

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
of the Town of Front Royal and County of Warren, Virginia
dba as the Economic Development Authority (EDA)

**The meeting was conducted electronically using ZOOM due to the COVID-19 pandemic*

October 29, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting OFFICIAL Minutes

Present*: Jeff Browne, Chair; Greg Harold, Secretary; Jorie Martin, Treasurer; Tom Patteson, Director; Melissa Gordon, Director; Jim Wolfe, Director. Also present were EDA Legal Counsel Sharon Pandak of Greehan, Taves & Pandak; Doug Parsons, Executive Director; Gretchen Henderson, Administrative Assistant and Recorder.

Others Present*: Alex Bridges, Northern Virginia Daily.

Mr. Browne called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to Go into Closed Meeting was made by Mrs. Martin and seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Closed Meeting

1. 1 matter - Discussion of disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, 426 Baugh Drive, and legal advice related thereto, pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711.A.3.
2. 1 matters-Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, Stephens Industrial Park, pursuant to Va. §2.2-3711.A.5.
3. 1 matter-Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, remediation of mold Avtex Building, pursuant to § 2.2-3711.A.6.
4. 1 matter-Consultation with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice - Proposed Master Agreement with Warren County for Tourism and Incentive Grants pursuant to Va. Code §2.2-3711.A.8.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Va. Code §2.2-3711.A.3, 5, and 8, such discussion(s) may occur in closed meeting;

The vote in favor was unanimous as follows:

VOTE

AYES: Browne, Patteson, Martin, Harold, Gordon, Wolfe

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

The Board entered into Closed Meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Director Melissa Gordon excused herself from the meeting at 11 a.m. due to a schedule conflict. She did not participate in discussions or voting for the remainder of the meeting. Director Greg Harold excused himself from the meeting at 12 Noon p.m. due to a schedule conflict. He did not participate in discussions or voting for the remainder of the meeting.

Closed Meeting ended at 12:02 a.m.

Motion to Certify Closed Meeting was made by Dr. Patteson and seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The vote in favor was unanimous as follows:

VOTE

AYES: Browne, Patteson, Wolfe, Martin

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Gordon, Harold

Action in Open Meeting

Mr. Martin made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, to approve the Master Agreement between Warren County and the EDA for an Incentive Grant and Tourism Grant to Backroom Brewery as financial assistance to expand its operations. The vote in favor was unanimous as follows:

VOTE

AYES: Browne, Patteson, Harold, Wolfe

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Martin, Gordon

Adjourn

All business having being completed, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The vote in favor was unanimous as follows:

VOTE

AYES: Browne, Patteson, Harold, Wolfe

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Martin, Gordon

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Until the Governor's State of Emergency has been lifted, all EDA board meetings will be conducted virtually.

The next EDA regular board meeting for November/December is Friday, December 4, 2020.