

**King and Queen County
Industrial Development Authority/
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
February 6, 2020**

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Authority was held February 6, 2020 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, Plunard Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Longest opened the meeting at 8:40.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Mr. Bennett to keep the same slate of officers as 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

SETTING OF MEETING DATES FOR 2020

There was brief discussion relating to the request from a Board of Supervisors member to change the meeting time in order to accommodate the appointee from their district. A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Mr. Holmes to set the first Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. as the date and time for meetings for 2020. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Fraser to approve the November 7, 2019 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Ammons provided the financial reports prior to the meeting. Chairman Longest advised that he has given the annual rent for the Canterbury property to Ms. Ammons and it will be reflected in the next financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Solar Power Project** – Mr. Miller advised that he has received a request from Patrick Buckley with Walnut Solar. Mr. Buckley has asked to make a presentation to the authority at their next meeting. In addition, Mr. Swartzwelder provided an update on the status of the project and information relating to changes that may be made by the General Assembly relating to solar projects.
- B. **Legislator of the Year Award** – Mr. Miller advised that Keith Hodges was not selected for this award.
- C. **AFID Progress Report** – Mr. Miller advised that the state is waiting on the first status report. He has been in touch with Premier officials to confirm that they have received and are working to provide the report.
- D. **Opportunity Zone Planning Grant** – Mr. Miller advised that he will be meeting with the grant folks next week along with Mr. Swartzwelder and Donna Sprouse.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Offshore Wind Projects** – Liz Povar with MPA has sent out a request for all Middle Peninsula counties to submit any locations that would qualify for this type of projects. King and Queen has none to report.
- B. Business Visitation Questions**– Mr. Miller provided a list of sample questions to be used in the new visitation program. There was discussion and agreement that this was a good starting point and could be added to or not used depending on the business.
- C. Go Virginia Funding Request for Telework/Business Incubator Center** – Mr. Miller advised that he had submitted a letter on behalf of the EDA in support of the county application for this funding. It was also brought up that a letter had been drafted by Liz Povar and signed by Chairman of the MPA that was submitted also but the County has requested that letter to be pulled from the application.
A motion was made by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Ms. Robinson authorizing the Chairman to address the authority’s concerns over the content of the letter from MPA to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Motion was approved unanimously.
- D. VEDP “Right to Work” Issue** – There was general discussion relating to the negative economic development impact for the state if the General Assembly passes the current bills changing the state’s “right to work” status.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Swartzwelder provided an update on the following economic development related items:

- Possible location of Dollar General on Route 360
- Fulcrum Concepts/Phase II
- Dragon Run Brewery/Food Truck Ordinance
- New Stormwater Regulations
- County Broadband Project
- Telework Center

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Jesse Holmes, Secretary