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MEETING OF THE POWHATAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELD IN THE POWHATAN VILLAGE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, 3910 OLD BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, JANUARY 13, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

**EDA Members Present:** Sen. John Watkins, Chairman

Dan Jones, Vice-Chairman Tim Benusa, Treasurer

Andrea Weber Bob Gibson Russ Holland, Jr Matt Schiefer

**Staff Members Present:** Bret Schardein, Interim County Administrator

Roxanne Salerno, Economic Development Program

Manager

#### A. Call to Order

Sen. Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all members were present. A quorum was established.

#### **B.** Election of Chairman

**a.** Chairman – Mr. Jones motioned to appoint Mr. Watkins as Chairman. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. MOTION Passed (7/0).

## **C.** Election of Officers

- **a.** Vice-Chair Mr. Benusa motioned to appoint Mr. Jones as Vice-Chair. Mr. Holland seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**
- **b.** Treasurer- Mr. Gibson motioned to appoint Mr. Benusa as Treasurer. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. MOTION Passed (7/0).
- **c. Secretary** Mr. Gibson motioned to appoint Mrs. Salerno as Secretary. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).**

## **D.** Adoption of the By-laws

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The amended by-laws were presented with terms for board members added. Chairman Watkins noted the addition of term years to the by-laws which was inquired about in 2019. The board did not request any additions or deletions. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the 2020 By-laws as presented. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).** 

**E.** Adopt 2020 Meeting Schedule – Mr. Schardein presented the draft 2020 meeting schedule. Mr. Schieffer motioned to approve the 2020 meeting schedule as presented. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. MOTION Passed (7/0).

# F. Meeting Minutes from October 7th & November 18th, 2019-

Mr. Benusa motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Gibson seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed** (7/0).

### G. Treasurer's Report-

Mr. Benusa presented the Board with the Treasurer's report as to the current balances which is \$59,902.60 in the Certificate of Deposit account and \$7,300.48 in the Checking account from the last bank statement.

#### H. Old Business-

# a. Discussion of Beaumont property- update

Mr. Schardein updated the board on the Beaumont property which currently has no further updates since the last meeting. The next steps would be to get the Board of Supervisors input as to whether to continue further action and talk with Department of Corrections. Mr. Watkins asked whether Beaumont was a legislative priority for the Board of Supervisors in which it was on the previous boards list. Mr. Watkins referenced the possibility of an options contract that could be proposed to allow future uses to be considered. This would also need Board of Supervisors approval. Staff needs to meet with DOC staff to continue talking about Beaumont and its uses.

#### I. New Business

a. Economic Development Monthly Report for November & December 2019 – Mr. Schardein presented the November and December report to the board with mention of certain highlights of interest and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Jones asked about the building permit levels and where we are in relation to previous years. Mr Watkins asked about the status of the Classic Granite and Marble project, which Mr. Schardein informed the board that it is in its final stages of reviews. Mr. Watkins asked

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about the apartments at Winterfield II and their water and sewer capacity with the new developments.

# J. Closed Session and Certification- No closed session needed.

# K. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gibson motioned and Mr. Holland seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (7/0).** 

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Sen John Watkins, Chairman

Economic Development Authority

Bret Schardein, Secretary

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