

Economic Development Authority

May 21, 2018 Minutes

Page County Government Center
Board of Supervisors Room
103 S. Court Street, Luray, VA 22835
5:30PM

Members Present: Craig Lancto, Chair
Leslie Currle, Vice Chair
Jay Dedman
Mark Dofflemyer
Greg Foltz
Bart Price
Brooke Newman

Members Absent: Joshua Knight, Romeo Pugliese

Others Present: Liz Lewis Page County ED

Introduction of Members and Guests: Mr. Lancto introduced Ron Alabanza and Bernadette Gagnon with Bluemont Technology and Research, A Desk 4 You and HUBZone Staffing Solutions. Presentation included: Page County HUBZone presence since 2017, company objectives, staff introductions and current projects. It was noted that during employee recruitment, workforce quality in Page County was better than other surrounding zone communities. A collaborative meeting with other Page County HUBZones was also discussed.

Call to Order: Craig Lancto called meeting to order. 5:35pm.

Approval of Agenda: Leslie Currle made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mark Dofflemyer. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Members discussed changes to the minutes and made revisions. A motion was made by Mark Dofflemyer for approval of the minutes as amended by Chairman Lancto and seconded by Jay Dedman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Dofflemyer presented the treasurer's report. Mr. Dedman made a motion that Mr. Dofflemyer write a letter to Mr. Starkey addressing the loan default on behalf of the EDA and was seconded by Mrs. Currle. Motion carried.

Mrs. Currle made a motion to pay all expenses, except for Reed & Reed and was seconded by Greg Foltz. Motion carried.

Old Business: Mr. Dedman recapped the Roundtable Breakfast and stated that they are discussing the possibility of doing it again in the fall. Mr. Lancto stated that he had talked with Mrs. Pettit about an after action report.

Mrs. Currle stated that she did not have an update for the loan program, but is working on the loan application. Mrs. Currle and Mrs. Lewis will get together and draft the application and policies.

Mr. Lancto discussed the lawyer meeting with David Reed. He stated that he and Mr. Dedman met with the lawyer and asked them to send out two letters of agreement to the farmers that have been harvesting on the EDA property.

New Business: Mr. Lancto then discussed bylaws and roles. He suggested that there be a subcommittee, especially for bylaws. Mrs. Lewis suggested making a work session where it can be reviewed and amended.

Page County ED Report: Mrs. Lewis presented a new business resource guide for Page County stating it was a countywide effort that resulted in an informational flyer and pamphlet summarizing the steps of starting a new business in Page County.

Grants and other development ideas were discussed. Sample lead sheets were also shown to the group.

Ms. Lewis also mentioned that she has been working on the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Committee Reports: Mr. Lanto discussed the Industrial Hemp meeting. He stated there was a lot of interest in the crop and had several people that came to him for information. Mrs. Lewis reported that she was looking into crop processing and understanding end use product opportunities and mentioned she was meeting with Delegate Gilbert in reference to the legislation and legality of the crop. Mrs. Lewis has been working with Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Augusta Counties in hopes of collaborating the processing and manufacturing the crop.

Mr. Lancto stated that he discussed the possibility of a heavy machinery repair class with Bobby Clark, the extension agent with Virginia Tech. He stated that Mr. Clark suggested setting up a meeting with other businesses in reference to setting up that class.

Mr. Lancto then stated that he would like a \$250 discretionary limit that he may spend without coming to the board for approval. He stated that they will discuss it further at another time.

Adjourn: Mrs. Currle made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Greg Foltz. Meeting adjourned. 7:20pm

Liz Lewis, Clerk

