

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met at the Rocky Mount Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., with Chairman Adam Lynch, presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members Present: Chair Adam Lynch, Vice Chair Justin Muse, Economic Development Authority Board Members Anna Robertson, Ruth Cook, Doug Guilliams and Bernice Cobbs

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard, EDA Secretary Cherie Compton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Bernice Cobbs

Second: Vice Chair Justin Muse

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Let the record show that prior to the meeting, the Economic Development Authority received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

August 27, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Doug Guilliams

Second: Member Ruth Cook

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Cherie Compton advised members that the statement ending September 30, 2024, had a balance of \$5,000.00.

STAFF UPDATES

Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard provided the following business updates:

- Crooked Road & Co, The Porch & Voodoo Lounge and Variety Kiicks have opened downtown
- Rocky Mount Fest was a success-hearing lots of good feedback
- Blocktober Fest/ Pub Crawl was a great turnout used DORA but no road closure like Rocky Mount Fest
- RFP has been sent out for the People National Bank downtown
- Awarded a Virginia Housing grant for the 64 acres that was purchased previously
- Travel writer from Blue Ridge Country Magazine visited Rocky Mount and will be writing a story about their experience.
- Roanoker Magazine is writing an article about growth in small towns and will be recognizing Rocky Mount

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly Payments

Mr. Pinard requested approval for the EDA to accept the check from the Town and quarterly accounting checks to be written to the Harvester Performance Center LLC in the amounts of \$170,000.

Motion: To accept the check from the Town in the amounts of \$170,000 and checks to be written to the Harvester Performance Center LLC in the amounts of \$170,000

Motion By: Member Bernice Cobbs

Second: Member Anna Robertson

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

New Town Building

Mr. Pinard updated members about the exchange of two government buildings between Franklin County and the Town of Rocky Mount.

VEDA

Mr. Pinard and Chair Lynch attended the fall Virginia Economic Developers Association conference.

AUTHORITY BOARD COMMENTS

Board Members discussed the November meeting. Members all agreed to cancel the November meeting due to several members being out of town and reminded members there will be no December meeting. An open discussion ensued.

UPCOMING NETWORKING EVENTS & EDA MEETINGS

Franklin County Connects – November 13, 2024, 9:00 am (Franklin Center)

EDA Meeting – November 26, 2024, 5:30 pm (Town Municipal Building)- Canceled

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Anna Robertson

Second: Member Doug Guilliams

Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 5:52 p.m.



Adam Lynch, Chair

ATTEST:



Cherie Compton, Secretary

