



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF POWHATAN**

March 9th, 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. Minutes

- a. February 10th, 2020**

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C. Treasurer's Report

- a. Monthly Report**

D. Old Business

E. New Business

- a. Economic Development Monthly Reports for February** Pages 4-5
b. Repurpose of Powhatan Middle School – Economic Development Future Uses
(Working Session)

F. Closed Session & Certification (if needed)

G. Adjournment

**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: Dan Jones, Vice-Chairman
Tim Benusa, Treasurer
Andrea Weber
Russ Holland, Jr
Matt Schiefer

Staff Members Present: Roxanne Salerno, Economic Development Program
Manager

Others Present: Bill Cox, Board of Supervisors
Pat Gentry
T.W. Bruno, McGuire Woods
Taylor Brown, Sun Tribe Solar

Absent: Sen. John Watkins, Chairman
Bob Gibson

A. Call to Order

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all members were present with the exception of Chairman Watkins and Mr. Gibson. A quorum was established. Chairman Jones welcomed recognized guests and asked if there was anything the guests would like to say or announce. Pat Gentry introduced himself to the board and made mention of wanting to see more economic development to reduce to the taxes on residents.

B. Meeting Minutes from January 13th, 2020-

Mr. Scheifer motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Weber seconded the motion. Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (5/0).**

C. Treasurer's Report-

No treasurer's report was presented, the February report will be given at the March meeting.

D. Old Business-

a. Updates-

i. State Park Visitors origins

Mrs. Salerno updated the board on the conversation with the state parks manager of how visitor origins was accounted for which is only tracked by the amount of overnight visitors staying at the park. Larger parks have better ability to track those visitors coming in which is something that the park is looking to do.

ii. Building permit levels

Mrs. Salerno presented the board with data from the building official's office in regard to residential and commercial permits from 2018 and 2019 and the growth rates. Commercial buildings for 2019 were discussed in further detail.

iii. Classic Granite and Marble

Mrs. Salerno updated the board with information on the Classic Granite and Marble project to reflect the current status with permits and proffer amendments.

E. New Business

- a. Powhatan Public Schools Solar Agreement Lease Issuance-** Mr. Bruno gave the board a summary of the solar project initiated by the school for installation of solar panels by Sun Tribe Solar on Powhatan schools (Flat Rock Elementary, Powhatan Elementary and Powhatan Middle). Mr. Bruno advised the board of the reason for the bonds being brought before the EDA board for approval due to the solar lease altering the bonds that were brought before the board in November of 2018. Mr. Jones asked that the record reflect that in the future the EDA and Board of Supervisors would be informed up front of leases requiring bond issuance prior to the time of need.

Mrs. Weber motioned to approve Vice-Chairman Jones to sign on behalf of the EDA board for the bond issuance and endorse the project. Mr. Benusa seconded the motion. Mrs. Weber, Mr. Jones, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Holland and Mr. Benusa voted AYE. **MOTION passed (5/0).**

- b. Economic Development Monthly Report for January 2020 –** Mrs. Salerno presented the January report 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, Vice-Chairman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holland motioned and Mr. Scheifer seconded the motion. Mr. Benusa, Mr. Schiefer, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Weber, Mr. Holland voted AYE. **MOTION Passed (5/0).**

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

Dan Jones, Vice-Chairman Date
Economic Development Authority

Roxanne Salerno, Secretary Date
Economic Development Authority



February 2020 Monthly Report

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

- Business Licenses were approved for 33 new businesses (20 home occupations)
 - Contractors- 7
 - Retail- 5
 - Services (Professional & Non-professional)- 21
- Amp Electrical has expanded to a new location at 2150 Carter Gallier Blvd.
- Vino Market has revamped its space to now include wine taps for a better customer experience.



BUSINESSES VISITED BY STAFF

VDACS, Kimley-Horn, Capital Chips, Vino Market, First Impressions, Rapid Manufacturing, VEDP

UPDATES FROM JANUARY 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

Construction continues on the following projects:

Crazy Rooster Brewing

Commercial building in Oakbridge consisting of 10,000 SF of leasable spaces

Eagle Telecom expansion

Review continues on the following projects

Marble Exchange Phase III

Classic Granite & Marble site plan

Arborscapes site plan

Lipscomb dentistry rezoning

POWHATAN IN THE NEWS

Vino Market now has new wine taps after remodel.-

<https://bit.ly/2uP9O9C>

The Mill at Fine Creek featured as a destination wedding experience for nature lovers, history buffs and craft beer fans - <https://bit.ly/39spZbK>

Habitat for Humanity Valentine's Gala gives early gifts to two Powhatan non-profits. - <https://bit.ly/2Tykn98>



Casselmonte Farm in RVA Magazine's article on Growing Research of Virginia Agriculture.

<https://bit.ly/2wicayf>

Dominion Energy gets approvals for largest storage solar battery pilot project in Virginia -

<https://bit.ly/2VEZU5k>

<https://bit.ly/2wnWqti>

Powhatan's Backpacks of Love embraces growth- <https://bit.ly/2PEKsCi>

Powhatan School Adult Education Classes growing- <https://bit.ly/2TdPnMQ>

Three Crosses Distilling Awards-

<https://bit.ly/38hRcMY>

<https://bit.ly/2wlzFpY>



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Powhatan Chamber of Commerce** monthly lunch **Tuesday, March 17th 11:30AM-1:00PM** at the County Seat Restaurant. Non-members welcome, registration details at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2WRCet7>
- **3rd Wild & Weird Festival at Fine Creek Brewing- Saturday April 11th 12-5 PM** celebrating wild and sour beers with guest breweries. <http://finecreekbrewing.com/taproom-events/2020/4/11/wild-amp-weird-festival>.
- **Powhatan's Festival of Fiber- Saturday April 25th 10AM- 5PM** at Powhatan Village. <http://www.powhatansfestivaloffiber.com/>
- **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/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.