

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021

5:00 PM

Zoom (also YouTube)

Members: **Curtis Putnam (p)** **Lorretta Morgan(p)** **Ben Hudson(p)**
 Rovelle Brown (p) **Rudy Garcia (p)** **Lois Mastro (p)**
 Valerie Palamountain (p)
 P – present, A- absent

Guests:

County Staff: **Douglas Miles, Bryan Rothamel, Eric Dahl**

- I. Chair Curtis Putnam convened the assembly of EDA members at 5:02 PM**
- II. Minutes Approved - 11/09/2020 minutes Mastro/Hudson (6-0), Palamountain absent**
- III. Treasure's Report-** Ben Hudson reported a balance of \$40,750.26 as of 1/5/20. There were two wire transfer, \$30 each. The first and second payments to Nelson Cable plus Mr. Bowling's commensurate legal fee were made. There will be a separate spreadsheet for the CACF grant of \$10,000. Motion of report approval Garcia/Brown (6-0) Palamountain absent
- IV. County Report -**Bryan Rothamel reported that at the Quad County Business Summit Reliable Rides was the winner. Crossroads Gymnastics at Zion Crossroads Industrial Park was the business of the month. Tremec calendars were mailed out, featuring our water tower in May and February. At Silk City Printing, Silk City Printing and Spire Collective were present at the job fair. Silk City Printing now has 40 employees. Bryan Rothamel wishes submission of Fluvanna photos on fromfluvanna.org to publish on Instagram (@visitfluvanna) and Facebook (Visit Fluvanna County) one photo a day #fluvanna365. Board of Supervisors will address the \$35,000 shovel ready moneys to be used for the county's 130+ acres in Fork Union to be become a Tier 3 commercial property. Draper Aden Associates gave an estimate of \$111,360 to do the work. Rudy Garcia wished to be put on record that the \$35,00 should be used for small businesses. Nelson Cable final invoice was \$41,500 with eleven residents signing up. CVSI requested payment of \$375,000 with the completion of Zion Crossroads and Henson Store substation with 562 residents signing on.
- V. Chair's Report-** Chair Putnam announced five Fast Forward applicants for the CIC training.
- VI. Public Comment - none**
- VII. Unfinished Business – The Forward Fluvanna Program (Program) has a \$10,000 grant - \$8,000 for applicants, \$1,000 for marketing, and \$1,000 for the contingency fund. The Program will sponsor up to \$800 for each of ten Fluvanna minority residents/businesses. Applicants must apply for CIC scholarship funding with the Program paying the differential and the applicant being reimbursed upon completion. There are two semesters- 16 weeks each (spring, 2/15/2021 to 6/8/2021 and fall 8/2021 to 11/2021). The Program is recruiting mentors, donors, and Angel Investors. The contingency fund is for alumni to participate in other coursework through CIC, SBDC and others. With any remaining money, the EDA will determine need for seed money for the applicants. Motion to accept the budget and Program with options to change as needed. (Garcia/Morgan, 7-0) On Point Consulting**

provided suggestions for a mission, vision and value statements. A provisional mission statement was created – To be a key driver of economic development by being business friendly where a quality educated and skilled workforce thrives ensuring equal opportunity as a resource for existing and new businesses. A subcommittee of Valerie Palamountain and Retta Morgan was formed to further develop the values, mission and vision statements. Motion for the continuation of Business Corner not to exceed \$1,000 and paid partially with Program moneys. (Palamountain/Garcia, 7-0) Chair Putnam expressed the desire for the \$35,000 to remain under EDA control. Further discussion was tabled.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Authority, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:28PM.

Minutes Recorded by Lois Mastro.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mastro, Secretary