

**Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
January 8th, 2025**

Present

Jason Dunn
Justin Smith
Hal Wiley
Jason Holt
Lawton Tinley
Corey Gibbs

Absent

Hampton Raulerson

Other

Kyle Cook
Christina Justice
Melissa Dark

Chairman, Lawton Tinley called the January 8, 2025 meeting to order at 12:17 pm. He opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the November 2024 meeting were reviewed. Hal Wiley made a motion to approve. Justin Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for November and December 2024. Justin Smith made a motion to approve. Corey Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Executive director, Jason Dunn gave the following report:

Product Development/Property Acquisition/Building and Land:
Construction on Peachtree Business Park should begin in February.

Mercier Land sale - \$5000 for 2.93 acres of the "Evergreen Rd Tract". Property is lowland and undevelopable.
Jason Holt motion
Corey Gibbs second

NTI limited - distribute axles for Lippert - construction under way on their new facility.

Turf Solutions has begun construction on their new facility.

Large new project prospect... "Project Pringle" Drawn to our area because of being a federal opportunity zone. They are looking at our GRAD site and will be back in Fitzgerald in January.

Chamber Annual Meeting - Development Authority has a table
Industry of the Year Award - A different idea- Fitzgerald Utilities and Irwin EMC for their efforts in Hurricane Recovery

January/February- January 9th Regional Commission, Eggs and Issues, Feb 4-5th Rural Day for the Capitol,

Chairman asked for announcements and updates

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Dark

12:05

Minutes - Cory Gibbs, Justin Smith, Carried

Peachtree business park- construction continues

GRAD sight new signage

Evergreen road track is sold to greg mercier

Conceptual for subdivision on evergreen road

Workforce Development:

FLEX Finalists

Millex- Highschool robotics team is going to the World competition

Project Pringles has made second and third visits to Fitzgerald. Toured the community. Challenges to work though- collecting data for the cost to ship freight from fitzgerald to savannah

Are there enough people? Is the workforce available? Georgia power info on inflow/outflow of workforce

Is the site large enough? Also looking at other sites

Turf Solutions' new building is under contract. They have asked for us to sell them an additional 3 acres.

USAID- MANA received orders to stop production for all USAID orders. After a few days, the stop order was lifted.

The Regional Commiission Tour went well.

Corey Gibbs gave a presentation on options for to open a line of credit at community bank. It gives options for liquidity for projects in the future as needed.

To establish a line of credit backed by the CDs at Community Bank

Jason Holt, Corey Gibbs, Hal
Justin , Lawton

Chairman and secretary

Justin smith
Lawton

Chairman Lawton Tinley gave final words congratulating the Chamber on an excellent annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned 12:47 pm