

Attendance

Members:

• Josh Gaita, Chair	Chancellor District (McLaughlin)	Present	
• Thomas Welsh	Berkeley District (Marshall)	Present	
• Hart Rutherford	Lee Hill District (Skinner)	Present	
• David Goosman	Livingston District (Jett)	Present	
• Mark Miles	Battlefield District (Yakabouski)		Absent
• Al King	Courtland District (Ross)	Present	
• <i>Vacant</i>	Salem District (Frazier)		

Staff and Guests:

- Brendan Hefty, Hefty & Wiley, P.C. (remote)
- Ed Petrovitch, County Administrator
- Ben Loveday, Assistant County Administrator
- Wanda Parrish, Assistant County Administrator
- Rodney White, Transportation Planner
- Debbie Sanders, Economic Development Interim Director
- Kevin Marshall, Economic Development Staff
- Meggie Roche, Economic Development Staff

Call to Order

Mr. Gaita called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and confirmed a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Welsh moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rutherford and passed by the following recorded votes:

Ayes: 5 Mr. Gaita, Mr. Goosman, Mr. King, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Welsh
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Mr. Miles
Abstain: 0

Treasurer's Report

Mr. King reported that he had met with Mrs. Sanders and Ms. Jewell to discuss how to properly use EDA funds. Mr. King suggested using EDA funds to support a broadband initiative, perhaps in the form of a study to determine where broadband is currently available. Mr. King also informed the EDA that Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) will be applying for a grant that will be used to provide broadband in their service area. Mr. King stated he believed it would be advantageous for the County to have a plan put together, in order to more efficiently work with REC once the funds have been received. Mr. Goosman pointed out that if 5G service becomes available in the area, that would solve many broadband issues that rural residents are currently facing. Mr. Rutherford reminded the EDA that their current funds are one time funds, and to think of other ways to generate funds in the future.

Back 40 Update

Mr. Loveday updated the EDA on the current status of the Back 40 storm water management system. The County is waiting on JMT to present designs for the geotech and storm water solutions. The anticipated storm water completion date is now 4-6 weeks out. Mr. Loveday also stated that the DEQ permit for the storm water pond has expired. Mr. Loveday also suggested establishing a property owners association group that would be responsible for future upkeep on the pond. The group would include iDX since they are a current user of the storm water pond.

Closed Session

None

New Business

Mrs. Sanders reminded EDA members that their Statement of Economic Interest is due on July 31st.

Adjournment

The next EDA meeting will take place on September 24th 2020 at 8:00 AM. On a motion by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Goosman and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.