



**Wired Road Authority
Board Meeting
January 23, 2019 – 3:00 PM – Galax Municipal Building**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Construction Progress Meeting – Wired Road Connector Project
3. Consent Agenda
 - Minutes from November 2018 meeting (no December quorum)
 - November 2018 Financial Report
4. Reports
 - Wide Open
5. Old Business
 - TRRC Last Mile Program – Grant Update
 - Grayson Broadband Study Update
 - Carroll Broadband Study Update
 - Downtown Wireless (Matt)
 - Other
6. New Business
 - Tobacco Commission Last Mile Applications 2019
 - Carroll County Request, Steve Truitt
 - Draft Audit FY2018
 - Other
7. Public Comments

VIRGINIA'S INDUSTRIAL ADVANCEMENT ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 – 5:00 pm
Log House, Restaurant, Wytheville, Virginia**

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: **Eric R. Workman, Ed.D.
Chairman**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **November 15th Executive Committee Meeting**

III. FINANCIAL REVIEW: **Steve Truitt
Treasurer**

- **December Financials**
- **Audit**

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT **Josh Lewis
Executive Director**

- **Executive Director - Activity Report**

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Joint Resolution**
- **Budgeting**

VI. NEXT MEETING:

- **Executive Committee - Thursday, March 28th, 2018 (Noon) –
Wytheville Golf Club**

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VIRGINIA'S INDUSTRIAL ADVANCEMENT ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday November 15, 2018 – 1:00 PM

**Graze Restaurant
Wytheville, Virginia**

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric R. Workman, Ed.D. (Chairman)	Bland County
Michael Carter (Vice-Chairman)	Smyth County
Keith E. Barker (Secretary)	Galax
Stephen Bear	Wythe County
Steve Truitt	Carroll County
Bill Shepley	Grayson County

Josh Lewis	VIAA Director
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1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Dr. Workman called the meeting to order and welcomed those present and declared a quorum present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Workman asked if there were any comments regarding the executive committee minutes of the meeting in May 2018. Mr. Carter requested a correction to the September minutes where Smyth County was incorrectly spelled. With the correction, a motion was made by Mr. Truitt to accept the minutes. Mr. Shepley seconded the motion and, with no additional questions, it passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW:

- Mr. Truitt and Mr. Lewis presented the financial review for the board. After a general discussion and there being no further discussion, the financial report was accepted as presented.
- Mr. Lewis presented the audit. A hard copy will follow. No action was taken.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mr. Lewis spoke on the organizational role and director's recommendations presented at the last meeting concerning expanding of staff and services. Mr. Workman and the rest of the board agreed that the organization is in much better shape now than it was a few years ago. It was asked if we needed to consider expansion of our organization in order to address commercial properties, interstate properties, industry expansion, industry retention and visits, etc. There was discussion on the collaborative jobs act and how VIAA may play a role in it. While assistance with commercial properties was discussed by a few board members, there was concern from others on the applicability and "where to stop"

or what our role was when working on these prospects. The general consensus was a new position should have a focus on industry retention with a discussion on commercial assistance as the job is developed. It was discussed that this will require additional locality support. The overall consensus was to move forward with an additional staff person with specific roles and duties to be developed by Mr. Lewis and reviewed by the board through emails and a conference call.

- Annual Review – Mr. Lewis was asked to leave the meeting during a review discussion by the board. The general consensus was the board is pleased with the steps Mr. Lewis has taken to reorganize the board, obtaining grants, recruiting new industry partners, etc. Mr. Lewis was asked back into the meeting and these sentiments were passed along to him. The raise that he was presented was 2% and will be effective from the date of his last raise. This was a raise that was similar to most other localities for the current fiscal year.

5. NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next meeting date was set as January 24, 2019 (Noon) for the executive committee at the Wytheville Golf Club.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned.

Eric R. Workman, Ed.D., Chairman

Keith E. Barker, Secretary

A Joint Resolution of Support of Virginia General Assembly House Bill Number 1840

WHEREAS, Delegate Daniel W. Marshall, III has introduced House Bill Number 1840 into the Virginia General Assembly for consideration in the 2019 session, which directs the State Corporation Commission to establish pilot programs by Dominion Energy Virginia and Appalachian Power;

WHEREAS, the pilot programs will have the purpose of promoting economic development in the rural areas of the Commonwealth by allowing the utility to complete the construction phase of electric transmission infrastructure for a business park prior to the public announcement of a prospective occupant of the business park;

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Commerce Park is a business park by definition of the bill and is an economic development project that will serve the citizens of the City of Galax, and the counties of Carroll and Grayson;

WHEREAS, Virginia's Industrial Advancement Alliance desires to support said legislation by joining with the affected localities and regional partners in approving this joint resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, the Virginia's Industrial Advancement Alliance does hereby **RESOLVE** to support House Bill Number 1840 for the purpose of permitting Appalachian Power to complete the construction phase of electric transmission infrastructure for Wildwood prior to the public announcement of a prospective occupant of the business park.

Adopted by the Virginia's Industrial Advancement Alliance on this date of January 23rd, 2019

Chairman Dr. Eric Workman

Attest: _____
Joshua Lewis
Executive Director