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**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF HALIFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA
APRIL 19, 2024**

RE: MEETING:

The Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Authority of Halifax County, Virginia (IDA) held a regular IDA Board meeting on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the IDA Conference Room.

RE: MEMBERS PRESENT:

Those in attendance at the time the meeting was called to order included Mr. Rick Harrell, Mr. Jeremy Satterfield, Mr. Ryland Clark, Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens, and Mr. Jeremy Catron

RE: MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Robert Bates* joined the meeting at 8:40AM

RE: OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Kristy Johnson – IDA Executive Director, Ms. Blair Jeffress – IDA Operations Manager and Mr. Scott Simpson – County Administrator

RE: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mr. Rick Harrell called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Jeremy Satterfield made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens and duly carried by the Board.

**RE: PRESENTATION BY DAVID LIPSCOMB, VP MEMBER AND ENERGY SERVICE
MECKLENBURG ELECTRIC:**

Mr. Lipscomb gave the IDA Board a presentation on the status of the broadband deployment projects throughout the region.

Following the presentation Mr. Satterfield made a motion to authorize the payment of \$313,628.78 to Empower Broadband for the Halifax County Economic Development Grant.

Mr. Harrell asked to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of IDA Board member Nancy Pool, recognizing her years of dedicated service to not only Halifax IDA but Halifax County. Mr. Harrell noted that the Board would honor Nancy in a greater way at a later date.

RE: READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Jeremy Satterfield made a motion to approve the March 15, 2024, meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Jeremy Catron, and duly carried by the Board.

RE: REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION:





Motion was made by Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens seconded by Mr. Jeremy Satterfield, and duly carried by the Board that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711. That the purposes which are to be the subject of said executive or closed meeting shall be as follows:

- To discuss a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the businesses or industry's interest in locating or expanding facilities in the community, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.5.
- To discuss real estate matters, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.3.
- To discuss the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidder or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A. 29. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Mr. Ryland Clark left the meeting at 9:34 a.m. and returned at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Robert Bates left the meeting at 10:35

RE: REQUEST TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Jeremy Catron seconded by Mr. Jeremy Satterfield then duly carried by the Board, that the body return to regular session.

CERTIFICATION

Upon motion by Mr. Jeremy Catron and seconded by Mr. Jeremy Satterfield the Board voted to take a roll call certifying that to the best of the member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting by the public.

Mr. Clark, Yes

Mr. Catron, Yes

Mr. Harrell, Yes

Mr. Satterfield, Yes

Dr. Simon-Owens, Yes

RE: ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS IN CLOSED MEETING:

None

RE: REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

A. Finance Committee

Current Financials

Mrs. Johnson presented the March 2024 financial statements and noted that the numbers are in line with budgeted numbers.

Mrs. Johnson gave an overview of to the draft FY25 budget and the IDA's ten-year /pro-forma.



Mr. Jeremy Satterfield made a motion to approve the March 2024 financial statements, seconded by Mr. Ryland Clark and duly carried by the Board.

B. Prospects & Properties Committee

None

C. Executive Committee

None

D. Executive Director Report

Mrs. Johnson shared several events and meetings that she attended over the last few weeks to include a community development meeting, tourism board meeting, Board of Supervisors meeting, and Southern Virginia Higher Education Foundation meeting.

Mrs. Johnson discussed other topics including the CTE Showcase planning and the community wide strategic plan updates that are underway.

Mrs. Johnson recognized Ms. Blair Jeffress and her contributions to the IDA. She wished her much success in her future endeavors.

RE: Old Business:

None

RE: New Business:

A. Open Comment Period

- Mr. Ryland Clark: Noted the upcoming softball and baseball tournament, along with planning for the Halloween event, and Hitachi's plan to install electric vehicle charging stations in the community.
- Mr. Jeremy Catron: None
- Mr. Jeremy Satterfield: Thanked Blair for her time at the IDA.
- Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens: Thanks Blair and wished her well.
- Mr. Scott Simpson: Expressed his appreciation for the support received from the IDA.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

RE: NEXT MEETING DATE:

The IDA will hold a regular board meeting on May 17, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Halifax IDA conference room.

RE: ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Rick Harrell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Kristy Johnson, IDA Executive Director



Acknowledged:

Mr. Rick Harrell, Chair