

**Habersham County Development Authority
Thursday, November 4, 2021 @ 3:30 pm
Executive Floor Conference Room
130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523**

Members Present: Gail Thaxton, Bryan Ferguson, Jeff Bruns, Bill Duff, Allen Whitener

Members Not Present: Brent Edwards, Debbie Purcell

Others Present: Mike Beecham, Alicia Vaughn, Janney Sanders, Wade Rhodes, Charlie Fiveash, Bruce Palmer, Don Higgins

Call to Order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm and invocation given by Gail Thaxton.

Amendment of Agenda

A MOTION was made by Bryan Ferguson, SECONDED by Bill Duff, and voted unanimously to amend the agenda by removing Executive Session.

Approval of Amended Agenda

A MOTION was made by Bryan Ferguson, SECONDED by Jeff Bruns, and voted unanimously to approve the order of business as amended.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made by Bill Duff, SECONDED by Jeff Bruns, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 7, 2021.

Monthly Activity Report

Mike Beecham presented the Monthly Activity Report. October YTD represents 33.3% of the Fiscal Year. Current revenues are -0.37% and current expenditures are 12.6%. The Wells Fargo account transfer has been completed. However, we have not yet received a statement.

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, SECONDED by Bryan Ferguson, and voted unanimously to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

Mike has been involved in meetings regarding Project STAY. The expired MOU is being revised (dates, abatement schedule) and will be presented to the board for approval as soon as it is finalized. Mike has also submitted several grant applications on behalf of the HCDA (EMC Trailwave, Reed Property, Water/Sewer expansion).

Old Business

- Airport Business Park Update – City of Baldwin has not yet approved the stormwater ponds in the business park. Mike has made a spreadsheet of the percentage of road frontage for each pad and will use those percentages to calculate shared cost for streetlights. HCDA still owns 4 pads and will pay for those until there is a new owner. Jeff Bruns asked what will happen if a current owner refuses to pay their portion. Mike explained that in their purchase agreement it states that the business park can impose association fees to cover maintenance costs. Bruce

Palmer suggested that Mike approach the City of Baldwin one more time to ask if they will share some of the cost.

- Other Property Updates – None
- Partnership Habersham – Charlie Fiveash will be meeting next week with a company that is considering building a regional office in the business park, referred to as “Project Lily”. The interested company would require approximately 80k square feet of manufacturing/distribution space and would potentially bring 50 jobs to Habersham County. The company is large enough to possibly qualify for some incentives such as land discounts or tax abatements.

New Business

None

Other Reports

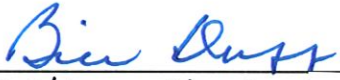
None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Thursday, December 2, 2021 @ 3:30 pm, Habersham County Administration Building.

Adjourn

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, SECONDED by Bryan Ferguson, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m.



Bill Duff, Vice - Chair



Attest: Mike Beecham