

**Habersham County Development Authority
Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 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

Others Present: Mike Beecham, Alicia Vaughn, Janney Sanders, Ty Akins, Charlie Fiveash, other guests

Call to Order and Invocation

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

Approval of Agenda

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, SECONDED by Bill Duff, and voted unanimously to approve the order of business.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made by Bill Duff, SECONDED by Jeff Bruns, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022 regular meeting and the February 17, 2022 retreat.

Monthly Activity Report

Mike Beecham presented the Monthly Activity Report. February YTD represents 66.67% of the Fiscal Year. Current revenues are .35% and current expenditures are 14.4%.

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

Old Business

Airport Business Park Update – Mike Beecham stated that there are still a few prospects for our remaining pads in the business park, but no offers have been made. Wade Rhodes' property listing contract has expired. A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Bill Duff, and voted unanimously to renew the contract with Wade Rhodes for the business park property.

Other Property Updates – None

Partnership Habersham – Charlie Fiveash began by saying that City of Baldwin has hired a new company to handle permits and inspections, and that hopefully those processes will be more efficient in the future. A building permit has finally been issued for Mr. Higgins to begin construction on his building. Mr. Higgins is potentially interested in purchasing an additional lot for another spec building in the business park. For the size building he would build, site work on the available lots in the business park would potentially cost more than the value of the lots themselves, so the Reed property may be a better fit. Chairperson Dr. Thaxton would like to have further discussions on developing the Reed property, using action points from the retreat. Charlie also mentioned that one of the current business park tenants may expand into an adjacent lot.

A MOTION was made Bill Duff, seconded by Jeff Bruns, and voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 3:45 pm.

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, seconded by Bill Duff, and voted unanimously to exit Executive Session at 4:20 pm.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 3:30 pm, Habersham County Administration Building.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:21 pm.



Brent Edwards, Secretary



Attest: Mike Beecham