

**Habersham County Development Authority
Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 3:30 pm
Executive Conference Room
130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523**

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

Members Not Present: Kelly Woodall

Others Present: Mike Beecham, Janney Sanders, 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 Bryan Ferguson, SECONDED by Allen Whitener, and voted unanimously to approve the order of business.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION was made by Jeff Bruns, SECONDED by Brent Edwards, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 regular meeting.

Monthly Activity Report

Mike Beecham presented the Monthly Activity Report. April YTD represents 91.7% of the Fiscal Year. Current revenues are .43% and current expenditures are 30%. Total account balances are \$704,375. Mike will plan to transfer money to the checking account this month.

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

Old Business

Airport Business Park Update – The streetlight project with HEMC has begun and should be completed by the end of June. Mike Beecham has been getting cost estimates from Cornelia and Baldwin for sewer access at the airport. We are on track to meet the retention pond deadline per our agreement with Baldwin.

Other Property Updates – Included in Partnership Habersham update.

Partnership Habersham – Charlie Fiveash shared that the Fieldale supplier prospect is still interested in building up to a 100k square foot building in the business park. There is not currently a parcel in the park large enough to accommodate that size building. One of the Reed property lots would work better. Bids are being taken to pave the road in the Reed property. Contractors and concrete companies are very backed up, so it is important that a decision be made soon so the project can be scheduled. A solid waste production company has expressed interest in a lot on the Pyratich side of the Reed property. It would be a completely outdoor site and no building would be constructed. The company would not provide many jobs. Charlie suggested a Development Authority field trip to view the park and Reed property and to possibly hold a future meeting at the Steel Cell plant. There was more discussion about

an owner/tenant association in the business park and whether that association needs to be legally formed. Brent Edwards talked about the new Minimum Development Standards meetings that have been held between the cities and the county as well as Charlie Fiveash's new role with the Development Authority.

New Business – none

Other Reports

Don Higgins attended the meeting to discuss his building currently under construction. He wants his building to look different than any other building in the park, while still adhering to the requirements and standards. His building will face two roads, so the cost of using brick or rock on both sides will be very expensive. He has some ideas to use landscaping to help offset that cost. Bill Duff, Bryan Ferguson, and Allen Whitener have all offered to help with building review meetings.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is Thursday, July 14, 2022 @ 3:30 pm, Habersham County Administration Building.

Adjourn

A MOTION was made by Brent Edwards, seconded by Bryan Ferguson, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm.



Brent Edwards, Secretary



Attest: Mike Beecham