

MINUTES

The January meeting of the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (WVRIFA) Board was held on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission office (Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke VA.

***NOTE:** The January 19, 2024 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 Larrowe called the WVRIFA Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Larrowe asked Virginia Mullen to call the roll of the WVRIFA Board. Ms. Mullen reported that a quorum was established.

Board Members Present: Gary Larrowe, Botetourt County; Ken McFadyen, Botetourt County; Megan Baker, Roanoke County; Bob Cowell, City of Roanoke; Thomas Miller, City of Salem; Rob Light, City of Salem; Cody Sexton, Town of Vinton, Richard "Pete" Peters, Town of Vinton.

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

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following consent agenda items were distributed earlier: (A) January 19, 2024 WVRIFA Board Agenda, (B) December 15, 2023 WVRIFA Board Minutes and (C) Financial Reports, Ending December 31, 2023.

Motion: by Bob Cowell to approve the consent agenda items (A), (B) and (C), as presented. The motion was seconded by Cody Sexton.

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WVRIFA Board Action: Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

5. PROJECT UPDATES

John Hull reported that the application for Business Ready Sites program was submitted. Next step is a virtual presentation to VEDP. Staff are currently arranging a date for the presentation.

John Hull updated that Prologis continues to investigate the site's electrical infrastructure with Appalachian Power so they can present that information accurately with their customers.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

7. REQUEST FOR CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Rob Light that the Board convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss:

- a) the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A. 3. of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
- b) the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the Authority would be adversely affected, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711. A. 6. of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended.

The motion was seconded by Megan Baker. The motion carried. The WVRIFA Board went into a Closed Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

8. END OF CLOSED MEETING, RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Megan Baker and seconded by Rob Light that the WVRIFA Board end the Closed Meeting and return to its regular committee meeting. The motion carried. The WVRIFA Board ended the Closed Meeting and returned to its regular committee meeting at 2:51 p.m.

9. ADOPTION OF CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION OF CLOSED MEETING

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Motion was made by Rob Light and seconded by Megan Baker to adopt the following certification resolution:

WHEREAS, the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority 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 that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority 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.

The motion was adopted by a Roll Call vote of 8 to 0 as follows:

Member & Vote

Gary Larrowe - Yes
Ken McFadyen – Yes
Megan Baker – Yes
Bob Cowell – Yes
Thomas Miller – Yes
Rob Light – Yes
Cody Sexton – Yes
Richard "Pete" Peters – Yes

10. ACTION BY THE BOARD AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED MEETING

There was no action by the WVRIFA Board as a result of the closed meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF THE WVRIFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The WVRIFA Board of Directors' meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.


Richard Gaywood, Secretary
WVRIFA Board of Directors


Attest

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