

Economic Development Authority of Amherst County Regular Meeting

July 14, 2021; 6 PM

Public Administration Room

MINUTES for MONTHLY MEETING

EDA Board Members Present

Chad Eby, Chairman
David Wall, Vice-Chairman
Dan Sweeney, Treasurer
Calvin Kennon
Patrick Dreher
Mike Russell
Andrew Proctor

EDA Members Absent

Staff in Attendance

Victoria Hanson
Lori Saunders

Youth Participant

Brooke Eby

Guest

Dick Wynder - IDA Representative
Crystal Morphis- Creative Consultant
Terry Morcom- Morcom Homes

- I. Call Meeting to Order
C. Eby called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of July Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2021, Regular Meeting

C.Kennon made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda.
2nd: A.Proctor
Aye: Unanimous
- III. 2021 Strategic Plan Update Presentation
C. Morphis delivered the final draft of the updated strategic plan. The EDA Board discussed and offered a few suggestions.

C. Kennon made the motion that the EDA accept the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update with suggested changes.

2nd: P. Dreher

Aye: Unanimous

IV. QAD Incentive Request

V. Hanson presented the QAD incentive request.

P. Dreher made the motion that the EDA approve Quality Archery Design's application for incentives at the maximum amount for new taxable investment in accordance with the EDA incentive policy for existing businesses.

2nd: D. Wall

Aye: Unanimous

V. Staff Comments

V. Hanson talked about the ARPA funding that the County will be receiving. The Prevailing Wage Act came into effect on May 1, 2021. This will affect businesses working with governments. AEP informed the staff that the LED lights were in stock and available. Tom Woodford with AEP is getting a quote to present to the EDA Board. V. Hanson announced that Traci Blido, former EDA director for Bedford County, is the new Regional Workforce Development director.

A citizen arrived and wanted to make a comment. Chairman Eby recognized Terry Morcom with Morcom Homes. T. Morcom discussed problems with a development that he hoped the EDA could assist him with.

VI. Open Discussion

M. Russell recognized IDA representative D. Wynder, who had not been to an EDA meeting recently because of the pandemic. B. Eby thanked the EDA Board for her time on the board. B. Eby will be leaving for NC State College in a few weeks. She also announced the new Youth Representative, Ella Lewis. Several Board members thanked Brooke and wished her well. C. Kennon announced a new underground restaurant at Popular Grove golf course. D. Wall asked about the C-Pace program and talked about how that financing could help different businesses. D. Wynder announced that the IDA had a potential business looking at Brockman Business Park.

VII. Youth Representative Celebration

Chairman Eby read an appreciation letter to our Youth Representative, B. Eby, thanking her for her dedication to the EDA Board.

VIII. Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters

D. Wall made the motion that the Economic Development Authority of Amherst County convene in closed session pursuant to the exemption at §2.2-3711(A) (5) of the Code of Virginia, to discuss personnel matters.

2nd: D. Sweeney

D. Wall called the roll. C. Kennon- aye, D. Sweeney- aye, P. Dreher- aye, D. Wall - aye, C. Eby- aye, M. Russell- aye, A. Proctor-aye

D. Wall made the motion to come out of Closed Session.

2nd: A. Proctor

Aye: Unanimous

D. Wall made the motion that the Economic Development Authority of Amherst County certify by a recorded vote that, to the best of each Authority member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session.

2nd: C. Kennon

C. Eby called the roll. C. Kennon- aye, M. Russell - aye, P. Dreher- aye, D. Wall - aye, C. Eby- aye, A. Proctor- aye

IV. Adjournment

D. Wall made the motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

2nd: A. Proctor

Aye: Unanimous

Victoria Hanson, Secretary