

**Habersham County Development Authority
Thursday, December 2, 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, Brent Edwards, Debbie Purcell

Members Not Present: None

Others Present: Mike Beecham, Alicia Vaughn, Janney Sanders, Wade Rhodes, Bruce Palmer, Ty Akins

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 Brent Edwards, SECONDED by Bill Duff, and voted unanimously to amend the agenda by removing Executive Session.

Approval of Amended Agenda

A MOTION was made by Bill Duff, SECONDED by Brent Edwards, and voted unanimously to approve the order of business as amended.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made by Bryan Ferguson, SECONDED by Brent Edwards, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 4, 2021.

Monthly Activity Report

Mike Beecham presented the Monthly Activity Report. November YTD represents 41.7% of the Fiscal Year. Current revenues are .20% and current expenditures are 13.8%.

Georgia Power has reimbursed the Development Authority \$6,400 for the expense of repairing the stormwater ponds.

A MOTION was made by Bill Duff, SECONDED by Allen Whitener, and voted unanimously to approve the monthly financial report as presented.

Old Business

- Airport Business Park Update – Engineer James Irvin has completed the as-built hydrology study and submitted to the City of Baldwin. It will go before the next Baldwin Council meeting and hopefully be approved so that the Higgins spec building can move forward with construction. Mike Beecham has made a spreadsheet listing the percentages that each property owner within the business park should pay toward the new streetlights. Mike stated that the companies and property owners he has spoken with seem very agreeable to sharing the cost. The authority needs to decide how to bill and collect payment from the owners and how often. Installation of streetlights should happen in the latter part of 1st quarter of 2022. Habersham EMC is honoring the quote of \$26,910 from April 2021.

- A MOTION was made by Brent Edwards, seconded by Bill Duff, and voted unanimously to approve the installation of streetlights in the Airport Business Park. Bryan Ferguson recused himself from the vote.
- Other Property Updates – None
- Partnership Habersham – Wade Rhodes gave the update for Partnership Habersham in Charlie Fiveash's absence. The supplier to the poultry industry that is interested in the business park needs at 80,000 square feet of space. Pad 5 would provide up to 100,000 square feet, which would allow for growth of that business. Wade Rhodes has met with the new landowner for the project STAY property and he believes they are very close to making a deal. There are also potential buyers interested in pads 1 and 7 with plans to build a total of 4 large buildings. This could result in \$165k in tax revenue. Hopefully next year there will be a lot of new construction in the business park.

New Business

None

Other Reports

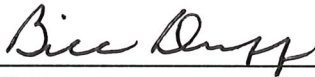
None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2021 @ 3:30 pm, Habersham County Administration Building.

Adjourn

A MOTION was made by Debbie Purcell, SECONDED by Bill Duff, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m.



Bill Duff, Vice Chair



Attest: Mike Beecham