

**Economic Development Authority of Fluvanna County
July 13, 2026**

Attendance:

Joshua Bower (p)

Charlotte Gregory (p)

Valerie Palamountain (p)

Reese Peck (p)

Jeffrey Potter (p)

Erica Rice (p)

Raghvendra Singh (p)

County Staff:

Jennifer Schmack (p)

P - Present A - Absent

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Schmack.

II. Election of Officers

- A. Gregory nominated Potter as Chair. Seconded by Peck. Vote was 6-1-0 Bower, Gregory, Palamountain, Peck, Rice, Singh. Potter abstained.
- B. Gregory nominated Bower as Vice Chair. Singh seconded. Vote was 6-1-0 Gregory, Palamountain, Peck, Potter, Rice, Singh. Bower abstained.
- C. Gregory nominated Singh as Treasurer. Seconded by Peck. Vote was 6-1-0 Bower, Gregory, Palamountain, Peck, Potter, Rice. Singh abstained.
- D. Gregory nominated Palamountain as Secretary. Seconded by Peck. Vote was 6-1-0 Bower, Gregory, Peck, Potter, Rice, Singh. Palamountain abstained.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Reese. Seconded by Bower.

Unanimously approved 7-0 by Bower, Gregory, Palamountain, Peck, Potter, Rice, Singh.

IV. Presentation

No presentation.

V. Reports

A. Schmack gave the County report for February/March:

- 1. Visits to existing business - 25
- 2. Partner Agencies, Networking Events, Conferences Attended - 18
- 3. Other - 17
- 4. Prospects/Real Estate inquiries - 2
- 5. Commercial Kitchen inquiries - 2
- 6. Commercial Kitchen Rentals - 0
- 7. Small Business Referrals - 1
- 8. Ribbon Cuttings - 0

Cooperative Extension is offering classes in the Commercial Kitchen.

Wawa is working through some utility issues, but site work is progressing on the entire 32 acres. All permits have been issued.

Ribbon cuttings for The Artful Lodger and Sweet Art Emporium.

Fluvanna Business Alliance social is 7/16/26 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

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SBDC business hours are 7/20 from 10:00-3:00 at the FCPL.
Business education series will be on 8/6 at 1130-12:30 at Ashlawn Clubhouse.
Fluvanna County Fair is in August. VA250 Mobile Museum will be there.

B. Chair's Report:

Potter welcomed our new Board member, Erica Rice, who has a background in developing business systems.

Schmack attended the Economic Development Comprehensive Plan committee met last month. Plan is being edited for consistency. Potter attended the Rural Preservation Committee.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. None.

VII. New Business

A. Peck requested that the website include a link to the includes information about sites that are ready for development. Schmack will ask to have a button added to the Fluvanna County site to link to Yes, Fluvanna website.

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments.

IX. Closed Session

No closed session.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Bower. Seconded by Peck. Unanimously approved 7-0 by Bower, Gregory, Palamountain, Potter, Peck, Rice, Singh. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm. The reorganization meeting will be September 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Palamountain

Valerie Palamountain, Secretary