

Meeting minutes from the February 9th, 2022 EDA meeting (to be approved at the March 9th Meeting), Bath County Historical Society Building, Warm Springs, VA.

Chairman Dave Hahn opened its regularly scheduled meeting inside the Bath County Historical Society Building Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at our new time of 5:00 PM.

Members attending: J. Wood, B. McWilliams, D. Cardwell (new), T. Richardson, D. Hahn
Members absent: P. Haynes; 'pending' member Josh McDaniel was present, but not sworn in yet
Staff attending: EDA Attorney Chris Singleton; County Administrator Ashton Harrison was absent

Guests: Austin Hall ("*The Recorder*"); Josh McDaniel, Wally Robertson, Keez Phillips

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

Public Comment: None

New Member Status Report: We welcomed new EDA member Danny Cardwell; Josh McDaniel has also been selected (and approved) by the Board of Supervisors, but has not been sworn in yet.

Agenda: The agenda for the evening was approved
Motion to approve by B. McWilliams, 2nded by J. Wood; motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Old Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January, 2021 EDA meeting (motion made by J. Wood, 2nded by B. McWilliams, passed unanimously).

Legal Council: In response to a question from the January meeting, EDA Attorney C. Singleton reported that the only requirement is that we hold 'regularly scheduled' EDA meetings that are publicly announced in advance. He was not aware of a specific requirement for 'frequency'.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Haynes had distributed his report previously via email. Current bank balance is \$ 244,163.82 as of 1/31, 2022. (motion to approve treasurer's report made by J. Wood, 2nded by T. Richardson, passed unanimously)

Old Business: Ashton and Dave Hahn are still working to arrange a suitable time and place for a community meeting (on the Millboro side of the mountain, to include Chris Thompson of "Virginia Housing", who came for previous meeting) to look at additional housing options.

Tourism Report: As Ashton Harrison was absent, no verbal tourism report was given—but we had the printed page. But there was a question (and subsequent discussion) about whether or not we (the EDA) could get additional information about economic activity in the county-- activity NOT directly related to the Lodging & Meals tax proceeds. How are OTHER small businesses doing? How do our current numbers compare with 'pre-Covid' years? Can we get fund 15 & fund 16 balances as part of the 'tourism' report? (Tom's note: these balances are indeed available in the month-end reports from the Bath County Treasurer). No particular motions were made of passed; this is just for future consideration.

New Business: agenda item (a) (Grant Writing): Secretary Tom Richardson proposed an 'exploratory' effort that would involve hiring a grant writer to poke around and see if there are grants out there that could benefit our county—much like Alleghany and Highland Counties do on a regular basis. More specifically, approve and allocate \$1,000 for a TBD grant writer to

spend as much as 50 hours (at \$20 per hour) to do this research. IF he or she were to find a useful grant that had a looming (short term) deadline, they would go ahead and apply for it with whatever funds are left from this \$1,000 allotment. You miss 100% of the shots you don't take. After some discussion, it was decided to 'table' this discussion until the next meeting, when it is hoped that Ashton is in attendance.

Agenda item (b) (the Bluegrass Woods building in the Industrial Park): Bluegrass Woods anticipates hiring 4-7 more employees in the near future, and therefore wishes to expand the building. Our discussion centered around the issue of whether (or not) WE wished to expand the building and retain ownership, or should we entertain the idea of selling the building to them and let them drive whatever expansion they deem necessary. The company CEO plans a visit here in April, so we should expect to have meetings with him at that time. No particular motions were made or passed; discussions will continue at future meetings.

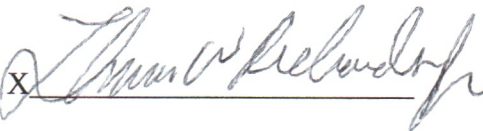

Adjournment & Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm. The next EDA meeting will be Wednesday, March 9th, 2022; at the regular Historical Society Building location (also at 5:00pm).

A motion to adjourn was made and approved unanimously (1st: B. McWilliams, 2nded by P. Haynes; unanimous) at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Richardson, Secretary

Dave Hahn, Chairman

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BATH COUNTY EDA
Wendesday March 9, 2022
Treasurer's Report for February 2022 Financials

2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021 - June 2022) Bank Statements:

Statement End Date	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Debits	End Balance
7/31/2021	\$238,046.00	\$3,024.18	-\$5,950.00	\$235,120.18
8/31/2021	\$235,120.18	\$3,022.56	-\$1,273.74	\$236,869.00
9/30/2021	\$236,869.00	\$3,019.63	-\$875.00	\$239,013.63
10/31/2021	\$239,013.63	\$3,020.41	\$0.00	\$242,034.04
11/30/2021	\$242,034.04	\$3,020.07	-\$50.00	\$245,004.11
12/31/2021	\$245,004.11	\$3,020.90	-\$6,672.34	\$241,352.67
1/31/2022	\$241,352.67	\$2,923.15	-\$112.00	\$244,163.82
2/28/2022	\$244,163.82	\$2,822.48	\$0.00	\$246,986.30

STATEMENT MONTH ACTIVITY
2/1/2022-2/28/2022

DEBITS				
Date	Payee	Description	Check #	Amount
2/10/2022	H & M Electric	211373-1	Bluegrass Paid This \$222.42	\$50.00
Total Debits				\$50.00
DEPOSITS				
Date	Payor	Description		Amount
2/8/2022	Bluegrass Woods Inc.	February Rent		\$2,777.58
2/28/2022	Summit	Less H & M Electric Invoice Interest		\$44.90
Total Deposits				\$2,822.48

CHECKING ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

1/31/2022	\$244,163.82
Deposits Since Statement End Date	\$2,822.48
Checks Since Statement End Date	\$0.00
Bank Balance as of 2/28/2022	\$246,986.30
Check Book Balance as of 2/28/2022	\$246,986.30

Respectively Submitted:

Pat Haynes, Treasurer
3/9/2022