



Grayson County Economic Development Authority

P. O. Box 217; Independence, VA 24348

January 16, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Christopher J. Butler
Todd Cannaday
Jason Baumgardner
Jonathan Warren
Elizabeth Hash
Darin Young

Staff Present

Stephen A. Boyer
Nikki Edwards
Lyndsie Young
Tracy Cornett
Deb Jones

Members Absent

Justine Jackson-Ricketts
Gary Rascoe

Staff Absent

Mitchell L. Smith

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Boyer opened the meeting and determined a quorum is present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chair – Mr. Cannaday nominated Mr. Butler; duly seconded by Mrs. Hash. Nomination carried.
- Vice – Mr. Warren nominated Mr. Cannaday; duly seconded by Mr. Butler. Nomination carried.
- Secretary – Consensus is to leave this open

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Mr. Warren made the motion to approve; duly seconded by Mrs. Hash. Motion carried with all in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Discussion took place regarding the financials and regarding Mt. Rogers Heritage. Consensus of the authority is to not approve financials. The Authority would like a complete itemization of the Mt. Rogers Heritage project that was completed March 21, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

- Angela Biram – Sip & Taste – Mr. butler recited the motion from last months meeting – County has not received information from County Attorney – once the information has been received, there will be an agreement to sign - \$30,000 grant is due to start up restaurant and large deductible – will go off of prices paid so a list of items will be needed - once information is received, Mr. Boyer will contact

Ms. Biram for her to sign - \$20,000 must be taken all at once. The Building Official has mentioned not opening both sides of the restaurant at the same time.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

PRESENTATIONS

- None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

- ARS – Mr. Butler noted that he would like the ARS to be a big part of the EDA in the future – Mr. Cannaday suggest a house where we could get them in quickly – Ms. Jones will compile a list of properties still for sale – tax default discussed – no mobile homes or multi-residential.
- Child Care Task Force – Ms. Jones noted that she is working with the Grayson County Child Care Task Force and Crystal Rasnick – child care is not an easy fix – if it can't be done, County will walk away – training for the “mom & pops” daycare would still be provided.

Mr. Warren left the meeting at 4:46pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

ADJOURN

- Mrs. Hash made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Mr. Cannaday.
Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th at 4pm.