

Lee County
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
May 2, 2024
6:00 p.m.

The Lee County Economic Development Authority met in regular session Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse located in Jonesville, Virginia. Present were Chairman Greg Edwards, Board Members A.J. Hatmaker, Mark Long, Richard Sprinkle, Jr. and Chad Hines, Interim Community Development Director Dane Poe, Community Development Secretary Cathy Wilder, EDA Attorney Rick Callahan, Rick Watson with Powell Valley News and Danielle White. Vice-Chairman Paul Johnson and Secretary/Treasurer Ray Blair were unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Edwards determined that a quorum was present then called the meeting to order.

Approval of EDA Minutes

Chairman Edwards called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2024 meeting.

Mark Long made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2024 meeting. Chad Hines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Approval of EDA Financial Report, Bills & Payments

Richard Sprinkle, Jr. made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of May. A.J. Hatmaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Edwards stated that he needed to attend the interviews for the Economic Development Director that were being held in the conference room and that the Board would need to elect a Temporary Chairman.

Richard Sprinkle, Jr. made a motion to elect Board Member A.J. Hatmaker to serve as Temporary Chairman. Chad Hines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

VaCorp Insurance Renewal Policy

Interim Director Dane Poe stated the insurance has increased by \$935.00, he said that the bulk of the increase was due to the appraisal that VaCorp had done on the England building, which was appraised at \$623,000.00.

Richard Sprinkle, Jr. made a motion to accept the quote for the renewal of the insurance. Chad Hines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MEOC Walkathon

Community Development Secretary Cathy Wilder stated that a flyer from MEOC was included in the revised packets, which is an invitation to the Walkathon.

Interim Director Dane Poe stated that the Board of Supervisors donates \$5,000.00 per year to the Walkathon.

New Business

None

Reports & Recommendations of the Board

Mark Long stated that the job fair at Lee Career & Technical Center had a nice turn-out.

Reports & Recommendations of the Interim Director

COIP Access Road Issues

Interim Director Poe stated that he received an email regarding the letter of support that the board approved at last month's meeting for Real Deal Curb Appeal's VCEDA Seed Capital Grant application. Mr. Poe said that the application was initially not approved, VCEDA did not feel that Real Deal Curb Appeal was eligible under the seed capital grant, then he received a second email that stated they will accept Real Deal Curb Appeal's application for this round of interviews.

Executive Session

Chad Hines made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Section 2.2-3711 A.5 Discussion of Prospective Business. Richard Sprinkle, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chad Hines made a motion to come out of executive session. Mark Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Temporary Chairman Hatmaker polled the board that they only discussed issues pertaining to the entry of executive session. All board members affirmed.

Chad Hines made a motion to adjourn. Richard Sprinkle, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Development Secretary
Cathy Wilder
May 3, 2024