

**King and Queen County  
Industrial Development Authority/  
Economic Development Authority  
Minutes  
May 1, 2019**

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Authority was held May 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room in the Courts and Administration Building.

Members Present: George Longest, Robert Fraser, Jesse Holmes, Jason West, 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. Holmes to approve the April 3, 2019 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Ammons presented the financial report. She noted that this is the first report that shows the VML/VACO Investment fund that was set up several months ago that holds the matching funds for Premier Tech.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Site Characterization Grant** – Mr. Miller advised that the region has been awarded grants for sites on the Middle Peninsula. He submitted both the Rt. 33 and Rt. 360 properties for site study which is the next step towards the site development grants. If a site development grant gets approved by VEDP he feels it would be most beneficial to use for utility installation.
- B. AFID Grant** – The agreement has been approved by Premier Tech. The County Administrator has requested a change in the language relating to who is responsible for ‘claw back’ of funds if they fail to meet the benchmarks.
- C. Fulcrum Concepts Update** – Ms. Ammons advised that she and the County Administrator met with officials from Fulcrum and advised them of the options available relating to the repayment of COF funds. No decision has been made yet as to how they will proceed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. VADO Meeting** – Mr. Miller is planning to attend this meeting and advised that the focus will be new programs at the state level that are available that are targeted to the forestry industry. There will be several others from the region attending as well. The meeting will be held May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**B. VEDP Site Consultant Visit**– This is planned for May 31st. Mr. Miller and Mr. Longest will be attending on behalf of King and Queen County. Members are invited to attend the events that will be held at the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport.

**C. Solar Project** – Mr. Miller advised that he has been contacted by Patrick Buckley with Open Road Renewables wishing to speak to the EDA regarding the project that is currently proposed in the Shacklefords area of the County. This is set for the June meeting.

In a relation to this request Donna Sprouse, Assistant Zoning Administrator was present to provide a background on the project based on the application that has been submitted to the County for approval. One of the things that the Planning Commission must consider as part of the project is a determination of compliance with the count Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Sprouse answered authority member questions regarding the scope of the project and its economic impact to the community.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Mr. Holmes that the position of the EDA was “to oppose the development of the project within the economic development corridor as defined in the King and Queen County Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March 2019.” The motion further directed staff along with Chairman Longest to prepare a letter to be sent to the Planning Commission stating this position. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

No further business was brought forth.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Jesse Holmes, Secretary