

**Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 8, 2023**

**Present**

Ron Paulk, Chairman  
Jason Dunn  
Steve Taylor  
Mark Turner  
Jason Holt  
Jason Floyd

**Absent**

**Other**

Kyle Cook  
Christina Justice  
Kathy A. Young

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Chairman Ron Paulk called the April 12, 2023 meeting to order at 12:26 pm.

Minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Mark Turner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for February 28, 2023 and March 31, 2023. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Jason Floyd seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

- GRAD site
  - Approval received, property is now being actively marketed by the GDEC and ECG.
- Peachtree Business Park
  - Budget 1.62 million, Grant \$500k.

A motion was made to approve a resolution to submit One Georgia grant. Jason Holt made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- 808 E. Oconee Street
  - City is handling the concrete repair on Oconee Street. (part of it is in the ROW).
- Workforce Development/College & career Academy
  - In collaboration with Wiregrass, a grant has been submitted to the EDA for the development of a CDL training center, Wiregrass Attorneys are working on documents to move it forward.
- Prospecting
  - Submitted Anderson Memorial Tract for a \$50 million firearms project.
- Co-op/Innovation Kitchen
  - Design Bid/Construction management documents will go out May 1, Mark Masee guided us on a bid process.
- Sirco Industrial
  - Major customer is backing out of the deal, deal is in peril.
- USDA RPN
  - Communication Improvement, DHS is involved as of 4/11/23
- Teramore Development
  - They are conducting all their due diligence and moving along accordingly.
- UGA Propel Program

- o March 15<sup>th</sup> we will meet with community stakeholders to get their input on the following objectives:
  - Entrepreneurship (kitchen, farmer's market)
  - Corridor Revitalization (Grant & Sherman)
  - Leadership Development
  - Marketing (telling our story)
- Georgia Tech
  - o Housing Assessment Study is underway
- Bishop/McSwain Property
  - o Received purchase agreement back for E Lemon property.
  - o Will be ordering a Phase 1 study.

Other:

Georgia Flex finals April 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 am.

Board member training needs to be complete if not done. There will be a virtual training on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The State of Georgia requires 7 hours of training for Development Authority board members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Justice

Call to order 12:24

minutes

steve , Mark

January Financials

Mark, Steve

Directors report

Hal wiley- resigned and CEO interviews will be next week

Splost advocacy

Washington DC Trade Show- Select USA May 1-5

Anderson memorial and 319 track- partnership with electricity cities of GA  
Business looking at it

Submitted two sites to concrete barrier company

Modern Dispersions road update- moving along, getting easements from ga power

Advanced aluminum- needs another 15 to 20 thousand square feet  
Addition or sws building

Cottage innovation center- design bid

Terramore development- dollar general site  
Working with Melissa Burgess

UGA Propel program- stakeholders meeting  
Areas of interest

Georgia Tech- housing Assessment study  
Home ownership not subsidized housing  
Single family housing, trying to attack a developer, need workforce housing  
Will cost a couple of thousand dollars

Mcswain and Lemon Property - 20k to buy and tear down

Purchase 5k  
Holt, floyd

Adjourn - 12:47