



Economic Development Authority of Amherst County
November 9, 2022; 5 PM
Amherst County Depot Conference Room
Minutes for Monthly Meeting

EDA Board Members Present

Chad Eby, Chair
Calvin Kennon, Vice Chair
Dan Sweeney, Treasurer
Mike Russell
Andrew Proctor
Shelly Hunt

EDA Board Members Absent

Patrick Dreher

Staff in Attendance

Victoria Hanson
Lori Saunders

Guest

Christine Vrooman

Youth Representative

Allison Morcom - Absent

- I. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of November Agenda
 - b. Approval of Oct. 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. Kennon made the motion to accept the consent agenda
2nd: M. Russell
Aye: Unanimous

III. American Viticultural Area (AVA)

Christine Vrooman, owner of Ankida Ridge Winery, went over what an AVA was and how it would benefit Amherst County. At this time Mrs. Vrooman is providing information about establishing a new AVA and the potential costs. There is a potential Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund grant that might help fund the costs of the new AVA. Staff is waiting for a formal consultant estimate and is looking for partners to help with the grant locality match.

IV. Lot 4 Grading Update

The grading bid advertisement has been sent out. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022, at 2 pm, and bids will be opened on November 30, 2022.

V. Staff Comments

V. Hanson recapped an LRBA brainstorming meeting on CVTC. Senator Newman was present which helped keep him current in the discussion. Staff, along with the representatives from the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, S&S Machines/TruBall and Tyto Athene. L. Saunders reported that the extension of Lynchburg Rd. is scheduled to start in June or July 2023.

D. Sweeney made the motion that the EDA Board authorize the director to create as many Limited Liability Corporations (LLC) as needed for economic development purposes.

2nd: A. Proctor

Aye: Unanimous

VI. Open Discussion

C. Eby talked about the development happening on Hermle lot in Zane Snead Commerce Park. He also had good luck hiring experienced cabinet varnishers at a job fair from Master Brand, which recently closed. C. Kennon gave an update on the Rt. 29 Beautification Committee and the Planning Commission. M. Russell talked about the trash problem along the roads.

VII. Adjournment

A. Proctor made the motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

2nd: S. Hunt

Aye: Unanimous

Victoria Hanson, Secretary