

**King and Queen County
Industrial Development Authority/
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
October 2, 2019**

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Authority was held October 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room in the Courts and Administration Building.

Members Present: George Longest, Robert Fraser, Jesse Holmes, Paul Bennett
Staff Present: Ed Miller, Tina Ammons

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Longest opened the meeting at 8:30.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve the May 1, 2019 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Ammons provided the financial reports prior to the meeting. The only comment was to bring attention to the investment accounts that have been set up for the fund allocated for Premier Tech.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **AFID Grant/Premier Tech** – The agreements have been executed and returned to the state along with the request for release of funds. The County is still working with Premier Tech on other projects and are anticipating a visit from some of the company officials soon.
- B. **Opportunity Zone Application/DHCD** – The application has been filed and accepted by DHCD, no decision is expected for several months.
- C. **Fulcrum “Clawback”** – The county has been in contact with representatives at VEDP and with legislators to see if there is a way to have a second extension granted by the MEI Board at the General Assembly level to try to avoid Fulcrum having to pay back the amount that is owed since they did not meet the average salary requirement in the COF agreement.
- D. **Site Characterization Grant** – The state is still looking at the applications, a decision may be made in October.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Governor’s Summit on Rural Prosperity** – Mr. Miller attended this event. The Governor’s listed initiatives were transportation, broadband, health care, work force and tourism development.

- B. Existing Business Visitation**– Mr. Swartzwelder provided a listing of the brick and mortar businesses in the County. It was decided to provide copies to everyone and take up at the next meeting for dividing with the goal of having made visits by the first of next year.
- C. VEDP Tour** – VEDP will be in the region tomorrow with Keith Hodges. There will be a luncheon for all who are able to attend.
- D. MPA/LEDO Conference Call** – These organizations are working on a tourism video that should be done in a couple of weeks. There will also be a ‘Thank You’ event in Richmond on November 8th for VED partners.
- E. EDA Innovation Hub** – Mr. Swartzwelder advised that a selection committee has been created and they are reviewing RFP responses to choose an engineer/architect for the project. Mr. Swartzwelder also advised that the MPPDC has conducted a transportation study and the results show that telecommuting along the Route 33 corridor was definitely something that people would support if available.
- F. VDACS Conference** – Mr. Miller will attend this event next week in Chincoteague.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to a conflict on the regular meeting date for county staff, there was discussion of moving the meeting date. A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Mr. Bennett to move the regular monthly meeting to the first Thursday of each month for the remainder of the year. The next meeting will be November 7th. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Longest asked is staff could look into a drainage issue on Rout 360 next to the secondary entrance of Sutton’s.

Mr. Bennett advised that he is glad that the EDA is starting to reach out to businesses and remarked about a very positive post about the county of Facebook from Tommy Adkins, the owner of the new Dragon Run Brewery that will be opening on Route 33 soon.

Mr. Swartzwelder provided an update on the solar project that is working its way through the zoning process. He also advised that there is a group of VCU graduate students who are conducting a study on Route 33 for the need of a grocery store.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Jesse Holmes, Secretary