



Tucker County Development Authority

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Minutes

Tucker County Development Authority

July 12, 2018 – 6:00 PM 494 Riverstone Road, Davis, WV 26260

Board Members Present:

Wayne Smith - President, Alan Tomson - Vice President, Roscoe 'Ronnie' Beall - Treasurer, Cory Chase, Sandra Frank, Ben Nelson (by phone)

Board Members Not Present: County Commissioner Patrick Darlington, Brandon Wilfong, Bruce Kolsun, Titus Helmick, JR Helmick and Dan Dilly

Quorum present? Yes

Attendees:

Executive Director: Steve Leyh

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Wayne Smith, President.

Minutes

Al Tomson moved to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting and the motion was seconded by Ronnie Beall. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Communications and Billing

A letter was received from Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative that was later read and discussed as part of the Davis Center Redevelopment under old business.

Treasurer's Report

The financial report was emailed to the board and President Smith asked if there were any questions about the report. The financial report will be placed on file for audit.



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Executive Director's Report

USDA Small Business Innovation Workshop

- Attended the USDA Small Business Innovation Workshop at Eastern WV Community & Technical College

Pitch Contest

- Helped organize and attended the second Annual Tucker County Pitch Contest at Tucker County High School. The judges selected three businesses to win cash prizes: The Billy Motel - \$5,000 for a commercial kitchen, Stumptown Ales - \$3,000 for the purchase and installation of a can seamer and Five Rivers Campground - \$1,000 (Parsons Prize) towards the addition of an ADA Bathhouse.

West Virginia Economic Developers Education Workshop

- Attended the WVEDC Education Workshop in Bridgeport to learn about TIFS, PILOT Agreements and Sunshine Laws.

Business Retention Visits

- Spent a day with Jim Mosby from the WV Development Office meeting with officials from various hardwood sector businesses in Tucker County including: Kingsford Charcoal, Parsons Woodworking, Ricottilli Lumber Co. We also made stops at Oak Barrell Processing and Mountain State Honey.

Uncle Sam's Birthday Party

- Wonderful time networking and meeting folks at the Tucker Community Foundation's annual event.

Congressman McKinley Meeting

- Congressman McKinley and I had a great conversation about future economic development in Tucker County. We specifically talked about federal initiatives that could help improve our business ecosystem including the completion of Corridor H, rural housing initiatives, historic tax credits, broadband internet access, AML grants and continued infrastructure improvements.

Appalachian Gateway Communities

- Participating in the Appalachian Gateway Communities Pre-Work for the conference set to take place in Shepherdstown in August.

Microsoft Airband Initiative

- Dennis Filler and I Skyped with officials from Microsoft about the possibility of considering Tucker County to develop a pilot program for broadband internet.

Davis Center Redevelopment



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- We have a draft master lease from West Virginia Department of Natural Resources for the Davis Center property.

Small Business Coaching

- I've been working with numerous small businesses and entrepreneurs to connect them to resources to help them develop or expand their businesses.

Davis - Thomas Path

- Sent a letter to James Rossi, District 8 Engineer, WV Department of Transportation to encourage his organization to develop a pedestrian path between Davis and Thomas.

Office Closed

- I will be taking a few days for vacation the week of August 13-17.

Old Business

Land Swap

The exchange deed for Little Canaan is still being approved. WVDNR reported that we will have to complete an affidavit for the value of the properties being exchanged.

Board Vacancy

Ronnie Beall suggested we consider adding a member who is knowledgeable about the Canaan PSD as it could become a critical issue to economic development. He agreed to reach out to two possible candidates to determine if they would be interested in serving on the Authority.

Davis Center Redevelopment

Executive Director Steve Leyh presented a draft of the master lease for the former Davis Center. As presented it would include 32.61 acres m/l and the buildings located thereon except for the buildings occupied by the WVDNR. The terms of the master lease would be \$16,000 annually for 40-years.

Industrial Park Protective Covenants & Restrictions

Al Tomson suggested the Executive Director create an online doodle poll to determine when the Industrial Park Protective Covenants and Restrictions Committee could meet.



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Industrial Park Signage

Executive Director Steve Leyh explained he had secured a detailed breakdown of costs for Industrial Park signage.

New Business

Bylaws

The board reviewed the existing bylaws and was encouraged to make any proposed additions or corrections.

Corridor H Appointment

No discussion took place on this matter, as it was determined to be the responsibility of the County Commission.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Adjourn

The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm after a motion from Ronnie Beall and a second from Al Tomson.

The next Tucker County Development Authority meeting will be held on August 9, 2018 at 6 pm in the Clower Run Conference Room at the National Youth Science Foundation Building, 494 Riverstone Road, Davis West Virginia.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Leyh, Executive Director.