

WESTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY

MINUTES Board Meeting June 18, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Boggess, Wayne Bowers, Jay Brenchick, Kathleen Guzi, Rick Huff, Jill Loope, Christopher Morrill, Melinda Payne, Gary Woodson (9)

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Rob Ledger, Dan O'Donnell (2)

GOVERNMENTS: Botetourt County, Franklin County, City of Roanoke, City of Salem, Roanoke County, Town of Vinton (6)

Staff: Doughty, Hull, Link, Miller

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

A motion by Guzi to accept the corrected Minutes from the April 16th, 2015 meeting was seconded by Morrill and approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS: A motion by Bowers to elect Chris Morrill as chair to fill the unexpired term of Rick Huff, was seconded by Guzi and was passed unanimously. A motion by Morrill to elect Tom Gates as vice chair to fill the unexpired term of Morrill was seconded by Guzi and was passed unanimously.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES: John Hull provided a brief overview of some grants available and applicability for WVRIFA. Building Collaborative Communities through VA DHCD is applicable and the DHCD staff has encouraged application. Total funding is limited to \$25,000. After some discussion Jill Loope requested that the discussion be tabled until later in the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – A communication from Chris Morrill, 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 Guzi, to go into closed session per the request was seconded by Morrill and was certified.

With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded Rick Huff 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 go back in to open session by Boggess was seconded by Guzi and passed unanimously.

Morrill motioned to support the DHCD grant application for funding to create a general participation funding scenario which addresses legal and financial issues and best practices that is not site specific but can be changed before the end of the process to be site specific. Boggess seconded and the motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that the Roanoke Regional Partnership will be the grant applicant.

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, July 16th at 10:30 A.M.