



**Surry County Economic Development Authority
of Surry County Virginia**

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 27, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
Physical Address: 203 Church Street
Surry, Virginia 23883

MEETING CONVENED

A meeting of the Surry County Economic Development Authority (EDA) was called to order at 6:09 pm by Chairman, Howell Godfrey with a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was opened with the following members present;

Mr. Howell Godfrey	Present
Mrs. Joyce Henderson	Present
Mr. Myron Wooden	Present
Mr. Terry Lewis	Present
Mr. Trenton Howell	Present
Ms. Janet Monahan	Present
Mr. John Price	Present

Guest

Judy Lyttle, Brenton Byrd

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND AGENDA

The agenda was presented to the Directors for acceptance. It was motion was made by Mrs. Henderson and seconded by Mrs. Monahan to accept it as presented. The minutes from the last meeting was presented to the Directors for their approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded by Mrs. Henderson to accept the minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Henderson as follows:

Account balance as of March 31, 2023 \$65,204.28, the only expenditures which are currently taking place are the board member stipends.

Mrs. Henderson also shared with the Board the role she fills in relationship to the Surry Marketplace project. She is the EDA Executive Committee's representative at the weekly project meetings, monitors progress and processes County approved payments to contractors

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mrs. Monahan to accept the report as presented.

Roll Call

Mr. John Price- yes

Mrs. Janet Monahan- yes

Mr. Myron Wooden-yes

Mr. Howell Godfrey-yes

Mrs. Joyce Henderson-yes

Mr. Trenton Howell-yes

The floor was open up for a discussion on receiving the stipend. Mr. Trenton Howell also opted out of this stipend. Ms. Perkins also explained to the board about how the stipend would work and that this income would need to be showed on their taxes. Mrs. Henderson asked if those receiving the stipend preferred a payment at each meeting or a payment at the last meeting of the fiscal year (which means a payment at the July meeting). The consensus was the last meeting of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrative fee

Mr. Godfrey asked Ms. Chaplain to take care of this matter to see what other counties are currently doing in regards to administrative fees.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members

The new members of the EDA Board were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the other Directors.

- Trenton Howell-Surry District, 4th generation in farming, VSU graduate 2014 with honors and currently work with the USDA
- Janet Monahan-retired educator from Surry County, farming family, she is also currently working in the counties of Sussex and Surry. She also shared that she is very excited about what she saw at the new grocery store
- John Price-Bacon's Castle, NSU graduate, currently employed with the City of Suffolk in the Planning & Development Department

Committee Appointments

The Board was advised by Ms. Perkins that if any of the committees consist of more than 2 individuals they will have to hold a public hearing. The Board decided to keep the count at 2 individuals.

Grant reviews

- Janet Monahan Myron Wooden

EDA Improvements (housing needs, agritourism)

- Howell Godfrey Trenton Howell

Mr. John Price also expressed that he would like to participate on the Surry market place committee

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The report to the Directors was shared by Renee Chaplain

Currently, we are moving along with the Surry Marketplace job but the work did take longer than anticipated. The elements for each room have been laid out. All inspections will be done over the next couple of days.

Surry County Improvement Grant updates

We have talked to several applicants and there may be more over the next couple of months

Solar Green Energy updates

This project will be a green energy Data Center Park with SMRs small modular reactors. They will be working with several data centers around the county. This will be the first center of this type.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Susan Corvello-Claremont

Congratulations to the new directors, she learned a lot about the Green Energy project and the number of jobs that would be created. She also expressed her excitement about the grocery store. She also stated that more information needs to be shared about the funding for the store.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Myron Wooden—welcome to the new members

Janet Monahan—very pleased to be here and pleased to see her students being successful. The grocery store is happening and we will see a grocery store.

Trenton Howell-excited to be working with everyone

Next meeting July 27th at 6:00 pm

A motion was made by Mr. Wooden and seconded by Mrs. Henderson to adjourn at 7:13 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Mr. Godfrey to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:04