

Minutes of Meeting

Monday November 8, 2021

5:00 PM

Members: Curtis Putnam (p) Valerie Palamountain (a) Ben Hudson(p)
Rovelle Brown (a) Rudy Garcia (p) Lois Mastro (p)
Lorretta Johnson-Morgan(p)
P – present, A- absent
Valerie Palamountain and Rovelle Brown attended by Zoom. Ben Hudson arrived 5:11 PM.

Guests: David Kilgore, Tracy Sides

County Staff: Douglas Miles(a), Eric Dahl(p), Jennifer Schmack(p)

- I. **Chair Rudy Garcia convened the assembly of EDA members at 5:00 PM**
- II. **Minutes Approved – September 13, 2021, minutes Mastro/Johnson -Morgan (4-0)**
- III. **Treasurer’s Report-** Ben Hudson reported a balance of \$36,152.29 as of 10/29/21 reflecting \$.61 interest earned and payment \$480 for Agee Catering. Motion of report approval Mastro/Putnam (5-0)
- IV. **County Report** -Eric Dahl and Rudy Garcia had a discussion to utilize the \$35,000 shovel ready moneies for microloans administered by CIC. The microloans would carry about a 4% interest rate. In the December meeting, EDA will address Virginia Investment Pool for the \$35,000 to earn interest.
- V. **Chair’s Report-** Chair Garcia requested each EDA member to introduce themselves to Jennifer Schmack and she to us. We were impressed with credentials, from her work done at Albemarle Economic Development Office, to her teaching at CIC and her networking connections in the greater Charlottesville region. Chair Garcia said that we needed the final bill from CIC to determine the amount of remaining monies for the Pitch Committee.
- VI. **Public Comment – none**
- VII. **New Business –** The EDA will purchase six ads for the Business Corner in the Fluvanna Review at a cost of \$855. Motion for approval Johnson-Morgan/ Mastro (5-0) The VIDA/VIED conference will be December 15-16 at a cost of \$75 per attendee. Loretta Johnson-Morgan and Rovelle Brown requested assistance from the EDA for promoting small businesses to our greater area. To set the plan in motion, Chair Garcia referred Lorretta Johnson-Morgan to Ruth Ann Carr.
- VIII. **Briefing by David Kilgore, Manager of Virginia Career Works Piedmont Region.** The Virginia Career Works is the gateway for individuals seeking access to career, education and support resources in the Virginia Career Works – Piedmont Region. The thrust of Virginia Career Works is to have those individuals succeed in the labor market and to match employers to those skilled workers. Virginia Career Works offers companies an outline of career pathways, develops pipeline opportunities, and forms partnerships with educational providers and businesses.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Authority, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:12 PM. Motion to adjourn Mastro/Johnson-Morgan (5-0)

Minutes Recorded by Lois Mastro.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mastro, Secretary