

# Orange County, Virginia

## Economic Development Authority

### Meeting Minutes March 10, 2022

A meeting of the Orange County Economic Development Authority was held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Economic Development Office Conference Room located at 109 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia.

Present: Doug Rogers, Bob McConnell, Julie Zeijlmaker and Bill Hager Absent: Jack Rickett, Arthur Bryant, and Sharon Hujik.

Also present: Rose Deal, Director, and Regan McKay, Economic Development Assistant.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Mr. Hager called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and established a quorum of the Economic Development Authority.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Hager reviewed the proposed January 13, 2022 Meeting minutes.

Mr. Rogers made a motion, seconded by Mr. McConnell and carried unanimously, to approve the proposed January 13, 2022 Meeting minutes, as presented.

#### **III. FY22 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Chairman Hager opened the floor to review and discuss the Economic Development proposed FY22 Budget Amendment.

Mr. McConnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously, to approve the proposed FY22 Budget Amendment, as presented.

#### **IV. LOT 30F PURCHASE OFFER**

Mrs. Deal detailed an offer made to purchase Lot 30F from the Economic Development Authority.

Discussion ensued regarding average cost per acre for industrial property, potential future uses for the property, and amount of the offer.

Mr. McConnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously, to table the matter, as presented.

#### **V. AFID INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Deal explained that Piedmont Processing is interested in pursuing an AFID Infrastructure Grant. Mrs. Deal outlined the grant guidelines and detailed the match requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding how the grant is administered, how return on investment is calculated, total match required, timeline of performance period, and uses for the grant funding.

Mr. McConnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously, to have staff collect additional information and bring back for further discussion and consideration at the April 2022, Economic Development Authority meeting.

#### **VI. CONSIDERATION OF LOT 14 TIMBER PROPOSAL**

Mrs. Deal outlined a timber proposal from Glen Morris & Sons Logging, Inc. to timber Lot 14 in the Thomas E. Lee Industrial Park.

Mr. McConnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously, to decline the timber proposal, as presented.

#### **VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The EDA received current unemployment rates and information regarding programs offered at New Pathways for its information.

#### **VIII. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mrs. Deal provided a brief review of new and existing projects being worked on by the department.

#### **IX. CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:19 p.m., Chairman Hager requested the meeting be recessed and immediately reconvene in closed session. Mr. Rogers moved to approve the following resolution and enter into Closed Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Orange County Economic Development Authority desires to discuss in Closed Meeting the following matters (s):

- i. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in expanding its facilities in the community. - §§2.2-3711(A)(5) of the Code of Virginia

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A)(5) of the Code of Virginia, such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Economic Development Authority does hereby authorize discussion of the aforesated matters in Closed Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Zieglmaker and carried unanimously.

#### **X. OPEN MEETING**

At 6:24 p.m., Chairman Hager moved to approve the following resolution to recess Closed Meeting and immediately reconvene in Open Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Authority of Orange County has this day adjourned into Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote, and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Act requires certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Authority of Orange County does hereby certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applies, and ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the said Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by it.

The motion carried with the following votes. Ayes: Rogers, McConnell, Zeijlmaker, and Hager. Nays: None. Absent: Rickett, Hujik, and Bryant.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Hager called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McConnell moved, seconded by Mrs. Zeijlmaker and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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Bill Hager, Chairman

Attest:

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Rose Deal, Secretary