

MINUTES: AMELIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2023 AT 10:00  
A.M. AT THE AMELIA COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

EDA MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROBERT C. SMITH  
WINSTON VAUGHN  
ELDON DIEFFENBACH  
ROBERT LLEWELLYN  
MAUDIE SCOTT

ALSO

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

- The August 8, 2023 EDA meeting was called to order by Bob Smith.
- 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 citizens.

#### **APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- The July 11, 2023 minutes were approved.
- The July 2023 Treasurer's reports were accepted.

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A. Deed Restrictions

- County Administrator discussed the recommendations of the County Attorney. Taylor

discussed the buffers and the ability to buy-back option. The County Administrator stated for the members to come up with any other restrictions the board members would like to add.

- Neal Barber made his recommendations with the Floyd County deed restriction example.
- Community Development stated the zoning restrictions and intent for buffer protects the neighboring community. He recommended not restricting it too much and recommended making subdivision requirements.
- Board members and Director of Community Development discussed adding or removing Floyd County restriction examples for the Richardson rd. site.

B. Staff (Daryl) Recommendations for Site Clean-up

- County Administrator discussed the recommendation of contracting out the service and clarifying the expectations of the EDA for the site. If they wanted to have the abatement done, taking down the building, and just having those spots cleaned or have a nice, cleared area with a nice gravel entrance with a gate on it?
- Board Members discussed opening the doors to non-profit organizations to skim through the items left behind and see if it's anything they want anything.

❖ **Robert Llewelyn made a motion to go through with the abatement, removing the buildings, getting it to where it'll look good and putting in a small gravel area, and began offering it to the public. Winston Vaughn second the motion. 5-0 (two members are absent from the meeting); Motion approved.**

❖ **Eldon Dieffenbach made a motion to allow local non-profit organizations to take a tour as long as they're insured. Winston Vaughn second the motion. 5-0 (two members are absent from the meeting); Motion approved.**

C. Appraisal Update for Richardson Road

- The County Administrator stated that he has not heard anything back from the original appraiser after multiple attempts. He continued to state that he reached out to a local appraiser and received a quote. He recommends reaching out to at least three or more appraisers.

D. Richardson Road Tract Development- Neal Barber

1. Go Virginia Grant Application and Feedback for DHCD
- Neal discussed the requirements of the application and timeline.
  - 2. State Budget-Issues for the site due to lack of a FY24 Budget
  - Neal stated if conferees reach an agreement, VDEP's Business Ready Site Program applications most likely won't be accepted towards the end of the calendar year.
  - 3. Site Signage
  - Neal discussed moving forward with the signage once the property has been cleared. Royal Signs is ready to go once a proof has been provided.

➤ Eldon Dieffenbach presented pictures and information of his new potato chip business.

E. Guests Invites for Future Meetings

1. Stephen Versen- Tobacco Commission

-County Administrator discussed Mr. Versen's career and experience.

2. Cliff Williamson- Agribusiness Council

-County Administrator provided career/experience information on Mr. Williamson.

- Eldon suggested including Anthony Romanello from the Henrico EDA.

- Brady Deal also endorsed Anthony Romanello and described his relationship with him.

-County Administrator suggested inviting Joe Casey from Chesterfield.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Mr. Harvie discussed the closing of HCA swift Creek, and according to the news article they're going to move it 10 miles west 360.
- Maudie Scott Mentioned that a large lot has been cleared along 360 as well for something big.
- Brady Deal discussed a phone call he and Mr. Harvie were a part of with the CRC about forming a Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO).
- Board members discussed the RiverStreet project and CTA tower placements.

**MOTION TO CONTINUE/ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the August 8, 2023 EDA meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST

Minutes Approved September 12, 2023

  
A. Taylor Harvie, County Administrator

  
Robert Smith, Chairman