



Minutes

Tucker County Development Authority – Executive Committee

September 30, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Due to COVID-19 health concerns the meeting was held by videoconference

Executive Committee Members Present (by teleconference):

Wayne Smith – President, Dan Dilly – Vice President, Sandra Frank – Secretary, Dennis Filler, Cory Chase, Ben Nelson

Executive Committee Members Absent: Roscoe ‘Ronnie’ Beall

Quorum present? Yes

Attendees:

Steve Leyh, Executive Director, Tucker County Development Authority

Mike Rosenau, President, Tucker County Commission

Kevin White, Director, Tucker County Office of Emergency Management

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by President, Wayne Smith.

New Business

Industrial Park Property Deed Restriction

Executive Director Leyh explained that the restriction was put in place in 1977 and that all the parties have agreed to the release the restriction except for the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission. The Aeronautics Commission met on September 25 but tabled their decision pending a visit to inspect the property. They are considering whether to require Tucker County Development Authority to construct a public helipad in Tucker County in exchange for authorizing the release.

Mr. White shared air evacuation statistics for the county and his experience with emergency scenarios. He explained that an emergency use only helipad helps ensure it would be available, but public use means it could be used by anyone with a helicopter. The Executive Committee members questioned how much demand exists for a public helipad. Mr. Filler shared his experience of operating public airports including the ongoing cost of operations and maintenance. The Executive Committee discussed at length the Tucker County Industrial Park



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deed restriction. The Executive Committee suggested the Executive Director try to gather additional information, develop talking points, and inform the state Economic Development office of the situation.

Adjourn

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM after a motion by Dennis Filler, seconded by Cory Chase.

The next regular meeting of the Tucker County Development Authority will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 6 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Frank, Secretary