

**King and Queen County
Economic Development Authority
Minutes
December 12, 2024**

A regular meeting of the King and Queen County Economic Development Authority was held December 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of the King and Queen County Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, VA 23085.

Members Present: George Longest, Jesse Holmes, Melinda Coleman, Joseph McGuire

Staff Present: Vivian Seay, Tina Ammons, Kelly Evko, Erin Lazar

Call To Order

Chairman Longest called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jesse Holmes and seconded by Joseph McGuire to approve the September 5, 2024, October 17, 2024 and November 7, 2024 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizens Comments

No comments were received.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Ammons provided copies of the monthly financial report for the month of Novmeber and asked for any questions regarding the report.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Longest noted that the minutes reflect that the EDA has quite a lot going on. There are projects moving along and meaningful discussion at each meeting. He reminded members that the things going on now have been in the works for many years and the planning being done now is for the next generations.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Old Business

- a. Timmons Site Study – Ms. Evko stated that she and Chairman Longest attended the Board meeting and requested funds for the next phase of this project and the Board agreed to do so. She has been working with Timmons to get a formal schedule and

timeline of the project. She will also reach out to VEDP to get their input and be part of the discussion moving forward.

New Business

- a. BOS Retreat – Ms Evko noted that economic development was a top priority at the Board retreat. The other top priorities were education and public safety. The Board also chose a Vision Statement “Rural and Great”, a Mission Statement “To provide high quality services and to adopt rules, regulations, and ordinances that preserved, promoted and improved a valued way of life” and core values of “customer service, integrity, fiscal responsibility, sustainability and resiliency, character and accountability.
- b. January dinner meeting with the Board of Supervisors – It was suggested to have this meeting at the Board’s January work session meeting.
- c. Business Appreciation Events – Ms. Evko advised that she and Erin Lazar are working on details for these events. The first will be held at Hub33 on February 6th and the second will be held on February 20th at the library.
- d. Local Government Updates
 - a. Board of Supervisors – Vivian Seay advised that the Board will hold public hearings on a rezoning and the Comprehensive Plan update at their January meeting.
 - b. Planning Commission – The Planning Commission is considering a rezoning request for an aquaculture operation as well as other Zoning Ordinance updates. The updates include changes to the permitted uses table and the addition of language related to data centers.
 - c. Community Programming – Erin Lazar advised that the Board has received a VACO Technology Initiative Award for the Fiber to the Home project. It will be presented at their December meeting. She visited Beave Dam Farm for the first business spotlight. She is working with Consociate Media on signage and AV equipment. The library currently has just over 5,000 books in the collection, which was started when the county opened the library a year ago. The VA250 committee is working on a regional lecture series and quilt. The Drive + grant is coming along, there will be a stakeholders meeting soon.
 - d. King and Queen Schools – No one was present from the school division.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. to the next meeting on January 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., King and Queen County Administration Building, 242 Allen’s Circle, King and Queen Court House, VA 23085.

Jesse Holmes, Secretary