

Economic Development Authority of Amherst County Regular Meeting

August 8, 2018; 6:00 PM

Amherst County Depot Conference Room

MINUTES for MONTHLY MEETING

EDA Board Members Present

C. Kennon, Chair
E. Kinnier, Treasurer
M. Russell
D. Wall
M. Heishman, Vice-Chair
D. Sweeney

EDA Members Absent

C. Eby

Staff in Attendance

V. Hanson
L. Saunders

Youth Participant

Jacob Dalton

Guests

Dean Rogers, County Administrator

I. Call Meeting to Order

C. Kennon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of August Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes for July 12, 2018 Regular Meeting & Workshop

M. Russell made the motion that the EDA Board approve the consent agenda.

2nd: D. Wall

Aye: Unanimous

III. Whitewater Possibilities

Dean Rogers, County Administrator, spoke about the possibility of a whitewater park on the James River near Riveredge Park. The EDA Board watched a video and Rogers discussed the project and its benefits. A feasibility study will cost \$22,000 and the City of Lynchburg is willing to pay half. The Board of Supervisors is committed to the project but is looking for support from the EDA.

E. Kinnier made the motion the EDA fund \$5,000 of the whitewater feasibility study.

2nd: M. Russell

Aye: Unanimous

IV. Road Maintenance Agreement

As Old Dominion Footwear put their building and land for sale, the question of who owned Old Dominion Drive surfaced. After investigation, it was found that the EDA owned 50% and Old Dominion owned 50% of the road. Ted Craddock, the Board's attorney, wrote a road maintenance agreement for the two parties. D. Sweeney had a question on how the billing would be handled. Staff felt that it was important to have a signed agreement before the sale was complete. An addendum could be added at a later date.

D. Sweeney made the motion that Chairman C. Kennon sign a road maintenance agreement that he thinks is best.

2nd: M. Heishman

Aye: Unanimous

V. Business Friendly Initiative Ranking

V. Hanson discussed the EDA spreadsheets provided to the Board of Supervisors for priority ranking of the business friendliness initiatives. A separate spreadsheet was given for ACSA business friendliness initiatives.

VI. Action Plan 2018-19

Staff presented a draft FY 18-19 Action Plan. The Action Plan is a draft until the Board of Supervisors rank the business friendliness initiatives.

VII. Implementation Budget FY 18-19

The Action Plan and the Implementation Budget were tabled until next month to provide the EDA Board more time to review.

VIII. CVEC Broadband Proposal

Information on the Central Virginia Electric Cooperative's (CVEC) broadband proposal was given to each board member.

IX. Committee Updates

C. Kennon asked for additional volunteers for the EDA committees that only had one board member. Chad Eby joined the Personnel Committee. It was then suggested that a new updated committee list with a description of the committee be given to each board member.

X. Staff Comments

V. Hanson reported that a new company, Rockster, is leasing the Cottle Multimedia building. Pleasantview School has a buyer. Pat Dreher has retired from Glad but did introduce the new plant manager to the staff. Leslie Gamble with the Planning & Zoning Commission wrote a nice editorial on the progress in Amherst County. V. Hanson and Vanessa Angus, Chamber and Tourism director met with Popular Grove personnel to see how the EDA and the Chamber could help promote the golf course. The EDA help fund a building code program at the high school and three students graduated from the program and were recognized at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

XI. Open Discussion

C. Kennon thanked D. Wall for attending the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and for sending out a detailed report. E. Kinnier expressed concern that there were no financials for the Board to review.

X. Adjournment

M. Heishman made the motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm.
2nd: D. Sweeney
Aye: Unanimous

Victoria Hanson, Sec