

January 14, 2019

**MEETING OF THE POWHATAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD IN THE POWHATAN VILLAGE BUILDING FIRE AND RESCUE CONFERENCE
ROOM, 3910 OLD BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, JANUARY
14, 2019 AT 6:00 PM**

EDA Members Present: Sen. John Watkins, Chairman
Dan Jones, Vice-Chairman
Tim Benusa, Treasurer
Bob Gibson
Matt Schiefer
Andrea Weber
Russ Holland, Jr

Staff Members Present: Bret Schardein, Assistant County Administrator
Roxanne Salerno, Economic Development Program
Manager

A. Call to Order

Sen. Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all members were present. A quorum was established.

B. Election of Officers

- a. Chair** – Mr. Gibson motioned to appoint Mr. Watkins as Chair. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**
- b. Vice-Chair** – Mr. Holland motioned to appoint Mr. Jones as Vice-Chair. Mr. Schiefer seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**
- c. Treasurer**- Mr. Gibson motioned to appoint Mr. Benusa as Treasurer. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**
- d. Secretary** – Mr. Jones motioned to appoint Mr. Schardein as Secretary. Mr. Benusa seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**

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Chairman Watkins asked about the by-laws in regards to having the number of years of term for EDA members stated and whether that was necessary to include. County attorney to be consulted on this matter for advisory.

C. Adopt 2019 Meeting Schedule – Mr. Schardein presented the draft 2019 meeting schedule. Mr. Benusa motioned to approve the 2019 meeting schedule as presented. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**

D. Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2018

Mr. Schiefer motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Weber seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**

E. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Mr. Benusa presented the Board with the Treasurer’s report as to the current balances which is \$59,676.08 in the Certificate of Deposit account and \$7,299.48 in the Checking account from the last bank statement.

F. Old Business

a. R-C Zoning update

Mr. Schardein updated the board on the counties plans for R-C zoned properties and converting the existing properties with businesses to CC district zoning and properties with no current business back to A-10 district zoning. A subcommittee of fifteen people including engineers, real estate developers, citizens, Board of Supervisor members and county staff has been formed to give input on this plan and hear from all sides. The Board of supervisors is set to consider the rezoning in February. The current R-C zoning has few uses and is rarely the correct fit for most businesses coming into the county. The plan of development process is being researched as it is used in Henrico and Hanover.

b. Beaumont update

Mr. Schardein updated the board on the overview of the Beaumont study prepared by Department of General Services regarding the future use of the Beaumont facilities. The county has reached out to representatives to bring the matter of Beaumont before the General Assembly to consider additional uses for Powhatan County. The county would be asking that vacant buildings and fifteen acres of surrounding land be transferred to the Board for a regional public safety training facility, excess capacity of water and sewer from Beaumont for the training facility as well as economic development. Delegate Lee Ware will be introducing legislation this session.

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c. FBUC update

Letters of support from HOA's have been received as well as a meeting set up with the HOA's. An agreement is in the works with the HOA association and once finalized they will file with SCC, which could take anywhere from 5-12 months. Negotiations with Chesterfield are ongoing and are awaiting response from their Public Works Department to the proposed water agreement from Powhatan.

d. Solar Farm update-

Mr. Schardein gave an update on the solar farm project on Cartersville Rd. Planning Commission recommended denial of the project. With pushback from community members and nearby property owners regarding the wildlife disturbance, the consultants have increased the buffers and agreed to place certain areas in conservation easements. They are in talks with various conservation easement companies about the property and trying to find the right fit. The project will go to the Board of Supervisors at the end of January. The board discussed the life of the project being typically twenty years and the revenue for the county which has been estimated at \$400,000 per year.

G. New Business

a. Economic Development Monthly report for November & December 2018 - Mr.

Schardein presented the November & December report to the board and asked if there were any questions.

b. Economic Development Annual Report 2018- Mr. Schardein gave the board a year in

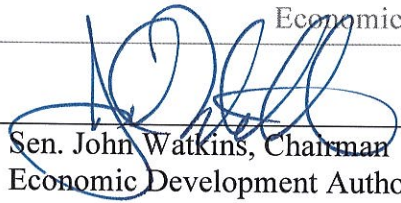
review presentation for 2018. Information included program development, progress made in various programs and new and expanding businesses to the county. Board discussed the goals of the department for 2019. Goals include continuing/accelerated BRE visits with businesses, projects/expansions completed and continuing to show the benefits of Economic Development to the county and assisting businesses to better utilize the services of Economic Development.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jones motioned and Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes


Sen. John Watkins, Chairman
Economic Development Authority

January 14, 2019

March 11, 2019

Date


Bret Schardein, Secretary
Economic Development Authority

3/11/19

Date