

Bath County EDA
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March 13, 2019
Meeting Report

Vice-Chair Joe Wood opened its regularly scheduled meeting at Bath County Library Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Tommy Black, John Fischer, Laura Shaver and Joe Wood.

Staff: EDA Attorney Chris Singleton

Guests: Officers of Millboro Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA), and officers and members of Preservation Bath (PB).

Agenda: Wood proposed to modify the agenda by hearing Public Comments first. Black proposed a closed session and Fischer proposed to add additional subjects of (1) 2018 audit report and (2) EDA's representation on the county's Housing Planning Grant Committee. Motion was made by Fischer to approve the agenda previously distributed as modified by all above proposals, seconded by Black and approved by all.

Public Comment: MVFA officers requested EDA to renew their lease of a section of the Industrial Park and also to consider sale of that property to MVFA. PB members asked EDA to consider (1) affording PB an extension of six additional months to publicize the potential availability of the Siloam Baptist Church structure to a new owner for renovation and preservation on site and (2) disclosure by EDA of the acceptable price. During the Comment period, Black emphasized to PB members that (1) the property had been acquired by EDA specifically to provide commercial road access to 30 acres of the Industrial Park which EDA was developing and (2) EDA will soon be putting out bids for road construction. Fischer suggested that any potential new owner should make a purchase offer for the desired section of the property which EDA had purchased for \$23k in total.

Election of Officers: Fischer moved to designate until the April meeting Joe Wood as interim Chair and Pete Minetree as interim Treasurer. Seconded by Black and unanimously approved. Chair Wood welcomed newly-appointed member Laura Shaver to the Authority.

Black moved that the previously distributed minutes of the January meeting be approved, seconded by Wood and approved unanimously.

Legal Counsel Singleton reported that Request for Proposal for demolition will proceed after completion of asbestos inspection report which Wood continues to follow.

Treasurer and Expense Report: Fischer to arrange with the bank for new signatories Wood and Minetree in order to process bills.

Closed Session: Black moved to proceed to closed session in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A3 to discuss purchase/disposition of real property. Seconded by Fischer and unanimously approved.

Chair Wood polled individually members present whether only matters pertaining to Code 2.2-3711A3 were discussed during closed session and each affirmed that.

Black moved pursuant to matters discussed in closed session that PB is to within 90 days from February 13, 2019 to provide a financial commitment to develop the Siloam Church with specific and detailed plans and a timeline to completion of not more than 24 months to 50% completion. Shaver seconded the motion and it was approved by all with Secretary Fischer to so inform Bill Jones of PB and for PB to employ its usual publicizing to find such commitment.


Capital Improvement Committee Report: Black reported a letter from Marty Plecker to EDA regarding excessive noise levels from chipping operations located outside the walls of the Speyside mill. Mr Plecker was requesting EDA to review this with Speyside plant manager McCoy. Fischer moved that Black represent the EDA in meeting with McCoy and Bath's Planning and Zoning Director to review previous Speyside commitments regarding location of operations within walls of the plant.

New Business: Regarding the MVFA proposals during Public Comment, Black moved that EDA Counsel Singleton review status of the lease with MVFA and draft a two-year lease extension if appropriate, seconded by Fischer and unanimously approved. Regarding the VACORP insurance renewal, Black moved that Fischer be appointed to review and complete that renewal, seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously. Regarding EDA's representation on the county's Housing Planning Grant Committee, Black moved EDA continue to consult with Karen Williams, seconded by Shaver and approved by all. Audit report and representation letter to be addressed at the March meeting.

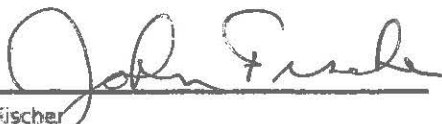
Black made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

John Fischer

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Joe Wood
Chair

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John Fischer
Secretary