

**Bath County EDA
PO Box 13**

Oct 13th, 2021 Meeting

Meeting minutes from the Oct 13th, 2021 EDA meeting (to be approved at the November Meeting), Bath County Historical Society Building, Warm Springs, VA

Chair Joe Wood opened its regularly scheduled meeting inside the Bath County Historical Society Building Wednesday, Oct 13th, 2021 at 6:03 PM.

Members attending: B. McWilliams, J. Wood, T. Richardson, D. Hahn

Members absent: S. Puller, R. Garcia, P. Haynes (but he sent treasurer's report via email)

Staff attending: EDA Attorney Chris Singleton Staff absent: County Administrator A. Harrison

Guests: Austin Hall ("*The Recorder*"); Chris Botulinski (Chief Ops Officer, BARC)

Pledge of Allegiance: we recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Agenda: The agenda for the evening was approved (motion B. McWilliams, seconded D. Hahn, approved unanimously) **Public Comment: none**

New Business: Mr. Chris Botulinski gave an update of BARC's plans to expand high speed internet in our area. They will be laying about 500 miles of new fiber next year. This (and other details) can be found on their website and in *The Recorder* article in their Oct 21st issue.

Approval of Old Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from both the August and September, 2021 EDA meetings (motion made by D. Hahn, 2nded by B. McWilliams, passed unanimously).

Legal Council: Nothing new to report

Treasurer's Report: no new invoices to approve. Current bank balance is \$239,013 as of 9/30, 2021. (motion to approve treasurer's report made by B. McWilliams, 2nded by D. Hahn, passed unanimously)

Old Business: Some further discussion was held in regard to our September meeting with the Planning Commission and their comments in *The Recorder* about our joint meeting, but no particular motions were made or passed. As a related topic, some members felt there could be better communications between our EDA board and other county entities, particularly in regard to things that may be going on in the county that would be of interest to us; some members feel ill-informed. Again, no motions made.

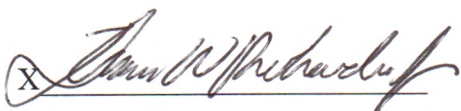
Tourism Report: (none: Ashton was absent)

New Business: Our tenant in the Industrial Park (Blue Grass Woods) requested that we replace several burned out lights in the rented space. Joe got two bids from contractors, and we selected "Electric Tech". Motion to approve this expenditure made by B. McWilliams, 2nd by D. Hahn; passed unanimously. Another item mentioned was to explore the possibility or practicality of converting some land in the Industrial Park into residential use.

Next Meeting: November 10th, 2021; at the regular Historical Society Building location (6:00pm)
A motion to adjourn was made and approved unanimously (1st: D. Hahn, 2nded by T. Richardson; unanimous) a little after 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Richardson, Secretary

Joe Wood, Chairman

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