both banks. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Justin Smith seconded the motion. Corey Gibbs abstained from the vote. The motion was carried unanimously by the rest of the committee..

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

Product Development/Property Acquisition/Building and Land:

- Peachtree Business Park: Met with Statewide to finalize the design. The next step will be to prepare for the bid process.

Prospecting/Networking/Relationship Building/Recruitment:

- Electric Cities of Georgia next Wednesday - FBHCDA will host a luncheon at Coastal Plain Barbecue. Jason will send out an invite to committee members.

Retention/Recruitment & Existing Industry:

- Two lots with High Country Cargo closed.
- NTI Limited - building permit has been received; construction should start soon
- Truck staging area at Polar Beverages is complete
- Eaton Corporation is vacant. Is under contract with Custom Profile..
- VLS Recovery - Project has two stages: 1. Reconfiguration of the current site to make it more efficient. 2. Looking at Peachtree Business Park for a major rail project

Community Development/Regional Projects:

- UGA - September 26th presentation to be given
- P25 Communication Project - funding request was denied

Other Updates:

- Gateway Center in Cordele is wanting to open up a satellite office Fitzgerald. Industries came up with the start up funds of \$13,000

These updates represent our ongoing efforts towards community development, economic growth, and enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cook