



GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5, 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 December 5, 2017. Call to order at 6:00 p.m., with Mrs. Julia Roberts, Chairman, presiding. NOTE: the meeting began without a quorum. All matters requiring a motion to accept were revisited during the meeting at which time a quorum was reached.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Minutes from October were distributed electronically to all board members. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Ledford moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Kruskamp seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIALS

- P & L and Balance sheets for EDA & Tourism were distributed.
- Mrs. Roberts noted that the Haney-Ripley payoff was received.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

- No reports of officers or committees

OLD BUSINESS

- Haney Ripley Loan Update: Mrs. Roberts updated the board on the sale of Haney-Ripley childcare, the subsequent closing of the sale, and the repayment of the loan to the EDA.
- Ruckersville Area Plan Update: Mr. Yost reminded those in attendance of the next meeting for the Ruckersville Area Plan on December 6 at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Mr. Yost requested that those in attendance spread the word to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tourism Strategic Plan: Mr. Yost provided a draft of the Tourism Strategic Plan developed by the Tourism Council. He asked that each board member review the plan and contact him with any questions.
- Defense Affairs Committee (DAC): Mr. Yost presented information on the DAC. DAC is a liaison between the community and a military base. DAC is currently discussing hiring a paid staff member and procuring office space. DAC is searching for sponsorships from communities to finance this position and is asking localities to contribute. DAC is asking Albemarle County to invest \$50,000 and Greene to invest \$10,000. Mr. Yost is asking if the EDA will support a partial year payment and then will request the subsequent full year fees in the Economic Development & Tourism Department's budget. Mr. Willer asked what Greene County will get out of the contribution. Mr. Yost responded that Greene has more potential affordable space than Albemarle and could potentially attract defense contractors, or to develop a town center with the focus on supporting military residents. Mrs. Roberts wanted reassurance that if you have to pay to have a seat, that all those at the table have paid as well. Mr. Martin asked who is currently at the table. Mr. Yost answered that Albemarle, Charlottesville, UVA Research Park, other for profit & not for profit entities are all currently invited to DAC meetings. He assumes an executive board will be developed for those who pay. Mrs. Roberts would like to know how a return on investment would be monitored. Mr. Ledford also asked how the EDA will benefit.
- Mr. Payne requested that Mayor Gary Lowe be invited to the January EDA board meeting to present the final 4th of July community impact statement.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Bill Martin expressed his pleasure regarding the December 2 community activities in Stanardsville. He was very proud of all who contribute to make the day such a huge success, mentioning the Chamber's role as well as the Parade of Lights, Harlem Wizards, Stanardsville Bazaar, American Legion, and the expressions of appreciation he heard regarding the Blue Ridge Heritage Monument.
- One member of the public expressed her appreciation regarding the military discussion as her family is former military.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Economic Development Office Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.