

Economic Development Authority of Patrick County

Meeting of March 17, 2008

Present: Glenn Roycroft, Chairperson; Gail Harding, Vice Chairperson; Terry Dalton; Felecia Shelor; Steve Swartz; and Noel Wood

Also Present: Tom Rose, Economic Development Director; Wilma Pendleton, Administrative Assistant; Jimmy McHone; Nancy Lindsey, Eric Monday and Karl Weiss

Absent: Carolyn Beale; Dale Puckett

A meeting of the Economic Development Authority of Patrick County was held on Monday March 17, 2008, at 7:00 PM in the Second Floor conference room of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building.

Mr. Roycroft called the meeting to order. The agenda was presented for approval. On motion by Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Wood and carried the board approved the agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Noel Wood, Gale Harding, Felecia Shelor and Steve Swartz

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: Terry Dalton

The minutes of February 19, 2008 regular meeting were presented for approval. On motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried the board approved the minutes.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Steve Swartz, and Noel Wood

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: Terry Dalton, Gail Harding, and Felecia Shelor

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Mr. Swartz and seconded by Mr. Wood and carried unanimously, the meeting was called into Executive Session under the appropriate codes of Virginia to discuss legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; prospective business matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(5), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]. On motion by Ms. Harding and seconded by Mr. Dalton, and carried the meeting was reconvened by the appropriate codes. A roll call vote was taken with unanimous vote that only the items listed above were discussed during Executive Session.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Gail Harding, Felecia Shelor, Noel Wood and Terry Dalton

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: Steve Swartz (out of room)

FINANCE REPORT (BILLS):

Mr. Rose presented the EDA finance reports for January billings. (Finance report is available). On motion by Mr. Swartz, seconded by Ms. Harding and carried the board approved to pay the bills.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Terry Dalton, Gail Harding, Felecia Shelor and Steve Swartz
Voting Nay: N/A
Abstaining: Noel Wood

OFFICE UPDATES:

EDA BUDGET

Mr. Rose presented the 2008-2009 Budget for approval. The Board approved the budget by acclamation.

MEETING SCHEDULE

A yearly schedule of the meetings was given to each member of the board with dates and time for each meeting.

COUNTY PROPERTY

Mr. Rose presented the board with the list of county owned properties that had previously been requested by the board. Suggestions were made for color coding.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Rose informed the board that he had finished the strategic plan proposal to be reviewed with Joan Hullett from West Piedmont Planning Commission and it would be submitted to the BOS on March 31, 2008 for approval. A copy of the plan will be distributed to the EDA members.

ENTREPRISE ZONE MAPPING

Mr. Rose presented the board with a map of the enterprise zone. He stated that the finished project would be color coded. He informed the board that there would be a public hearing for the enterprise zone mapping on April 8, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Board room on the 3rd floor of the Veteran's Memorial Building. Mr. Rose will check to make sure that there are no zoning deadline dates. The Enterprise will put the map in the paper as news, so it will not cost the EDA to have it published. David Rakes will be making a color coded map.

OTHER BUSINESS:

LIAISON MEMBERS

Mr. Rose presented the members with a list of Chamber members which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors so they can appoint a replacement for Carolyn Beale who had served as Chamber liaison for the EDA. Carolyn will be presented with a plaque for serving as Chamber liaison.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mr. Rose informed the board that the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, Patrick County had approached him regarding the use of a plot of ground for a Patrick County Community Garden behind the old skate park site. The purpose of the community garden will be to grow food to be donated to the food bank and distributed to help address the issue of hunger in Patrick County. Not only will it improve nutrition of residents, it will also teach life-long skills.

On motion by Mr. Swartz, seconded by Ms. Shelor and carried, the board approved for an agreement to be created and signed between the Extension Office of Patrick County and the EDA for the use of the plot of land behind the old skateboard park for a community garden to benefit residents of Patrick County through the food bank. It will be gardened, maintained, harvested, and distributed by the Extension Office of Patrick County. It will be leased from the county for \$1 per year on a year by year basis. The county will be resolved of all liability regarding the community garden, and a right of way for the county and EDA will be maintained at all times.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Gail Harding, Felecia Shelor, Terry Dalton, Noel Wood,
and Steve Swartz

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstained: N/A

BLUE RIDGE HERITAGE

Ms. Shelor requested that Blue Ridge Heritage Inc. be put on the monthly agenda because it is one of the most important things that could happen for the Meadows of Dan area. Mr. Swartz updated the board with a brief overview concerning Blue Ridge Heritage. The consulting team is made up of Virginia Tech and Clemson professors. It is a two year feasibility study costing a quarter of a million dollars to analyze what the traveling public wants to see and what they are willing to spend their money on. Once the study is completed a recommendation will be made as to what the people are willing to travel to see. The feasibility study will determine what shops, restaurants, hotels, etc. will be needed. After the study is completed the acreage will be decided and then grants will be applied for. Ms. Shelor has been invited to attend the upcoming board meeting; however, she will be out of town. Mr. Rose is scheduled to attend the March 19, 2008 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried unanimously, the meeting was called into Executive Session under the appropriate codes of Virginia to discuss legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; prospective business matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(5), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]; and personnel matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended]. On motion by Ms. Harding and seconded by Ms. Shelor, and carried unanimously the meeting was reconvened by the appropriate codes. A roll call vote was taken with unanimous vote that only the items listed above were discussed during Executive Session.

Being no further business to discuss, on motion by Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Dalton, and carried the meeting was adjourned.

Voting Aye: Glenn Roycroft, Gail Harding, Felecia Shelor, Terry Dalton, Noel Wood,
and Steve Swartz

Voting Nay: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Chairperson

Date

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2008