

WESTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY

PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
Wood Haven Road Project

MINUTES

The August meeting of the WVRIFA Participation Committee for the Wood Haven Road Project was held on Friday, August 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission office (Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke VA.

NOTE: *The August 18, 2023 Meetings of the WVRIFA Board of Directors and the WVRIFA Participation Committee were held simultaneously (jointly) since several items on both agendas were the same*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Cowell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Cowell welcomed those in attendance and asked Virginia Mullen to call the roll. Ms. Mullen noted that a quorum was established.

Participation Committee Members Present: James Taliaferro, City of Salem; Bob Cowell, City of Roanoke; and Doug Blount (sitting in for Richard Caywood), Roanoke County.
Editorial Note: Mr. Caywood attended part of the meeting, he joined late.

Staff Present: John Hull, WVRIFA Director; Matt Miller, Roanoke Regional Partnership; Sam Darby, WVRIFA Counsel; Virginia Mullen, WVRIFA Finance/Administrative Staff.

Others Present: Gary Larrowe, Botetourt County; Ken McFadyen, Botetourt County; Michael Burnette, Franklin County; Megan Baker, Roanoke County; Herbert Berdin, City of Roanoke; Marc Nelson; City of Roanoke; Rob Light, City of Salem; Richard "Pete" Peters, Town of Vinton.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS


The following consent agenda items were distributed earlier: (A) August 18, 2023 WVRIFA Participation Committee Agenda, (B) May 19, 2023 WVRIFA Participation Committee Minutes, (C) Financial Reports Ending June 30, 2023 and (D) Audit Engagement Letter.

Motion: by Doug Blount to approve the consent agenda items (A), (B), (C) and (D) as presented. The motion was seconded by James Taliaferro.

WVRIFA Participation Committee Action: Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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There were no comments.

5. PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Hull reported that the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) has authorized an informal amendment to the Virginia Business Ready Site Program grant that is going to allow a slightly different approach regarding the acquisition of real estate.

Mr. Hull noted that the Roanoke Regional Partnership has submitted the Wood Haven Technology Park eleven times this year to VEDP for projects. Most projects are manufacturing related, several of them are still active. Investments range from \$45 million to \$1.5 billion. The site's utility capacities are suitable. There has been a significant interest in the property.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

7. REQUEST FOR CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by James Taliaferro that the Committee convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the potential disposition of publicly held real 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. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The motion was seconded by Doug Blount. The motion carried. The WVRIFA Participation Committee went into a Closed Meeting at 10:09 a.m.

8. END OF CLOSED MEETING, RECONVENE REGULAR PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion was made by James Taliaferro and seconded by Doug Blount that the WVRIFA Participation Committee end the Closed Meeting and return to its regular committee meeting. The motion carried. The WVRIFA Participation Committee ended the Closed Meeting and returned to its regular committee meeting at 10:52 a.m.

9. ADOPTION OF CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION OF CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by James Taliaferro and seconded by Doug Blount to adopt the following certification resolution:

WHEREAS, the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority Participation Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority Participation

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Committee that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority Participation Committee hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority Participation Committee.

The motion was adopted by a Roll Call vote of 3 to 0 as follows:

Member & Vote

Bob Cowell – Yes

Doug Blount – Yes

James Taliaferro – Yes

10. ACTION BY THE PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED MEETING

There was no action by the Participation Committee as a result of the closed meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF THE WVRIFA PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

The WVRIFA Participation Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Virginia Mullen, Recording Secretary
WVRIFA Participation Committee

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