

STAUNTON RIVER REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY  
Minutes  
January 24, 2020

The regular meeting of the Staunton River Regional Industrial Facility Authority was convened at 12:01 p.m. on the above date at the Town Hall for Hurt, Virginia, 533 Pocket Road, Hurt, Virginia 24563. Present were Pittsylvania County members Tim Dudley, Ben Farmer and alternate Dr. Charles H. Miller. Town of Hurt members present were Gary Poindexter, Steve Watson, and alternate Collin Adams. City of Danville members present were Fred Shanks, Sherman Saunders, and alternate Lee Vogler.

County/Town/City staff members attending were: County Administrator David Smitherman; City Manager Ken Larking; County Director of Economic Development Matt Rowe; Interim City Director of Economic Development Corrie Bobe; County Finance Director Kim Van Der Hyde; Secretary Hollye Keesee; and Clement Wheatley Attorney Jennifer Burnett.

**ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Hollye Keesee, Secretary, read the roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No one desired to be heard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2019 MEETING**

Upon **Motion** by Mr. Shanks and **seconded** by Mr. Dudley, Minutes of the October 4, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Report on Status of Development of Southern Virginia Multimodal Park – Matthew Rowe, Director, Economic Development, Pittsylvania County**

Mr. Rowe stated that the smokestack is no longer on the site. Also, as part of the agreement with Hurt Partners, other structures are being torn down. This will continue over the next three months to try to get back to a greenfield status. Staff is scheduling a time to meet with Hurt Partners to see where the gravel roadway will go on the site. Some processes had been delayed about 10 days due to the permits but should be ready and will continue with taking down the final silos.

Mayor Poindexter asked about clean up and what will happen next. Mr. Dudley stated that he appreciated all of Mr. Rowe's hard work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. **ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020** – Jennifer H. Burnett, Esq., Clement Wheatley, Legal Counsel to the Authority

Ms. Burnett explained that per the by-laws, the rotation of the Chairman and Vice Chairman position as well as the Reappointment of Secretary and Treasurer.

1. Election of Chairman from Town of Hurt Member Locality (*see* Bylaws, Article VI, paragraph 1)

Mr. Watson **nominated** Mr. Poindexter as Chairman of the Authority; the Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Farmer and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-0  
AYE: Poindexter; Watson; Dudley ; Farmer; Shanks; Saunders (6)  
NAY: None (0)

2. Election of Vice Chairman from City of Danville Member Locality (*see* Bylaws, Article VI, paragraph 4)

Mr. Shanks **nominated** Mr. Saunders as Vice Chairman of the Authority; the Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Watson and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-0  
AYE: Poindexter; Watson; Dudley; Farmer; Shanks; Saunders (6)  
NAY: None (0)

3. Reappointment of Secretary from the Authority's staff – Hollye M. Keesee, Executive Assistant, Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Mr. Dudley **moved** to reappoint Ms. Keesee as Secretary of the Authority; the Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Farmer and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-0  
AYE: Poindexter; Watson; Dudley; Farmer; Shanks; Saunders (6)  
NAY: None (0)

4. Reappointment of Treasurer from the Authority's staff – Kim Van Der Hyde, Director of Finance, Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Mr. Shanks **moved** to reappoint Ms. Van Der Hyde as Treasurer of the Authority; the Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Farmer and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-0  
AYE: Poindexter; Watson; Dudley; Farmer; Shanks; Saunders (6)  
NAY: None (0)

- B. General Expenditures Reports as of October 31, 2019, November 30, 2019 and December 31, 2019 – Kim Van Der Hyde, Director of Finance, Pittsylvania County

Ms. Van Der Hyde explained that the funding from the Town of Altavista is included until the time that they can be removed. That funding has not been received. The reports for the last three months were discussed.

Mr. Saunders **moved** to accept the Treasurer's Report; the Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Dudley and unanimously approved.

- C. Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

The next meeting was scheduled to be held at the Pittsylvania County Administration office on April 24, 2020 at 12 p.m. It was decided that all meetings will now be held at the County Administration building in Chatham since Altavista is no longer part of the Authority.

#### CLOSED SESSION

*[During the closed session, all matters discussed shall involve receiving advice from legal counsel, and as such all communications during the closed session shall be considered attorney-client privileged.]*

At 12:20 p.m. Mr. Dudley **moved** that the meeting of the Staunton River Industrial Facility Authority be recessed in a closed meeting for the following purposes:

A. As permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(39) for discussion or consideration of records excluded under Virginia Code § 2.2-3705.6(3) (including without limitation (i) those certain confidential proprietary records voluntarily provided by private business pursuant to a promise of confidentiality from the Authority, and used by the Authority for business and trade development and (ii) those certain memoranda, working papers, or other information related to businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Virginia, prepared by the Authority, where competition or bargaining is involved and where disclosure of such information would adversely affect the financial interest of the Authority); such information being excluded from mandatory disclosure under Virginia Code § 2.2-3705.1(12) and Virginia Code § 2.2-3705.1(8) (appraisals and cost estimates of real property in one or more of the Authority's projects subject to a proposed purchase, sale, or lease, prior to the completion of such purchase, sale, or lease); and

B. As permitted by Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(3) for discussion or consideration of the acquisition and/or the disposition of publicly held real property commonly known as the

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Southern Virginia Multimodal Park, in Hurt, Virginia, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority.

The Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Farmer and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-0  
AYE: Dudley; Farmer; Poindexter; Watson; Shanks; Saunders (6)  
NAY: None (0)

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

#### **C. Confirmation of Motion and Vote to Reconvene in Open Meeting**

On **Motion** by Mr. Dudley and **seconded** by Mr. Farmer and by unanimous vote at 1:27 p.m., the Authority returned to open meeting.

#### **D. Motion to Certify Closed Meeting**

Mr. Shanks **moved** for adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Authority convened in Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a Certification by the Authority that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each Member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted by the open meeting requirements of Virginia Law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this Certification Resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Authority.

The Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Dudley and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-0  
AYE: Dudley; Farmer; Poindexter; Watson; Shanks; Saunders (6)  
NAY: None (0)

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Poindexter stated that there is not a good public knowledge on how the Committee like SR RIFA works, and that these projects take years, not months. So, if there was any way that there could be better communication to the communities that it would be better for public relations.

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Mr. Shanks stated that the Committee is doing things that each locality could not do by themselves.

Mr. Vogler stated that the bulk of the announcements that are being made are joint projects that wouldn't be without these partnerships.

Mr. Larking stated that Danville and Pittsylvania County has been working well over the years, especially with staff working together to market and recruit. So even though Danville sits far Hurt distance wise, working together is best for all the communities.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

*Gary Poindexter*

Chairman

*Holt Reese*

Secretary to the Authority

