

**King and Queen County
Industrial Development Authority/
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
November 7, 2019**

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Authority was held November 7, 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, Plunard Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Longest opened the meeting at 8:40.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Ms. Robinson to approve the October 2, 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 fact that the AFID funds have been received for and disbursed to Premier Tech.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **AFID Grant/Premier Tech** – Mr. Miller advised that the first progress report has been received and is due from Premier Tech by November 17th.
- B. **Opportunity Zone Application/DHCD** – The application has been filed and accepted by DHCD, no decision is expected for several months.
- C. **Premier Tech Visit** – This visit was originally scheduled for late October but was postponed, a new date has not been chosen yet.
- D. **VDACS Conference** – This event was held October 8th on the Eastern Shore. The focus was on the importance of agriculture to economic development and the vital role that new technology is having in this industry.
- E. **Business Visitation Program** – Mr. Miller advised that he has been contacted by the VEDP BRE Program and they would like to be involved in the visitation program that the EDA is working to get started. The suggestion was to work jointly on meeting with key businesses in the County to help existing businesses know what state programs are available. Suggestions for the EDA program included scheduled visits with larger businesses, hosting separate events for small/home businesses and agriculture/timber businesses and have monthly business highlights in local newspapers.
- F. **VEDP/LEDO Familiarization Tour** – This event was held on October 3rd and focused on business investment, communications, workforce and strategic planning.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Innovation Hub Update** – This project is still in negotiations with the business developer. No activity on the County and VDOT funded portion will take place until final decisions are made on that portion of the project.
- B. VEDP Partners Event**– This event will be held on November 18th at the Rappahannock Oyster Company in Richmond. Anyone who would like to attend please let Mr. Miller know.
- C. Legislator of the Year Award** – MPA has submitted Keith Hodges again this year and is asking for letters of support from local EDAs. A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Ms. Robinson authorizing Mr. Miller to submit a letter on behalf of the EDA. Motion was approved unanimously.
- D. VEDP Enhanced Site Characterization Grant** – Mr. Miller advised that both sites that were submitted for King and Queen are still ‘in the running’ for grant award. No decision is expected until after the first of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Longest asked for an update on the VEDP sponsored tour from several months ago as to whether any opinions or findings had been shared.

Ms. Ammons advised that the Board of Supervisors member from the Stevensville District has been notified by her appointee (Jason West) that due to a promotion at work, he is unable to attend the morning meetings. She is requesting that the Authority consider changing to evening meetings in order for him to be able to attend. After discussion, it was decided to not make a change right now but to discuss it again at the annual meeting when setting dates for 2020. It was asked that at the next meeting a copy of the bylaws relating to meeting attendance be provided to address concerns with members who have not attended in some time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Jesse Holmes, Secretary