



GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

SPECIAL Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2019, @ 6:30 p.m., 19 Celt Rd, Stanardsville, VA

CALL TO ORDER

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

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- N/A

FINANCIALS

- N/A

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

- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation by members of the Defense Affairs Committee (DAC), Elizabeth Cromwell (President and CEO, Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce) and Deborah van Eersel (UVA Foundation Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Marketing)
 - Ms. Cromwell and Ms. van Eersel introduced the purpose of DAC and the benefits to the surrounding area and explained the reason for the 2-year funding request
 - After the presentation, the following questions were raised by board members:
 - Ms. Roberts – Is there a revenue generating plan after the initial 2-year funding? Ms. Cromwell explained that the person filling the role as Director of DAC will determine a reasonable return on investment within 12-18 months of employment and move forward from there. The idea is that the surrounding communities will see the benefits of the position and DAC and continue to fund in the future.
 - Mr. Ledford – What is the difference between a base and a station and will Rivanna ever become a station? Ms. van Eersel explained that a base offers housing and a PX which are not provided at Rivanna Station and that Rivanna Station is outside of the “100 mile blast zone” so it is unlikely to be changed to a base.

- Mr. Tsikerdanos – Commented that his is proponent of supporting DAC based on his knowledge of the number of soldiers/contractors moving to Greene and adding to the economy of the County.
- Mr. Tsikerdanos – What will the future Director of DAC do to help Greene? Ms. Cromwell stated that while she would supervise the director, it is the DAC that would determine the roles and the responsibilities of the Director. Ms. Van Eersel said there is a schedule of deliverables in the DAC strategic plan such as quarterly updates, presentations at committee meetings, annual reports. Ms. Cromwell asked what would you like the Director and DAC do for Greene? For instance, Charlottesville wants the Director to introduce career opportunities to high school students.
- Mr. Martin – Do you envision someone to be here for the long haul or is the position for a spouse of military personnel? Ms. van Eersel stated that quality of life is a selling point and that there is a large contingency of employees at Rivanna Station who are not military and are less likely to leave. Some of these people have already approached DAC regarding the position. Ms. Cromwell has received 4-5 enquiries from both men and women who have worked at NGIC and already understand the procedures at the station and have security clearance.
- Mr. Ledford – Will Greene become second fiddle to Albemarle due to the inequities of the input between Greene and Albemarle? Ms. van Eersel said that Albemarle County understands that this project will not be possible without partners and feels that the Regional Chamber’s management of the director combined with DAC will ensure this is not a problem.
- Mr. Ledford moved that EDA go ahead with the disposition of this request of \$10,000 for the first year with the possibility that there will be an additional \$10,000 the following year depending on the presentation and the outcome to the board of supervisors. James seconded. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No Comments

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 privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.
 - Mr. Ledford moved to enter into executive session. Mr. Tsikerdanos seconded. Motion passed.
- Return to Public Session
 - Mr. Payne asked for a motion to return to public session
 - Ms. Roberts moved to return to public session. Mr. Ledford seconded. Motion passed.
- Certification
 - Mr. Payne stated: 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
 - James Tsikerdanos, yes
 - Whitt Ledford, yes
 - Julia Roberts, yes
 - Michael Payne, yes
- Julia Roberts made a motion that EDA amend the Jack's Shop Kitchen loan per discussion in executive session. Mr. Ledford seconded. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Town hall, 19 Celt Rd.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm