

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2023

Present

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

Absent

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Kathy A. Young

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
 - March 15th 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
 - Housing Assessment Study is underway
- Bishop/McSwain Property
 - Received purchase agreement back for E Lemon property.
 - Will be ordering a Phase 1 study.

Other:

Georgia Flex finals April 13th beginning at 9:30 am.

Board member training needs to be complete if not done. There will be a virtual training on June 27th. 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