



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF POWHATAN**

January 13th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

**Village Building
Fire and Rescue Conference Room
3910 Old Buckingham Road
Powhatan, Virginia 23139**

MEETING AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Election of Chairman – to be conducted by Secretary

Newly elected Chairman takes office and presides over the remainder of the meeting.

C. Election of Officers

- a. Vice-Chair
- b. Treasurer
- c. Secretary

D. Adoption of By-Laws

E. Adoption of 2020 Meeting Schedule

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F. Minutes

- a. October 7th, 2019 & November 18th, 2019

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G. Treasurer's Report

- a. Monthly Report – (handout)

H. Old Business

- a. Discussion of Beaumont property- update

I. New Business

- a. Economic Development Monthly Reports for November & December

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J. Closed Session & Certification (if needed)

K. Adjournment

Powhatan County
Economic Development Authority
EDA 2020 Schedule

Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 PM unless otherwise noted.

February	10 th
March	9 th
April	13 th
May	11 th
June	8 th
July	13 th
August	10 th
September	14 th
October - *	19 th
November	9 th
December	14 th
January, 2021	11 th

*Meeting is off of regular 2nd Monday schedule.

October 7, 2019

**MEETING OF THE POWHATAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD IN THE POWHATAN VILLAGE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, 3910 OLD
BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 7TH, 2019 AT 6:00
PM**

EDA Members Present: Sen. John Watkins, Chairman
Dan Jones, Vice-Chairman
Tim Benusa, Treasurer
Russ Holland, Jr
Andrea Weber
Bob Gibson
Matt Schiefer

Staff Members Present: Bret Schardein, Assistant County Administrator

Absent:

A. Call to Order

Sen. Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and noted that all members were present. A quorum was established.

B. Meeting Minutes – August 21st, 2019

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

C. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Benusa presented the Board with the Treasurer's report as to the current balances in the checking and certificate of deposit accounts.

D. Old Business

a. Discussion of Beaumont property-

Mr. Schardein updated the Board on the Beaumont property and the continued discussion with the state agencies to acquire the property.

b. VDOT Study on Rt. 60 Discussion-

Mr. Schardein updated the board on the Route 60 VDOT study and the plans to expand to include Route 522 as well. A working group has been formed to include schools and community services was added as well. Mr. Jones inquired about the inclusion of the rest of the county roads as well.

October 7, 2019

c. County Entrance Signage Discussion-

Mr. Schardein updated the board with an idea that Pittsylvania County had in installing their signs by also getting business sponsorships to help pay for the signs and landscaping around it with their business named as sponsor nearby. The board would like to see signs where they would have the biggest impacts such as Rt. 60 and Rt. 711 and asked staff to figure out where the best locations would be as well as mockups of the signs.

d. FBUC update-

Mr. Schardein updated the board that Director of Public Works would be giving a report to the Board of Supervisors in November regarding the status of the agreement with Chesterfield.

E. New Business

a. Economic Development Monthly Report for August & September 2019 – Mr.

Schardein presented both August and September reports to the board with mention of certain highlights of interest and asked if there were any questions.

F. Closed Session and Certification- No closed session needed.

G. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Sen. John Watkins, Chairman Date
Economic Development Authority

Bret Schardein, Secretary Date
Economic Development Authority

November 18, 2019

**MEETING OF THE POWHATAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD IN THE POWHATAN VILLAGE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, 3910 OLD
BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AUGUST 21, 2019 AT 6:00 PM**

EDA Members Present: Sen. John Watkins, Chairman
Tim Benusa, Treasurer
Andrea Weber
Bob Gibson

Staff Members Present: Bret Schardein, Assistant County Administrator

Others Present:

Absent: Dan Jones, Vice-Chairman
Russ Holland, Jr
Matt Schiefer

A. Call to Order

Sen. Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and noted that all members were present with the exception of Matt Schiefer, Dan Jones and Russ Holland. A quorum was established.

B. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Benusa presented the Board with the Treasurer's report as to the current balances in the Certificate of Deposit account and the Checking account from the last bank statement.

C. Old Business

a. Discussion of Beaumont property-

Sen. Watkins updated the board on the meeting at Beaumont with staff and DCR. There was an agreement to provide acreage for the Powhatan State Park although not for Economic Development since there isn't a clear view on how the property would be used for economic development. Mr. Gibson brought up the point of who would pay for the maintenance on the property if there was not a user for the economic development properties yet. The plan is to continue talks with DOC to understand their plans for the property.

b. FBUC update-

Mr. Schardein informed the board that the Board of Supervisors had met and agreed to continue to work on the contract with Chesterfield.

D. New Business

November 18, 2019

- a. **Economic Development Monthly Report for October 2019** – Mr. Schardein presented the October report to the board with mention of certain highlights of interest and asked if there were any questions.
- b. **Coordination with newly elected BoS on ED goals** – Mr. Schardein discussed coordination with the board the new BoS and a joint workshop was decided would be beneficial for priorities and how to work together in the future.

