



## **GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017, @ 6:00 p.m., Economic Development Office Conference Room

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- A meeting of the Economic Development Authority Board of Directors was held at 8315 Seminole Trail, Ruckersville, Virginia on April 18, 2017. Call to order at 6:02 p.m., with Mrs. Julia Roberts, Chairman, presiding.

#### **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

- **Members in Attendance:** Julia Roberts, Whitt Ledford, Steve Kruskamp, Steve Davis, Don Pamerter, Gretchen Scheuermann, Michael Payne
- **Non-Members in Attendance:** Alan Yost, Diana Gamma, Jay Willer, Bill Martin

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- Minutes from March were distributed electronically to all board members and hard copies were available at the meeting. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Ledford moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Pamerter seconded. Motion passed.
- Note: Mr. Payne & Ms. Scheuermann arrived after acceptance of minutes

#### **FINANCIALS**

- P & L and Balance sheets were distributed via email to all board members and hard copies were available at the meeting. No questions.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES**

- **Bonding Update:** No updates

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tourism Bylaws – Mr. Yost shared that Roy Dye from the Tourism Council edited the Tourism Bylaws and submitted those edits to Mr. Yost. Subsequently, Mr. Yost reviewed and edited Mr. Dye's submission and presented the final edited version to the EDA Board. Discussion ensued

regarding elimination of the word “advisory” from the Tourism Council’s official name with Mr. Ledford adding an explanation from the Tourism Council’s point of view. Other minor clarifications were discussed. Mr. Pamerter moved to accept the bylaws with the changes as noted in the document. Mr. Ledford seconded. Motion passed.

- Haney Ripley and Jack’s Shop Kitchen – Mrs. Roberts: Jack’s Shop Kitchen loan extension has been completed and Haney Ripley is in process.
- Premier Vinyl – Mr. Yost confirmed that he sent the owner information regarding the Blue Ridge Barn Quilt Tour.
- Mr. Yost gave an explanation of the Small Business Investment Grant to the new board members.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Farmers Market – Mr. Yost explained the revitalization of the Greene Farmers Market: ED & T is starting a farmers market in anticipation of the Stanardsville pavilion in 2019; start date May 6, 2017; time 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; location Tractor Supply
- Mrs. Roberts introduced and welcomed new board member Steve Davis. Mr. Davis is holding an interim position through March, 2018. Mr. Davis is active duty military, an entrepreneur, a husband, a father, a minister - Mr. Davis loves the community he lives in and is interested in bettering the community – Mr. Yost stated that Mr. Davis has shown an active interest in economic development with visits to the Economic Development & Tourism office as well as the promotion of Tall Oaks to defense contractors.
- STAR – Mr. Pamerter shared that the Department of Housing & Community Development signed the \$1,000,000 grant for Stanardsville.
- Mrs. Roberts explained that with the recent changes in EDA board members, interim officers are needed (vice-chairman and secretary/treasurer). Mr. Kruskamp volunteered for the vice-chairman position. Mrs. Roberts moved to recommend that Mr. Kruskamp take on the role of Vice-Chairman through the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Payne seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Pamerter volunteered for the secretary/treasurer position. Mrs. Roberts moved to recommend that Mr. Pamerter take on the role of Secretary/Treasurer through the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Ledford seconded. Motion passed.
- Mr. Payne handed out sponsorship request letters and a tentative site map for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Stanardsville. The Stanardsville Independence Day Committee (SIDC) is hoping for 6000 attendees to this free event. Volunteers and sponsors are needed to continue making this event an attraction. SIDC meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall and everyone is welcome to attend. Mrs. Roberts noted that last year it was decided that this event is a Tourism driven event and subsequently Tourism had donated \$1000 last year. Mr. Yost noted that a \$1000 donation was in the Tourism budget for the 2017 event.

- Mr. Yost explained FOIA to new board members for their edification.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Mr. Martin wondered if Mr. Yost had any information on the public hearing notices in the Business Park. It was thought that this notice was in reference to rezoning of the Larry Hall property at the back of the Business Park.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Economic Development Office Conference Room.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mrs. Roberts** adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.