

MINUTES
Board Meeting
December 17, 2015

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Boggess, Wayne Bowers, Thomas Gates, Christopher Lawrence, Jill Loope, Christopher Morrill, Melinda Payne, Brent Robertson, Gary Woodson (8)
- ALTERNATES PRESENT:** David Moorman, Rob Ledger
- GOVERNMENTS:** Botetourt County, Franklin County, City of Roanoke, City of Salem, Roanoke County, Town of Vinton (6)
- GUESTS:** Laura Carini, Legal Counsel
- Staff:** Doughty, Hull, Link

Chairman Morrill called the meeting to order. Link read the roll call and established a quorum was present.

A motion by Lawrence to accept the Minutes from the September 17, 2015 meeting was seconded by Gates and approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: A motion by Burnette to nominate Christopher Morrill as chair, Tom Gates as vice chair, and Brent Robertson as secretary/treasurer was seconded by Loope and approved unanimously.

GRANT UPDATE: Hull reported that a DHCD Grant to develop financial and administrative models necessary to acquire and develop land jointly was submitted on July 30, 2015; while a decision was expected in December the decision is still in the hands of the Governor. It is more likely that it will be January before grants are awarded. Hull noted that we are prepared to move forward if the funding is awarded.

GO VIRGINIA: Doughty reported she has been researching potential funding sources and has identified a few with potential.

1. Go Virginia – awards three to five year grants on a competitive basis both from within the region and statewide.
2. Legislation that could provide revenue to the Authority include legislation to give personal income taxes from a located project back to the Authority for up to six years.
3. Bond money could be used to create a state fund for grants for use in site development.


Because we are ahead of others with a regional authority already in place, we may be in a good position for grants. It was suggested that we talk to the NRV Authority about a merger .

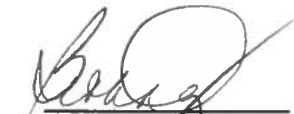
CLOSED SESSION – A communication from Thomas Gates, vice chairman of the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (WVRIFA) requesting that the Authority convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the potential acquisition of privately-owned property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950) as amended. A motion by Bowers, to go into closed session per the request was seconded by Lawrence and was certified.

With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded Morrill moved that each member of the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Authority certify to the best of his or her knowledge that: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia freedom of Information Act; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in any motion by which any Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority. A motion to certify the closed session made by Lawrence was seconded by Boggess and passed unanimously.

A motion by Lawrence to go back into open session was seconded by Gates and passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary


Attest

The next meeting of the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority is scheduled for Thursday, January 21 at 10:30 A.M.