



GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, @ 6:30 p.m., 19 Celt Rd, Stanardsville, VA

CALL TO ORDER

- A meeting of the Economic Development Authority Board of Directors was held at Town Hall, 19 Celt Rd, Stanardsville, Virginia on May 21, 2019. Call to order at 6:30p.m., with Mr. Michael Payne, Chairman, presiding.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

- **Members in Attendance:** Whitt Ledford, Julia Roberts, Matt Dillon, Michael Payne, Gretchen Scheuermann, James Tsikerdanos
- **Members not in Attendance:** Don Pamentner
- **Non-Members in Attendance:** Diana Gamma, Bill Martin, Alan Yost

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Enter Executive Session**
 - Mr. Payne asked for a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a 4) of the Code of Virginia.
 - 4) The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.
 - Ms. Roberts moved to enter executive session. Mr. Ledford seconded. Motion passed
- **Return to Public Session:**
 - Mr. Payne asked for a motion to return to open session.
 - Mrs. Roberts moved to return to Public Session. Mr. Ledford seconded. Motion passed
- **Certification:**
 - All members certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirement and only such matters as identified by the motion to enter into executive session were discussed. Roll call vote was taken with all board members replying aye.
- Mr. Payne: only the small business loan was discussed during executive session. Mr Payne read the following public statement from the EDA: Although we do not comment on private financial matters, we have nothing but respect and admiration for Mr. Bein's commitment to repay the EDA.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Minutes from 3.19.19 (Regular meeting) and 4.25.19 (Special meeting) were distributed electronically to all board members. Mr. Ledford moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Tsikerdanos seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIALS

- P & L and Balance sheets for EDA and Tourism were distributed electronically to all board members. There were no questions.
- Mr. Yost noted that TOT monies continue to come in at a steady growth and higher than expected.
- Mr. Payne noted that the FY 17-18 audit report is available...no surprises; good bill of health.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, and the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and TOURISM DIRECTOR

- EDT Director, Alan Yost
 - ED&T Monthly report has been shared with the EDA and hopes that it is helpful.
 - Though USDA chose to move west, the process has been very positive in terms of building relationships with the developer, engineer, realtors, etc. of the proposed property.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Yost: based on the USDA loan application timeline, a Public Meeting Date for the proposed purchase of a permanent Visitor Center will be June 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the County Administration Building. Mr. Ledford moved that the public meeting be on June 4 at the County Administration Building. Mr. Dillon seconded. Motion passed
- Victor Schaff spoke as a representative of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce. Mr Schaff presented a radio ad campaign that the Chamber has been involved with in an effort to brand the county. The Chamber will be funding the campaign through June and is requesting that the EDA continue the project, working with Harmony Tenney of The Charlottesville Radio Group. Discussion ensued regarding costs, administration (collection), business interest, etc. Mr. Payne is not ready to make a motion and will table a decision until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bylaws Review
 - Mr. Payne presented the current bylaws and the proposed changes. Mr. Payne noted that the current bylaws are too strict relative to what the state allows. Mr. Payne worked on the proposed changes with Mr. Jay Willer as a consultant resulting in the suggested changes which are more in line with what the code says (title 15.1 chapter 33 and title 15.2 chapter 49). The yellow highlighted text contains the proposed changes; the blue is Mr. Willer's comment. Mr. Payne asked the board if there are any questions, comments, concerns, or edits before moving to accept the changes. Mr. Payne asked for a change in location; discussion was had regarding moving the meetings to the County Administration Building or Town Hall.

- Julia moved to have all future EDA meetings at Town Hall at the regular scheduled meeting day and time. Mr. Ledford seconded. Motion passed.
- Mr. Tsikerdanos moved to approve the changes in bylaws as recommended. Mr. Dillon seconded. Motion passed.
- Biography Project review
 - Mr. Payne thanked the EDA for their assistance in providing the biographies. Discussion ensued about how to share the document and who will continue with future edits to keep it up to date. Mr. Payne will continue to edit. Ms. Scheuermann asked what prompted the need for this and whether other boards and committees in the county have biographies available. Mr. Payne feels it's necessary for the public to know who the EDA is. Mr. Ledford moved to approve the publication of the EDA biographies. Mr. Tsikerdanos seconded. Motion approved.
 - Election of board officers for FY 19-20. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Payne asked Don Pamerter if he would put his name forward as Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Pamerter said yes. Mr. Payne would like to put his name in the hat to run as Chairman. No other nominations. Vote taken; all in favor. Vice Chair nomination of Julia Roberts. Vote taken; all in favor. Secretary/Treasurer nomination of Don Pamerter. Vote taken; all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- James Murphy from Ruckersville made comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Public meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2109, at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building
- The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Dillon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Ms. Roberts seconded. Motion passed.