E. Closed Session and Certification- No closed session needed.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gibson motioned and Mr. Benusa seconded the motion. Mr. Benusa, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Weber and Chairman Watkins voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (4/0).**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Sen. John Watkins, Chairman Date
Economic Development Authority

Bret Schardein, Secretary Date
Economic Development Authority



Powhatan County

Economic Development

November Monthly Report

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

- *Capital Chips*, a popular local maker of tortilla chips, relocated to Powhatan in an expanded commercial kitchen on the Independence property
- Business licenses were approved for businesses
 - *Sativa Testing Laboratories, LLC*
 - 13 home occupations
- *Advanced Auto Electronics* opened a location on Route 60
- *Powhatan Dental Assisting* relocated to an expanded space along Route 60
- Huguenot Springs event venue site plan was approved

BUSINESSES VISITED BY STAFF

Village Concepts Realty, Rebkee, Rustic Global, Powhatan Moose Lodge, Wells Fargo, Central VA Gymnastics, In Light Yoga, Southside Electrical Cooperative, Richmond Region Tourism, Capital Chips, Powhatan Dental, Powhatan Garden Club, Classic Granite & Marble and Belmead

UPDATES FROM OCTOBER 2019 MONTHLY REPORT

Construction continues on the following projects:

Crazy Rooster Brewing

Commercial building in Oakbridge consisting of 20,000 SF of leasable spaces

Nice Septic

Eagle Telecom expansion

Marble Exchange phase 2 (permit issued)

Review continues on the following projects:

Marble Exchange Addition site plan

Classic Granite & Marble site plan

Arborscapes site plan

Marble Exchange phase 3 site plan

Lipscomb dentistry rezoning

Canopy Adventure Park opens in Powhatan <https://bit.ly/33PV9GL> <https://bit.ly/2qpFct6>

Non-profit at Independence Golf Club help's veterans <https://bit.ly/2rRNF8S>

Three Crosses Distilling wins numerous Virginia Living Favorite Beverage Makers Awards for the categories of Favorite Moonshine, Rum, Seasonal/Specialty Spirit, Vodka and Whiskey <https://bit.ly/385LtLj>



Three Crosses Distilling featured in the Virginia Bourbon Invitational <https://bit.ly/2ONY2Dq>

Fine Creek Brewing's head chef's recipe featured in Richmond Magazine <https://bit.ly/2qkJHFc>

Checks donated by Curtis family arrive for teachers, programs <https://bit.ly/2LqNyIi>

Powhatan Middle School earns Platinum design award <https://bit.ly/2sDVG11>



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Powhatan Christmas Parade** Saturday December 14th at 2PM <https://www.facebook.com/events/1714523098680643/>
- **Hobby Hill Farm Fresh, Holiday Tea**, December 14 & 21 Seatings at 11 am and 2 pm. Take a break from the hustle and bustle with a variety of teas, savories and sweets. Space is limited, so reserve your spot by going to their Facebook page. <https://bit.ly/2LKC0zH>
- **Powhatan Chamber of Commerce** monthly lunch **Tuesday, December 17th 11:30AM-1:00PM** at the County Seat Restaurant. Non-members welcome, registration details at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2WRCet7>
- **Richmond Symphony** in Powhatan, Sunday, January 26 - 3 pm to 5 pm at Powhatan High School, 1800 Judes Ferry Rd in Powhatan. Tickets are \$25. Proceeds will be donated to the Powhatan Education Foundation. <https://bit.ly/2YIKbBJ>
- **Business Network International (BNI)** Powhatan chapter meets every Wednesday, 8:00AM-9:30AM in the Huguenot Volunteer Fire Department at 1959 Urbine Road. <http://bniva.com/va-central-virginia-bni-on-fire/en-US/index>. To attend a meeting as a guest please contact Chapter President Sandy Duncan at sandy6284@msn.com.



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December 2019 Monthly Report

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

- *Colony Construction Inc.* celebrated their 30 Year Anniversary in their newly constructed 11,000 sq. ft. building in South Creek.
- Business licenses were approved for the following businesses
 - 7 home occupations

BUSINESSES VISITED BY STAFF

New Horizon Bank, Thalhimer Commercial Real Estate.

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POWHATAN IN THE NEWS

Richmond BizSense: What's New South of the James -
<https://richmondmagazine.com/news/news/whats-new-south-of-the-james-winter-2019/>



Richmond BizSense: Editor's Picks: The best of BizSense from 2019 – <https://cutt.ly/YritfzV>

RVA on Tap: Holiday Jams, Brewery Markets & Music Collab Beers - <https://rvamag.com/eatdrink/rvaontap/rva-on-tap-holiday-jams-brewery-markets-music-collab-beers.htm>

Ingredient: Ginger (Fine Creek Brewing Head Chef featured) - <https://richmondmagazine.com/restaurants-in-richmond/ingredient-ginger/>

BizSense 2019 Round Ups mention Independence, Lignum Vitae & Citizen's Bank

<https://richmondbizsense.com/2019/12/26/fore-richmond-golf-news-roundup-for-2019/>

<https://richmondbizsense.com/2019/12/24/editors-picks-the-best-of-bizsense-from-2019/>

<https://richmondbizsense.com/2019/12/23/local-banking-news-recap-2019-the-rise-of-truist-chase-and-atlantic-union/>



Richmond BizSense: Most read stories of 2019 - <https://cutt.ly/8ritgcF>

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- **7th Annual Valentine Gala at The Mill at Fine Creek**- Friday February 7th 6-10:30 PM. Dancing, Dinner and an Auction to benefit the Free Clinic of Powhatan & Habitat for Humanity-Powhatan.
- **2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off at Three Crosses Distilling Co.**—Saturday February 22nd at 12 PM
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