

Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2024

Present

Lawton Tinley
Jason Dunn
Justin Smith
Steve Taylor
Jason Holt

Absent

Corey Gibbs
Kyle Cook

Other

Christina Justice
Mike Dinnerman
Hal Wiley
Hampton Raulerson
Christine Cook

Chairman, Lawton Tinley called the November 13, 2024 meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Minutes from the October 9, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Steve Taylor made a motion to approve. Justin Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Minutes from the October 30, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion amended to add Kathy Young in attendance to the October 30th meeting.. Jason Holt made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Christina Justice presented the financials for October 2024. CD purchased for \$150,000. Justin Smith made a motion to approve. Steve Taylor 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:

- Documents have been executed Peachtree Business Park
- Peachtree Corridor - GA DOT preparing agreements for the right of way.

Prospecting/Networking/Relationship Building/Recruitment:

- Discussion about a small data center between Fitzgerald Utilities and the company.

Retention/Recruitment & Existing Industry:

- NTI Limited has broken ground
- Modern Dispersion has broken ground
- MANA project coming together
- Turf Solutions out of central Florida. He would like to move part of the business to south Georgia. 5000 square foot building mixing liquid fertilizer - currently does 10 million dollars in sales - plans to do a half million investment in Fitzgerald. Will add 10-15 jobs for Fitzgerald. Quoted price of 5 acres at \$10,000/acre in Hwy 319 Business Park.

ACTION: Motion to sell property to Turf Solution. Justin Smith made a motion to approve. Jason Holt seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by the rest of the committee..

Community Development/Regional Projects:

- Cottage Innovations - project will hopefully start at the first of the year
- FLEX - Schools are bringing 8 businesses -1 round of judging will take place tomorrow

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 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cook