

Minutes of Meeting

Monday April 10, 2023, 5:00 PM

Directors: Joshua Bower (p) Valerie Palamountain (p) Ben Hudson(p)
Brittany Gray (p) Rudy Garcia (p) Lois Mastro (p)
Vacant(a)
P – present, A- absent
Ben Hudson joined at 5:05.

Guests: Alan Davis

County Staff: Douglas Miles(a), Eric Dahl(a), Jennifer Schmack (p)

- I. Chair Garcia convened the assembly of EDA directors at 5:00 PM. Palamountain motioned to approve Lois Mastro attending virtually; Bower seconded. (4-0)**
- II. Minutes Approved – February 13, 2023 minutes Palamountain/Bower (5-0)**
- III. Treasurer’s Report-** Rudy Garcia reported a balance of \$25,025.89 as of 3/31/23 reflecting \$5.31 interest earned. Hudson motioned to pay Fluvanna Review \$135; Palamountain seconded (5-0). Palamountain motioned and Hudson seconded to purchase \$15,000 of CDs from the IDA account and \$20,000 of CDs from Opportunity account in \$5,000 increments simultaneously (6-0).
- IV. County Report –** Jennifer Schmack did a summary report of last month’s activity – 10 visits to existing businesses; 9 attendances with partner agencies, networking events, and conferences; 14 other interactions; 2 prospects and real estate inquiries; 2 commercial kitchen inquiries; and 0 small business referrals. BOS ((5/1) and Planning commission (4/11) will have public meetings to approve a special use (event space) permit for Hardware Hill Winery and Rezoning Request from A1 and R4 to B-C for 2987 Lake Monticello Rd. U-nique Dee-ziens had their opening. At Camp Friendship on April 26, the Chamber will have their second annual Women’s One Day Refresh for a charge of \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. On April 25th, the Chamber will have their breakfast at the library. Chamber ticket is \$15. SBDC will be in Fluvanna at the Chamber office on April 27th, May 25th and June 22nd from noon to 4:30 to aid our businesses.

V. Chair’s Report – No report

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. New Business- Jennifer Schmack reviewed proposed changes to the Bylaws to include a consent agenda, presentations, and public comments. The changes further defined procedures for public comment. Palamountain motioned and Bower seconded to adopt our amended Bylaws (6-0). Brittany Gray arranged for Ryan Price chief economist for Virginia Realtors Association to make a presentation. The association has 37,000 members and is the largest in Virginia and has an advisory committee. Among the metrics they share are sales activity, pending contracts, pricing trends, type of homes, and supply trends. The information is used for a statewide report and regional reports, and information to communities for housing studies and planning initiatives. They can be reached at rprice@virginiarealtors.org and research@virginiarealtors.org .

VIII. Closed Session- None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Authority, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:51 PM. Motion to adjourn Bower /Palamountain (6-0). Next meeting is Monday May 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Minutes Recorded by Lois Mastro.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mastro, Secretary