

Minutes of Meeting

Monday April 4, 2022, 5:00 PM

Members: Curtis Putnam (p) Valerie Palamountain (p) Ben Hudson(p)
Rovelle Brown (a) Rudy Garcia (p) Lois Mastro (p)
Lorretta Johnson-Morgan(p)
P – present, A- absent
Ben Hudson arrived 5:09; due to technical difficulties,
Valerie Palamountain joined late on Zoom

Guests: Chris Fairchild, Mozell Booker, Shannon Beach, Greg Dorazio,
Erika Mitchell, Nina Monroe, Eric Agee, Dajuan Hearn, & Carolyn Herbert

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

- I. Chair Rudy Garcia convened the assembly of EDA directors at 5:02 PM**
- II. Minutes Approved – March 14, 2022 minutes Putnam/Johnson-Morgan (4-0)**
- III. Treasure’s Report-** Ben Hudson reported a balance of \$32,039.13 as of 4/2/22 reflecting \$.28 interest earned and payments of \$220 to Craddock Insurance Services and \$150 to Fluvanna County High School for Small Business Fair plus \$140 to Chamber of Commerce for membership. The motion of report approval Mastro/Putnam (5-0)
- IV. County Report -** Jennifer Schmack did eleven existing business visits, seventeen partner agencies, fourteen other economic development activities, 3 business prospects, and 2 small business referrals. Platinum PR consultants’ Economic Development Strategic Plan draft will be presented to BOS on April 20 at 7PM. The Planning Commission and the BOS will address changing the 3 additional parcels at the Fork Union Commerce Park from A-1 agricultural to I-1 light industrial with such businesses as car wash or a waste recycling proffered out. The Park will also be renamed. The Fork Union Village Shopping Center changed property owners. They have 4 tenants and 3 additional usage spots. Douglas Miles offered support last week. The tire wholesaler will gut and expand the newly purchased Fork Union property.
- V. Chair’s Report-** Chair Garcia reported an Artisan Tour and a community events calendar are in the works.
- VI. Public Comment – None**
- VII. New Business – None**
- VIII. Discussion by Lorretta Johnson-Morgan-** The Minority Business Fair date is April 9th. The sponsoring partners are the EDA, NAACP, and Fluvanna Leaders for Race Diversity. There are presently 48 vendors. Flyers and social media ads are done. Banners will be displayed. EDA will have a table

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Authority, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:18 PM. Motion to adjourn Mastro/Putnam (5-0).

Minutes Recorded by Lois Mastro.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mastro, Secretary

Following the meeting, a Pitch competition occurred. Erika Mitchell, Nina Monroe, Eric Agee, Dajuan Hearn, and Carolyn Herbert participated. Our BOS members Chris Fairchild and Mozell Booker with Shannon Beach from the Community Investment Collaborative judged. Greg Dorazio from Central Virginia Small Business Development Center was Emcee and timekeeper. Eric Agee won \$3,000 and Erika Mitchell won \$5,000. The remaining contestants each received \$1,000 from CIC.