

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA (“EDA”)**

Held: Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., in the Community Room located in the County Administration Building, at 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Directors Present: At the commencement of the meeting, six Authority Directors were present, as follows: Mr. Douglas Driver, Mr. Paul Wiseman, Mr. Neil Hayslett, Mr. Nathan Miller, Mr. Timothy Hulings, and Mr. Gary Burner.

Also Present at the Meeting: Stephen G. King, Rockingham County Administrator; Thomas H. Miller, Jr., Rockingham County Attorney; Casey B. Armstrong, Assistant County Administrator; Patricia D. Davidson, Rockingham County Finance Director; and Jessica G. Kilby; Rockingham County Deputy Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m., by the Chairman of the Authority, Mr. Driver.

1. Small Business Grant Program – Round 2

Finance Director Davidson reported that out of 42 applications received during Round 2, 35 were recommended for approval by the Grant Review Team.

On motion by Director Hayslett, seconded by Director Wiseman, and carried by a vote of 6 to 0, voting recorded as follows: DRIVER – AYE; FLINT – ABSENT; WISEMAN – AYE; HAYSLETT – AYE; MILLER – AYE; HULINGS – AYE; BURNER – AYE; the Authority authorized grant awards in the amount of \$5,000 each to the following small business recipients, and directed staff to issue payments:

Mountain View Rental	Bluestone Vineyard Inc.
Braithwaite Studios & Café	Dayton Farmers Market LLC
Lisa Houff Photography	Zola's
Rebecca's Well, LLC	Whiskey Valley Jerky
Bridgewater Garage	Nanny's Nook LLC
Stoney Run Artisans	Blue Ridge Color Company
Elkton Creamery	Ryan's Fruit Market
Lincoln Travel	Union Paper Corp
Silverlake Bed & Breakfast	Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society
Showalter's Orchard	The Rustic Oracle
Sheila's Sweeties	Shenandoah Valley Child Development Center
The Village Inn	ENS Graphics
The Hair Gallery	City Side Construction
Randall Forest Products LLC	Flip-Flop Farm Childcare
Plains Area Daycare Ctr	Cross Tours and Cross Motor Coach

Letter Perfect, Inc.
On Pointe Dance
Earman & Associates Inc.

Mane St Salone & Spa
EAB Babies LLC

2. Small Business Grant Program - Round 3

Mrs. Davidson reported that Round 1 and Round 2 grant awards totaled \$340,000, leaving \$160,000 available.

Director Hulings said there are many businesses, day care centers and restaurants in the County that have not taken advantage of the Program. He said the committee recommended offering a third round or using the remaining funds to directly assist local businesses.

On motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Hayslett, and carried by a vote of 6 to 0, voting recorded as follows: DRIVER – AYE; FLINT – ABSENT; WISEMAN – AYE; HAYSLETT – AYE; MILLER – AYE; HULINGS – AYE; BURNER – AYE; the Authority recommended offering Round 3 of the Small Business Grant Program to award the remaining \$160,000.

There was much discussion concerning whether to expand the advertising criteria for Round 3 to include agricultural businesses/farms. Following discussion, it was determined that no additional advertising was necessary; however, the criteria would be modified to include agribusiness. Additionally, the Authority authorized the Grant Review Team to be more inclusive in its evaluations. Chairman Driver reminded that the intent of the Program is to award funds to assist the County's businesses in need.

On motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Hayslett, and carried by a vote of 6 to 0, voting recorded as follows: DRIVER – AYE; FLINT – ABSENT; WISEMAN – AYE; HAYSLETT – AYE; MILLER – AYE; HULINGS – AYE; BURNER – AYE; the Authority recommended including agribusiness to the qualifying criteria and directed the Grant Review Team to be more inclusive in its evaluation of applications.

Mrs. Davidson indicated the EDA will meet on October 1, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., in the Board Room for consideration of Round 3 applications.

3. Other Business

Upon due motion, the Authority unanimously approved the EDA Directors' statutory \$200 per diem fees for attendance at the meeting.

4. **Adjournment**

Upon determining no other business for consideration by the Authority, Chairman Driver duly adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer