

Chair Joe Wood opened its regularly scheduled meeting at Bath County library Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members in attendance:** John Fischer, Ramona Garcia, Pat Haynes, Tom Richardson and Joe Wood.

**Staff:** EDA Attorney Chris Singleton

**Guests:** Mike Bollinger (The Recorder), Marty Plecker and Karen Williams

Previously distributed **Agenda** was approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Marty Plecker presented an audio demonstration of the nuisance noise emanating into some residential areas from one of the Speyside Mill's non-enclosed operations, and brought to the attention of members the County's noise ordinance. He asked whether EDA had in the 2016 proposal stages reviewed the mill's noise impact on county residents and attorney Singleton said he could not recall such a review. Marty commented that there are other mill operations which have successfully reduced noise operations.

### **Discussion on public comment**

Attorney Singleton observed that the existing county noise ordinance is too vague to be enforced. Chair Wood commented that there was nothing further EDA could do more than that already discussed by the various parties' lawyers. Fischer observed that there was a remaining open EDA item on the subject in that EDA had contracted a noise engineer to analyze the mill's sound for possible solutions but that the engineer had not been allowed by Speyside to observe the noise on site.

### **New Business**

Karen Williams updated members on the county's Community Improvement Planning grant from the Virginia Housing Development Authority. Camoin Associates was contracted under the grant to complete a housing study based on interviews with stakeholders and a community meeting (September 25).

Richardson had expressed interest in promoting ideas for new business opportunities and further developing local businesses. He demonstrated the Chamber's efforts at promoting

local businesses through flyers. Fischer moved that Richardson be appointed as EDA's lead to establish and coordinate a Business Innovative Team with the Chamber, seconded by Haynes and approved by all.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** were motioned by Garcia for approval, seconded by Haynes and approved by all.

**Legal Counsel Report:** Attorney Singleton was appointed by Chair Wood to communicate with the signor of the letter of intent to purchase EDA property in order to determine his current intent in view of reported presence of asbestos.

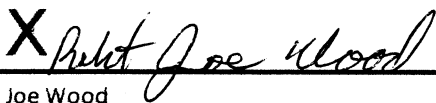
**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Haynes presented bills and cash position and reported receipt from BlueGrass Woods of certificate of insurance. He reported BlueGrass' payment for their responsibility in electrical renovations, as approved by Chair Wood. Fischer moved, seconded by Richardson, that Treasurer's Haynes' report be accepted – unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** Fischer reported disappointment that the Homestead's newly established Culinary Apprenticeship had not yet generated applicants. Garcia volunteered to inquire at Dabney Lancaster Community College's next board meeting about the effect of apprentice programs' terms.


The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fischer, Secretary

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Joe Wood  
Chair

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John Fischer  
Secretary