



Economic Development Authority of Amherst County Regular Meeting

Sept. 12, 2023; 5 PM

Amherst County Depot Conference Room

MINUTES for MONTHLY MEETING

EDA Board Members Present

Andrew Proctor, Chair
Calvin Kennon, Vice Chair
Dan Sweeney, Treasurer
Chad Eby
Shelly Hunt
Paul Kilgore

EDA Board Members Absent

Staff in Attendance

Victoria Hanson
Lori Saunders

- I. Call Meeting to Order
A. Proctor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of September Agenda
 - b. Approval of August 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

C. Kennon made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda.
2nd: C. Eby
Aye: Unanimous
- III. Introduction of CTE Career Coach
Yolanda Burns spoke to the Board about what she has accomplished since starting in July. She also shared her goals for the school year.
- IV. Multi-Tenant Building Update
EDA had just returned from their groundbreaking ceremony. Staff prepared a project budget and timeline. This will be part of a monthly update when construction begins.

- V. Virginia Business Readiness Sites Program Update
Staff has begun the rezoning process for one parcel of the Dillard property. The survey is 75% complete. Other tasks are just starting.
- VI. Potential EDA Intern
S. Hunt made the motion that the EDA Board authorize staff to hire Natania Jones as a marketing consultant on a 90 trial period and then on a month-to-month basis.
2nd: P. Kilgore
Aye: Unanimous
- VII. Staff Comments
V. Hanson reported to the EDA Board that she had given presentations about all the good news in Amherst County at the LRBA commercial realtor luncheon, Keller Williams realtors, and the Lynchburg Rotary. LRBA is paying for a drone to take video of the area's business parks. L. Saunders let the EDA Board know that staff would be attending the Virginia Economic Developers Associations' Fall Conference. Also, Leadership Amherst applications are live.
- VIII. Open Discussion
C. Kennon spoke of the groundbreaking and how excited he was to begin the project. C. Eby talked about how well social media worked for his hiring fairs. P. Kilgore asked about the 90 acres behind Phelps Rd. School. He also mentioned Lazy Days Winery was for sale. S. Hunt said the Monacans received a grant to help the tribe's over 400 children with daycare and other social services. A. Proctor talked about the Service Authority's James River Intake project that was not needed. He asked staff to retry for a student/youth representative. He also talked about tourism and the official guidebook. He will be joining the tourism committee.
- IX. Adjournment
C. Eby made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.
2nd: S. Hunt
Aye: Unanimous

V. Hanson, Secretary