

Minutes of Meeting

Monday March 8, 2021

5:00 PM

Zoom (also YouTube)

Members: Curtis Putnam (p) Lorretta Morgan(p) Ben Hudson(p)
Rovelle Brown (p) Rudy Garcia (p) Lois Mastro (p)
Valerie Palamountain (p)
P – present, A- absent

Guests: none

County Staff: Douglas Miles(p), Bryan Rothamel(p), Eric Dahl(a)

- I. Chair Curtis Putnam convened the assembly of EDA members at 5:02 PM**
- II. Minutes Approved - 2/8/2021 minutes Palamountain/Hudson (5-0)**
- III. Treasure's Report-** Ben Hudson reported a balance of \$39,607.67 as of 3/2/21. There was a \$270 payment to Fluvanna review for October and December. Status of Region Ten bond payment was determined. A deposit of \$1,000 was made on November 20, 2020. On the separate spreadsheet for the CACF grant, a \$214 payment was made to Fluvanna Review. A concurrent deposit and withdrawal of \$375,000 was made for CVSI. An \$844.55 annual payment was made to Fluvanna Review, inclusive of the \$214. Motion of report approval Palamountain/Morgan (7-0)
- IV. County Report -**Bryan Rothamel reported that the last IDA bond, which was paid in full, still has a lien on the Kloeckner Metal Building, 61 Edgecomb Road, Troy property. The lien is in the process of being removed. Chair Putnam will be handling the paperwork with the lawyers. Bryan Rothamel will be continuing his podcasts. Nina Monroe collected African American recipes for an annual updated cookbook (fromfluvanna.org). VSI Hardware and Country Store is the Business of the Month.
- V. Chair's Report-** Chair Putnam announced CIC classes started February 18th.
- VI. Public Comment - none**
- VII. Unfinished Business –** Rudy Garcia commented on the fact that counties surrounding ours have contracted and received funds to have broadband connectivity to each household and business. EDA should talk to the Board of Supervisors about our Broadband connectivity. Chair Putnam wishes to do a marketing study with Catchafire. Valerie Palamountain suggested looking at CIRD for fund raising (<https://www.rural-design.org>). An ad-hoc committee of Rudy Garcia and Lorretta Johnson-Morgan was formed for the County Comprehensive Plan to see if CIRD or other options could be done in Columbia. Garcia/Morgan (7-0). Chair Putnam wishes if any remaining CIC money be used for microgrants. He also announced there are five applicants for round 1 grant training starting in February. Ben Hudson and Chair Putnam will be planning a breakfast with black pastors requesting their input for African American businesses. Next meeting is April 12th.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Authority, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM. Motion to adjourn Garcia/Palamountain (7-0).

Minutes Recorded by Lois Mastro.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mastro, Secretary