

**Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 11, 2024**

**Present**

Lawton Tinley  
Jason Dunn  
Justin Smith  
Steve Taylor  
Jason Holt

**Absent**

Corey Gibbs

**Other**

Kyle Cook  
Kathy Young  
Christina Justice  
Mike Dinnerman  
Christine Cook  
Hal Wiley

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Chairman, Lawton Tinley called the September 11, 2024 meeting to order at 12:17 pm.

Minutes from the August 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 August 2024. CDs were renewed at Colony Bank and Community Bank for 4.75% for \$750,000 each. Kathy Young noted the interest revenue change in a positive direction. Justin Smith made a motion to approve. Jason Holt seconded the motion. 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:

- Herald Leader is advertising for bids for Peachtree Business Park

Prospecting/Networking/Relationship Building/Recruitment:

- Electric Cities of Georgia went well. The sites looked good and had great interaction with project managers.

Retention/Recruitment & Existing Industry:

- Polar Beverage - completion of truck staging area. Semis are filling up the area. Aerial view of the area was shared.
- VLS Recovery - next part of the process - statewide engineering - 2 parts - reconfiguration and green field.
- Suncrest left owing property taxes. Mainly a temp employer. We are in touch with a real estate broker. Property is to be cleaned up. Brazilian company interested in the property.

Community Development/Regional Projects:

- Cottage Innovations - LRA is preparing a final pricing presentation.
- UGA - September 26th presentation to be given at Mana - conceptual drawing of downtown
- Gateway Center - Picture will be made tomorrow

Other Questions/Discussion:

Question about Eaton Corporation - Custom Profile closing - should be closing soon. Moving forward.

Property sold to Custom Profiles - Will we buy back property?

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 12:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Cook