

Bath County EDA Meeting

November 9, 2022

November 27, 2022

Meeting minutes from the November 9, 2022 EDA meeting: to be approved at the December meeting.

Chairman Bruce McWilliams opened the regularly scheduled meeting in the Bath County Historical Society at 5:05 pm.

Members attending: J. Wood, P. Haynes, B. McWilliams, S. Hiner, D. Cardwell, J. McDaniel, E. Ellis

Staff Attending: EDA Attorney Chris Singleton

Guests: Austin Hall (The Recorder) Mike Bender (County Administrator)

Pledge of Allegiance: N/A

Public Comment: None

Agenda: a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Joe Wood and seconded by Danny Cardwell. The vote was unanimous.

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes: EDA Secretary Danny Cardwell presented the October minutes and a motion to approve was made by Stephen Hiner and seconded by Joe Wood. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman's Report: EDA Chair Bruce McWilliams updated the full board on his efforts to track down some civil engineering studies conducted by Draper Aden that can assist the EDA in our pursuit of housing. Chairman McWilliams also gave a report to the board from the latest Visit Bath Inc meeting. He and EDA Treasurer Pat Haynes attended the meeting on behalf of the EDA. The EDA Chair is committed to finding mutual grounds to work on with Visit Bath Inc.

Legal Counsel Report: EDA attorney Chris Singleton didn't have anything to report to the EDA.

Treasurer's Report: EDA treasurer Pat Haynes presented his report detailing the financials. As of 9/30/22 The EDA account had a balance of \$255,885.64. There were two checks written. The first was the donation to the Bath County Historical Society and the second was legal fees to Bath County EDA Lawyer John C. Singleton. There were also to deposits. The October rent for Bluegrass Woods and an interest payment from Summit Community Bank. The board discussed more timely and efficient ways to pay Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates for their audits associated with the Transient Occupancy Tax reimbursement for the Omni Homestead.

Old Business: EDA Vice Chair Stephen Hiner updated the full board about the pending Draper Aden report about the Feasibility of developing the land near the industrial park. Joe Wood offered valuable insight about previous studies.

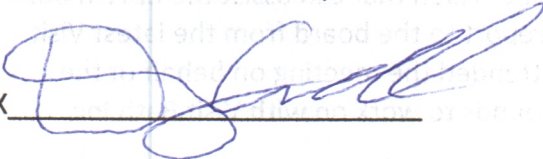
New Business: EDA Chair Bruce McWilliams introduced County Administrator, Mike Bender. Mr. Bender talked about the importance of housing to economic development. He laid out some of his career experience and committed himself to working with the EDA to push forward on housing.

Closed Session: Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711A.3 and A.5: Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Joe Wood made a motion to enter closed session. That motion was seconded by Josh McDaniel. The vote was unanimous. Pat Haynes made a motion to end the closed session that motion was seconded by Josh McDaniel. The vote was unanimous. A board poll was conducted and all members voted affirmative that the discussions were within the scope of the Code of Virginia.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: A motion to adjourn was made at 6:22 pm by Stephen Hiner and seconded by Pat Haynes. The vote was unanimous. The December 14th meeting will be held at 5:00 pm at the Bath County Historical Society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Cardwell, Secretary

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Bruce McWilliams, Chairman

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