

AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA) HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND IN PERSON AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES LOCATED AT 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VA 24450, ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022, AT 8:30 AM.

PRESENT IN PERSON: J. LINGON JONES, JR., ROY POWELL, DAVID HAWKINS, W. FRANK PATTERSON, JR., BOYD BROWN, ANNE HERRING, AND JANIE HARRIS

ABSENT:

SECRETARY:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

MEDIA:

STAFF:

OTHER:

BRANDY FLINT

DAVID MCDANIEL

NONE

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

The second agenda item was citizen comments.

There were no comments via any platform.

The third agenda item was the election of officers.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Brown, the EDA voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Jones as Chair, Mrs. Harris as Vice-Chair, and Ms. Flint as Sectary.

The fourth agenda item was any changes to the agenda.

There were none.

The fifth agenda item was the approval of the 2022 Yearly Meeting schedule.

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powell, the EDA voted unanimously to approve the schedule as presented.

The sixth agenda item was the approval of the November 22, 2021 meeting minutes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Brown, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The seventh agenda item was the financial report.

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| 1. | Balance as of September 30, 2021 | \$ | 82,631.88 |
| | Credit Transactions: | | |
| | Interest Earned | | |
| | 10/31/2021 | | 10.53 |
| | 11/30/2021 | | 10.19 |
| | 12/31/2021 | | 10.53 |
| | 01/31/2022 | | <u>10.53</u> |
| | Balance as of January 31, 2022 | \$ | 82,673.66 |
| 2. | Certificate of Deposit – Cornerstone Bank as of October 8, 2021 | \$ | 52,047.44 |
| 3. | Restricted Escrow Account | | \$123,920.35 |

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powell, the financial report was approved unanimously.

The eighth agenda item was the activities report.

The ninth agenda item was an update on the strategic economic development plan.

Ms. Flint advised that the steering committee was set and an executive committee was formed. She noted that both committees were going to meet within the next few weeks.

The tenth agenda item was Virginia Horse Center annual report.

Mr. Glen Petty and Ms. Sandra Thomas were in attendance online and in person. They reviewed the financials and updated the EDA on how the year went and what good things were coming up at the horse center.

Mr. Hawkins noted a thank you to the Center for hosting the Christmas Basket program and for all they do.

The eleventh agenda item was the Shenandoah Small Business Resiliency Team's request for funding.

Ms. Flint advised that the request is to provide match funding for a second grant application that will be going before the GoVA Board next month. The first round of the

programming was supported by CARES funding. She indicated that one County company went through the program.

There was a brief discussion before Mr. Powell made a motion to support the grant application with funding from the EDA. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The twelfth agenda item was a continued discussion on electronic vehicle charging stations.

Ms. Flint noted that at the last meeting, Ms. Harris asked that staff look into the option of charging stations at tourist locations or shopping areas as a means to increase foot traffic at local tourist attractions, restaurants, and retail shops. Ms. Flint provided the EDA with the tool kit written and distributed by the state. There was a lengthy discussion on the tool kit, including funding available. There was also a discussion on what is already available in the county. The EDA asked Ms. Flint to continue her research.

The thirteenth item was an update on the housing and water studies.

Ms. Flint advised that the housing study moves forward with the CSPDC applying for grant funding. She noted that the county and two cities would commit funds to additional deliverables than what will be provided by the CSPDC.

Ms. Flint stated that the water and sewer capacity study moved forward with the research phase. She indicated she was a part of the kick-off meeting in early February. She then reviewed the timeline for each study. The housing study would take at least two years, but assurances have been given that the regional data for Lexington, Rockbridge, and Buena Vista will take place first. She also indicated that the water and sewer study should be done by the end of 2022, if not sooner.

The fourteenth agenda item was Board comments.

Mr. Patterson advised that he has sold his farm and has purchased property outside Rockbridge County, and will be moving; therefore, he could no longer serve on the EDA.

The EDA thanked him for his service.

With no further business to discuss, the EDA adjourned upon a unanimous vote at 9:32 am after a motion by Mr. Powell, second by Ms. Herring.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Flint,
Secretary