

Bath County EDA
PO Box 13

Oct 14th & 20th, 2020

Preliminary and Final meeting minutes from the October 14th & 20th, 2020 EDA meetings (to be approved at the November Meeting) Warm Springs, VA 24484
This is the final set of minutes; covering both the October 14th & Oct 20th meetings.

Chair Joe Wood opened its regularly scheduled meeting at the Bath County Courthouse Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 at 6:00 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending(both meetings): D. Hahn, T. Richardson, T. Black, J. Wood, P. Haynes, R. Garcia, & S. Puller

Members absent: none

Staff: EDA Attorney Chris Singleton & County Administrator Ashton Harrison

Guests: Mike Bollinger (The Recorder)

Agenda – The previously distributed **original agenda** was approved (motion by Hahn, 2nded by Haynes-approved unanimously)

Public Comment/Guests: none

Minutes of the previous meeting as previously distributed were approved (motion by Puller, 2nded by Hahn—approved unanimously)

Legal Counsel Report: nothing new to report

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Haynes submitted a written report showing a checkbook balance of \$239,572 as of September 30th, 2020 (motion to approve made by Garcia, 2nded by Puller—approved unanimously)

Old Business:

Secretary Tom Richardson gave an update on the trail clearing project, and an update on the progress of hiring an ACC (Appalachian Conservation Corps) crew to come here for 10 days to clear some of our more ‘dilapidated’ trails—on both US Forest Service and Omni/Homestead trails (and possibly some T.M. Gathright WMA trails, if time allows).

New Business:

Bath County has received another \$160,000 in additional “CARES ACT” funding to provide financial relief to area companies. The EDA has set a goal of distributing the new application to the public by the end of October. This money has to be distributed to local businesses soon, because they need to spend the money by the end of calendar year 2020. The CARES grant subcommittee will meet in the next few days to finalize the scoring matrix and to develop the list of businesses to be recommended for grant funds. This EDA meeting will reconvene on Monday, Oct 20th (6:00pm) for this approval vote

Information Only:

Fill dirt at Speyside: The EDA has asked the Va Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) if it safe to allow Speyside to dump fill material in the industrial park. No particular motion was made or passed.

Speyside turn lane: Speyside is asking VDOT for a turn lane into their entrance, based on an incident where several trucks waiting their turn to enter the Speyside facility were ticketed by Virginia State Police for blocking the highway. Wood said the EDA would allow Speyside to park trucks on the tractor pull track until there is a more permanent resolution.

November EDA meeting: Will be November 12th (Thursday, not Wednesday) due to the Veteran's Day holiday on Wednesday. Motion to approve made by Haynes, 2nded by Hahn-passed unanimously.

At 6:35pm, a motion to temporarily adjourn until the final meeting (motion by Haynes/2nded by Richardson) and was passed unanimously. A continuation of this meeting will be at this same location (Courthouse, 6 pm, October 20, 2020). This is to allow the subcommittee to score grant applications.

October 20th continuation of the October 14th EDA meeting:

Since this meeting was a continuation of the October 14th meeting, no previous minutes were approved nor was a treasurer's report given, we commenced with old and new business (as the continuation of the 10/14/2020 meeting). Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Joe Wood.

Members present: Wood, Haynes, Puller, Hahn, Richardson, Black, Garcia. Absent: none.

Guests: Mike Bollinger, Chris Singleton

Before the discussion & vote on grant recipients, one new piece of new business was handled. Bluegrass Wood has a heater that does not work and needs replacement, which will be ~\$5000. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this expenditure (motion by Black, 2nded by Hahn- passed unanimously).

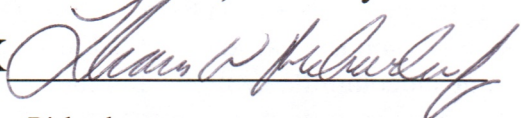
The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss and approve the list of grant money applicants for the 2nd round of CARES funding received by the county. The funding received was \$160,000, and we had \$199,131 in requests from twenty one (21) businesses. We were told that we could indeed approve ALL requests because the Board of Supervisor's would make up the \$39,131 shortfall. The next page of this report shows: a) the list of applicants, b) the date their application was received, c) the scoring values assigned by our subcommittee, d) the total average score (for each applicant), and e) the \$\$\$\$ value requested (and received; all applicants were awarded the dollars they requested). The motion to approve was made by Puller, 2nded by Garcia—passed unanimously.

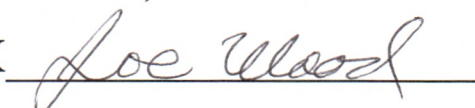
A motion to adjourn was made and approved unanimously (1st: Black, 2nded by Hahn) about 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Richardson, Secretary

Joe Wood, Chairman

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Tom Richardson,
Secretary

Joe Wood
Chairman

next page: screenshot of 2nd round CARES GRANT applicants, and dollars requested (and approved)

Business/Owner	Date Received	Time	Joe W.	Pay H.	Dave H.	Total Ave. Score
The Sparrow's Nest - Heather DeBoe	9/27/2020	9:50 PM	32	29	32	31.0000
Garth Newel - Shawn Puller	9/28/2020	3:38 PM	32	32	30	31.3333
Camp Alkulana - Beth Reddish Wright	9/29/2020	12:20 AM	32	25	27	28.0000
Camp Accovac - Joe Wood	9/29/2020	2:07 PM		32	26	29.0000
Double Rock, LLC - Christopher Skovira	10/1/2020	11:50 AM	30	30	19	26.3333
Bath County Historical Society - Rick Armstrong	10/1/2020	2:30 PM	28	24	31	27.6667
Lindsay Electric - Jack Lindsay	10/2/2020	9:48 AM	28	30	25	27.6667
Duck In - Pat Haynes	10/2/2020	11:17 AM	31		32	31.5000
Laura's Botique - Laura Shaver	10/5/2020	12:25 PM	28	32	30	30.0000
Millboro Springs Garage - Dale Thompson Jr.	10/5/2020	2:00 PM	24	29	29	27.3333
Oak Ridge Station - Lynn Ellen Black	10/6/2020	1:04 PM	29	23	29	27.0000
Stone Mountain Massage - Debra Hunt	10/6/2020	3:45 PM	26	31	26	27.6667
Cucci's - Gisela Roldan	10/6/2020	3:48 PM	33	33	30	32.0000
LCDO - Kyle Krieger	10/7/2020	1:45 PM	32	31	32	31.6667
Vine Cottage Inn - Dave and Tammy Hahn	10/8/2020	10:27 AM	33	31		32.0000
Camp Mount Shenadoah - Ann Warner	10/8/2020	1:15 PM	33	33	31	32.3333
The Inn At Warm Springs - Jarek Mika	10/8/2020	3:13 PM	30	31	31	30.6667
Country Café- Shannon Boguess	10/8/2020	3:36 PM	32	31	27	30.0000
Jack's Trash - Trudy Woodzell	10/8/2020	3:17 PM	27	17	26	23.3333
Jackson River Growers - Conrella Hodges	10/9/2020	3:00 PM	25	25	30	26.6667
Hillcrest Motel - David and Eileen Judah	10/9/2020	3:28 PM	30	29	27	28.6667

Total Requests

CARES ACT Available

Motion 25
Shawn Puller
Remove 2nd
UNAPPROVED