

**Morgan County Economic Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
March 28, 2023
Morgan County EDA Office**

MINUTES

Members Present: Stefanie Allemong, Ed Asher, Terri Beard, Sean Forney, Mark Garfinkel, Mark Harrell, Larry Ombs, Brandy Steele, and Susan Webster

Members Absent: Ryan Rebant and Kristen Tuttle

Also Present: Lyn Goodwin, EDA executive director

Guests Present: Jim Linsenmeyer, West Virginia Department of Economic Development

Call-to-Order

Larry Ombs called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Quorum present.

Minutes

Terri Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Garfinkel, and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sean Forney made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and expenditures for February 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Terri Beard, and the motion was approved.

EDA Projects/Business

522 Business Park Prospect – David, Angela, and John Stohl continue to investigate what the costs would be to locate their business, Whiskey Throttle Garage, on Lot 12 in the 522 Business Park. They are also looking at a building in Virginia. Due to a boundary adjustment which was made between Lots 11 and 12 several years after the 522 Business Park was developed and water and sewer lines were installed, it has been determined that the water and sewer lines would need to be extended to reach the adjusted boundary of Lot 12. Terri Beard made a motion to have the EDA executive director obtain cost estimates for extending water and sewer lines to the Lot 12 boundary. The motion was seconded by Brandy Steele, and the motion was approved.

Paw Paw Industrial Park Prospect – The Town of Paw Paw has requested use of space at the Paw Paw Industrial Park for a 48' x 30' maintenance building. EDA executive director will continue discussions with Paw Paw officials about a portion of Lot 8 as a possible location for the maintenance building.

A prospect has expressed interest in the Paw Paw Industrial Park for a metal fabrication facility.

Update on Lot 8 in Paw Paw Industrial Park – The EDA's insurance claim to recoup expenses to correct the streambank problem along Lot 8 in the Paw Paw Industrial Park remains under review. Costs associated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit application and development of the streambank stabilization plan have been denied, and the expenses related to the streambank recovery and hydroseeding are being reviewed again.

Discussion/Approval of New EDA Logo – EDA board members reviewed the revised, draft EDA logos and suggested that “West Virginia” or “WV” be added to the logo.

Discussion/Action Regarding MARC Brunswick Line Expansion Study - The Maryland Department of Transportation is seeking feedback on its MARC Brunswick Line Expansion Study Report which outlines four options to extend commuter train service into Western Maryland, including one to Hancock/Cumberland. Sean Forney made a motion to have the EDA executive director send a letter of support from the EDA for the option to extend the commuter train service to Hancock/Cumberland. The motion was seconded by Stefanie Allemong, and the motion was approved.

Prospects Update – Lyn Goodwin gave a report on recent prospect activity and an update on current projects.

Director’s Report

Lyn Goodwin noted her Director’s Report was included in the meeting packet. She mentioned the following items from the report:

- The EDA proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, which was approved at the last meeting, was submitted to the Morgan County Commission and approved by the County Commission as presented.
- Business retention/expansion visits were conducted with Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, Capstone Spirits, and Washington Homeopathic Products.

Next Meeting

The next EDA Board Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2023.

Announcements/Public Comment

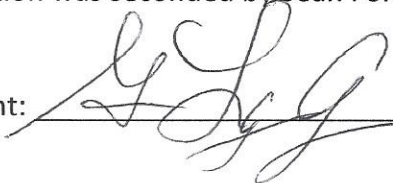
- Terri Beard reported the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has scheduled a public hearing on the three RV campground proposals submitted for Cacapon State Park for April 18 from 5-8 p.m. at the state park.
- Sean Forney noted the West Virginia Department of Motors Vehicles (DMV) office now under construction is slated to be completed by July 1.
- Stefanie Allemong reported a site plan for a Rutter’s across from the new DMV building has been submitted to the Morgan County Planning Commission.
- Stefanie Allemong reported a site plan for a Family Dollar store at the former English Muffin location along U.S. 522 has also been submitted to the Planning Commission.
- Susan Webster noted several Morgan County residents have moved/or are planning to move to Westminster Canterbury, an upscale retirement community in Winchester. She suggested the EDA explore the site criteria used for selecting locations for such developments to determine if Morgan County would qualify.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Terri Beard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Sean Forney, and the motion was approved.

Attest

President:



Secretary:

