

February 10, 2020

**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

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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.

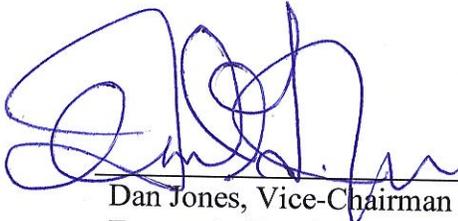
G. Adjournment

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.

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Roxanne Salerno, Secretary
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