

**Bullock County Development Authority**  
**Regular Session Meeting**  
**March 2, 2021**

The Bullock County Development Authority held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Richard Stone Complex and via teleconference (Dial-In Number: 701.802.5491; Access Code: 7850591#), with Chairman LaDerrick Caldwell presiding. Roll Call was taken by Meagan Faulk.

**Members Present**

Marsha Moffett  
Cope Lawrence  
Lawrence Penn  
LaDerrick Caldwell  
Melma Gillis

**Members Absent**

Roderick Clark  
Thomas Main

**Others Present**

David Padgett  
Meagan Faulk  
Elizabeth Smithart  
Cynthia Smithart

A work session was held prior to the meeting at 4:30 pm.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman LaDerrick Caldwell.

Lawrence Penn made a motion to accept the agenda, and Melma Gillis provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes (February 2, 2021) were reviewed and approved upon a motion made by Cope Lawrence. Marsha Moffett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

David Padgett reviewed the financial reports for February. Lawrence Penn made a motion to accept & approve the report. Cope Lawrence provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

A &J Boutique and Party Supplies requested funding for site prep. A & J Boutique is requesting money for repairs to their building and to purchase inventory. The request was tabled during the March 2, 2021 regular session meeting. After questions and concerns were raised by the board, the request for Site Prep was denied. It was recommended that A & J Boutique apply for the Community Revitalization Program as it better suits their request. Cope Lawrence made a motion to deny the request. Lawrence Penn provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Meagan Faulk gave an update regarding the 2021 Community Revitalization Program. She informed the board that an advertisement had been submitted to the Herald Newspaper. The ad will run for two weeks at \$75.00/week. Packets for the CRP are ready to be picked up at the office. The deadline is set for April 5, 2021. Mrs. Faulk will update the board during the April 6, 2021 meeting.

David Padgett informed the board that dues for Grow Southeast will increase from \$1,200.00 to \$6,200.00 annually. \$1,200.00 has already been approved & paid in the 2020-21 budget and the additional \$5,000.00 will be paid quarterly (\$1,250.00/quarter). The amount increase will come out of the Industry Support Grant account. Lawrence Penn made a motion to accept the request. Melma Gillis provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Wil Tolbert, owner of Alchemy Group, has showed interest in purchasing the Welch Property. He is a current tenant and plans to expand his business throughout 2021 needing more space for his inventory. David Padgett explained to the board the long-term costs that BCDA will incur and how much money we will save by selling the property to Mr. Tolbert. Mr. Padgett said he would discuss it further with Mr. Tolbert & give an update at the next meeting.

Cope Lawrence gave a brief update on the progress at the airport. He informed the board that the completion of the fence has been delayed due to inclement weather. He will give further details during the next scheduled meeting. The Airport Authority did not meet in February.

Updates include:

Delta Regional Authority is working with Opportunity Alabama to highlight various properties in Bullock County.

Bonnie Plants has started clearing land and moving dirt for construction.

Reserved Parking signs have been placed for the Wi-Fi hotspot located in the back parking lot of BCDA. Bullock County Schools and Macon East Academy will be given a password to access the Wi-Fi during the restricted hours.

Once approved by the Airport Authority, quotes will be requested for the signs at the airport to advertise for an industrial park.

Grow SEA is currently putting a marketing plan together to include Bullock County.

CNA classes have begun at the Career Tech.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. on the motion of Cope Lawrence and a second by Lawrence Penn. The vote passed unanimously.