

JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of Meeting
June 25, 2009

The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Wytheville Municipal Building located at 150 East Monroe Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Snyder, Chairman
Linda DiYorio
Tom Jones
Dana Pack

David Elmore, Vice Chairman
Foy Patton
Jennifer Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

None

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R. Cellell Dalton, Wythe County Administrator
Raymond E. Matney, Rural Retreat Town Manager
C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Wytheville Town Manager

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Snyder called the meeting to order and determined a quorum to be present. Patrick Burton offered the invocation, and Mr. Elmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Chairman Snyder welcomed Bucky Sharitz to the meeting and asked if there were any persons present who would like to address the Board during citizens' time. There being none, Chairman Snyder proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—May 28, 2009, meeting

Mr. Pack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Patton, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Virginia Goodwin noted that she had made errors on two checks that had to be voided and rewritten. Mr. Elmore made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the invoices. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Joint IDA of Wythe County
Check Register
For the Period From May 29, 2009 through June 25, 2009

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
5882	6/25/09	Alan R. Hawthorne	\$4,220.55
5883	6/25/09	David L. Elmore	207.79
5884	6/25/09	Dana R. Pack	207.79
5885	6/25/09	Foy W. Patton	207.79
5886	6/25/09	Jennifer W. Jones	207.79
5887	6/25/09	Linda DiYorio	207.79
5888	6/25/09	Patrick G. Burton	2,476.57
5889	6/25/09	Tom Jones	207.79
5890	6/25/09	Virginia M. Goodwin	1,506.83
5891	6/25/09	William F. Snyder	207.79
5892	6/25/09	Appalachian Power	83.95
5893	6/25/09	Anthem Southeast Dental	108.22
5894	6/25/09	Anthem Blue Cross and Blueshield	1,966.79
5895	6/25/09	Embarq	175.63
5895V	6/25/09	Embarq	-175.63
5896	6/25/09	Mellon Trust of New England	850.00
5897	6/25/09	Principal Life Insurance Company	152.94
5898	6/25/09	Robert G. Moore	1,100.00
5899	6/25/09	Sprint PCS	81.77
5900	6/25/09	Bankcard Services	44.23
5901	6/25/09	Va Municipal League Group	2,583.00
5901V	6/25/09	Va Municipal League Group	-2,583.00
5902	6/25/09	Xerox	267.86
5903	6/25/09	Va Municipal League Group	2,586.00
5904	6/25/09	Va Municipal League Group	249.00
5905	6/25/09	Virginia M. Goodwin - Reimbursement	111.15
5906	6/25/09	Embarq	173.03
Total			\$17,433.42

OLD BUSINESS

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Patrick Burton updated the Board on the Anniversary Celebration Event. A press release was distributed on June 10. Dr. Snyder and Patrick Burton were guests on the Danny G morning show on Monday, June 22 to discuss the event. An article describing the tours was in the Wytheville Enterprise on Wednesday, June 24. The first day of tours took place on June 24. There were approximately 8 to 12 participants for the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon tours. The 2:00 p.m. tour was cancelled since no participants appeared at that time.

The tour participants on Wednesday seemed to enjoy the tours and expressed appreciation to the Joint IDA and Wythe County for sponsoring the event. Brad Vaught, HR Director at Wytheville Technologies, gave a thorough, interesting, and informative presentation to the groups. Patrick thanked the volunteers and the management and staff of Wytheville Technologies, Inc/Atsumi Car Equipment for their participation and support. The final tours, which will include a visit to Gatorade, will be held on Saturday, June 27. The Saturday tours will be largely full, judging by the sign-up sheets at the Festival office.

PROGRESS PARK RAIL SITE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Patrick Burton reported on the Progress Park rail site development planning effort. Patrick noted that Dr. Hawthorne continues to work on the project and that he recently completed a presentation regarding the large rail-served site concept. Tom Elliott, Executive Director of Virginia's aCorridor, gave the presentation on behalf of the Joint IDA at the "Lunch and Learn" meeting sponsored by the aCorridor held recently in Richmond at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership office. Patrick reported that Dr. Hawthorne has compiled a draft of an application for funding through the Tobacco Commission Reserve Fund. The draft application has been provided to Mr. Dalton to share with the Board of Supervisors Industrial Site Committee, which is evaluating the concept and development options. If there is a decision to move forward, the Board of Supervisors may be the applicant or they may prefer the Joint IDA to be the applicant.

In the event that there is a need for the Joint IDA to submit an application, as applicant, to the Tobacco Commission or other funding agency in the near future, Patrick suggested that the Board authorize Dr. Snyder to sign such an application. Mr. Elmore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to authorize Dr. Snyder to sign a funding application for the large rail-served site project, if necessary prior to the next meeting. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Dr. Snyder reported that he attended the aCorridor Board meeting representing the Joint IDA. He noted that Dr. Hawthorne's presentation was given during the meeting and that the information offered a compelling case on behalf of the Joint IDA.

NEW BUSINESS

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Patrick Burton reported that the Virginia Department of Business Assistance has offered to provide a training workshop entitled, “Managing in Turbulent Times,” for managers and frontline supervisors of manufacturers represented on the Wythe Manufacturing Council. He noted that the program was presented to manufacturers in Pulaski County and that the training was well received there. Patrick will assist with the coordination of the event and will keep the Board informed of its development.

PROJECT UPDATES

Patrick Burton noted that while prospect inquiries have increased this spring, activities over the last two months have been very routine. He offered to give a more detailed accounting during a closed session, if the Board preferred. He noted that the Board would be updated on future project developments.

OTHER

Electro-Finishing RLF loan - Virginia Goodwin reported that Electro Finishing was currently behind on their revolving loan fund payments. Virginia contacted Electro Finishing regarding payments on Thursday, June 25. Mr. Litz stated that they are currently seeking assistance from the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and, if approved, the Joint IDA loan will be paid in full. Mr. Litz will let us know of developments as they occur.

Training assistance - Patrick Burton reported that he sat in on a meeting with Hutchinson Sealing Systems human resource manager and a Virginia Department of Business Assistance representative regarding training assistance. The Department of Business Assistance will be providing training assistance to Hutchinson.

PBG - Patrick noted that, in May, Pepsi Bottling Group held an event at their Wytheville facility recognizing the addition of hydrogen powered vehicles to their local truck fleet. The injection of hydrogen into the fuel mixture helps increase fuel efficiency by decreasing the amount of compression needed to achieve combustion.

General Motors - Patrick reported to the Board that the Joint IDA staff compiled a package of information in May for Bob Huff Chevrolet to use in their dealership appeal process with General Motors.

Manufacturing update - Patrick noted that, during the past two months, a few manufacturers in the county have reported a slight increase in demand/orders and have called back some of their laid off employees.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Chairman Snyder adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p. m.

William Snyder, Chairman

Attest:

Virginia M. Goodwin, Secretary