



## **GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 19, 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 September 19, 2017. Call to order at 6:01 p.m., with Mr. Steve Kruskamp, Vice-Chairman, presiding.

#### **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

- **Members in Attendance:** Steve Kruskamp, Michael Payne, Whitt Ledford, Don Pamerter, Gretchen Scheuermann
- **Members not in Attendance:** Julia Roberts, Steven Davis
- **Non-Members in Attendance:** Alan Yost, Diana Gamma, Bill Martin

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- Minutes from June (July & August meetings were cancelled) were distributed electronically to all board members. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Kruskamp moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Leford seconded. Motion passed.

#### **FINANCIALS**

- P & L and Balance sheets were distributed via email to all board members and hard copies were available at the meeting.
- Tourism financials were distributed at the meeting and reviewed.; TOT income was explained.

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

- No reports of officers or committees
- **Bonding Update:** No updates

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Blighted Property – Mr. Yost gave an update on the Board of Supervisors decision to refer to the current State ordinance regarding blight thus the lack of need for a county ordinance. Mr. Pamerter indicated that STAR was moving forward with the paperwork for the demolition of the “bunkers” on Main Street. Mr. Ledford inquired about the status of the burnt house on Route 33 in Stanardsville, east of 230; Mr. Martin indicated that it might still be under investigation.

- Virginia Clay Festival – Mr. Yost gave an overview of the upcoming festival and noted that 2016 had an overwhelming number of outside visitors and hopes to encourage more county residents to attend. Mr. Pamenter has had artists stay at his home and those artists stated that this is one of their most profitable festivals. Mr. Kruskamp suggested asking local lodging to offer a discount to guests who show they purchased pottery at the festival.
- Greene Farmers Market – Mr. Yost discussed the growth of the market, praising the efforts of volunteer Kimmy Kruskamp for her help and her social media expertise. Mr. Yost also mentioned that plans for next year’s market are in the works and suggestions for growth, vendors, etc. from board members were offered.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Quad County Business Summit - Mr. Yost mentioned the upcoming summit for small business owners and asked board members to share the information with other businesses.
- Ruckersville Area Plan (RAP) – Mr. Yost would like the EDA to be involved in the RAP by attending the future public meetings, taking the online survey, and contributing their thoughts. Mr. Yost would like the EDA to think about how they could be involved and be ready to discuss at the next EDA meeting.
- Blue Ridge Heritage Project – Mr. Martin noted that construction has started to take place with a possibility of an October 29 dedication.
- Stanardsville Independence Day Committee – Mr. Payne reviewed the SIDC economic impact report from 2016.
- Blue Ridge Barn Quilt Trail – Mr. Yost noted that brochures with maps are available at the Visitor Center

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Bill Saunders commented that he is very excited about improvements happening in Greene. He is happy with the success of the farmers market and suggested a future paid position for a market manager.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 7:14 pm – Mr. Kruskamp asked for a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a, 4) of the Code of Virginia which reads: The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business. Mr. Pamenter seconded. Motion Passed.
- Mr. Pamenter asked for a motion to return to open session. Mr. Ledford seconded. Motion passed.
- All members certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirement and only such matters as identified by the motion to enter into executive session were discussed. Mr. Payne made a motion to accept the certification. Mr. Pamenter seconded. Motion Passed
- Mr. Ledford made a motion to extend the Haney-Ripley interest only loan payments with prorated interest through November 30, 2017 with the full principals and any interest due on or before the close of the loan on 11/30/17. Mr. Pamenter seconded. Motion passed.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Economic Development Office Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mrs. Kruskamp** adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.