

MINUTES: AMELIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT
10:00 A.M. AT THE AMELIA COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM.

EDA MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROBERT C. SMITH
ROBERT LLEWELLYN
WINSTON VAUGHN
MAUDIE SCOTT

EDA MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTURALLY

CARLY BULLOCK
ELDON DIEFFENBACH

ALSO

PRESENT: A. TAYLOR HARVIE, County Administrator
ASHLEY GUNN, Administrative Assistant

- The September 12, 2023 EDA meeting was called to order by Bob Smith.
 - ❖ The four members present, in person, voted and approved the requests of Eldon and Carly to attend remotely. Eldon from North Carolina and Carly from her office.
- Roll Call was taken by Taylor Harvie.
- Robert Llewellyn offered the invocation.
- Everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

- There was no communication from the citizens.

APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

- The August minutes were approved.
- The August 2023 Treasurer's reports were accepted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker: Stephen Versen, Deputy Director of the Tobacco Commission

-County Administrator introduced Mr. Versen.

-Mr. Versen discussed the future of the Tobacco Commission, funding, grants, and partnerships.

-He gave a brief overview of their annual report and state funding for a business ready site program.

-Mr. Deal and Mr. Versen discussed Amelia's current agriculture and general locality economic situation, what the County would like to see in the future and how different resources could be beneficial.

B. Richardson Road EDA Park

1. Demolition and Abatement

-Brady gave a brief update from Public Works Director about the gate for the Richardson EDA Park. He also gave an update on the demolition and abatement schedule.

2. Appraisal Discussion

-County Administrator stated that there isn't any updated information regarding appraisals. No other bids have been submitted.

3. Deed Restrictions

- Neal Barber

- Discussed his detailed review of the deed restrictions.

-Discussed funding for the planning and development of the site. Stated that last year's application to the Virginia Economic Development's business ready site program application was withdrawn due to not having the title of ownership at the time. Stated the plan to reapply this year and explained the process.

❖ Winston Vaughn made a motion, seconded by Maudie Scott, to apply for the ready sites program through the DEP. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Grants

1. State Budget Discussion

2. GoVirginia

- Mr. Barber discussed alternative funding through GO Virginia, the process, and details of what it would provide.

❖ Robert Llewellyn made a motion, and Winston Vaughn seconded, to apply for the GoVirginia planning grant.

3. VTC Marketing Leverage Program

- Mr. Deal explained the details of the VTC grant and stated that it would be a matching grant. He recommended not moving forward due to funding, the lack of personnel resources, and the current VTC grant the County is working on.
- After the board discussed the details of the grant and Mr. Deal's recommendation, they agreed not to moved forward.

D. Social Media Platform: LinkedIn

-The purpose, implementation, benefits, and subscription options were discussed.

- Robert Llewellyn asked about the total square footage of the old EDA park. The

County Administrator stated that he would have staff look into it. He gave a brief update on the old EDA park and RJ Smith interests.

- ❖ Winston Vaughn made a motion, seconded by Robert Llewellyn to approve creating an EDA LinkedIn Account at \$59.99 a month.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Mr. Harvie stated that everything (LinkedIn Account, RJ Smith report, Signage, and Neal's report) has been discussed.

MOTION TO CONTINUE/ADJOURN

There being no further business, the September 12, 2023 EDA meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST

Minutes Approved October 10, 2023



A. Taylor Harvie, County Administrator



Robert Smith, Chairman