

The Carroll County Economic Development Authority held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, 2019 at the Carroll County Governmental Complex in Hillsville.

Members present: Chairman Ricky Thomas, Vice Chairman Richard Sowers, Larry Edwards, Mandi McCraw, Ronnie Collins and Secretary Larry Chambers.

Also, IDA Treasurer Sandy West, and Rex Hill, chairman of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors.

Citizen Time

Markel Cochran addressed the board pertaining to the current status of the EDA agreement with Appalachian Natural Gas as described in the Fiscal Year 2016 Audit report. Chairman Thomas received his notes and stated that the board would inquire about the status of the agreement and provide an appropriate update.

Minutes

Mr. Sowers made the motion to approve the minutes of the Aug. 5, 2019 meeting as submitted. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Claims Report

Mr. Chambers made the motion to approve the monthly claims presented by Ms. West. Mr. Collins seconded the motion and approved by a 6-0 vote.

Closed Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Ms. McCraw and approved by a 6-0 vote, the Authority entered into a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (Section A.3 for acquisition or disposition of real property and Section A.5 for economic development).

Return to Regular Session – Certification

On a motion by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Ms. McCraw and approved by a 6-0 vote, the IDA returned to regular session and adopted the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Authority has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-3711 (A.3 Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property and Section A.5 for economic development) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve the treasurer's report presented by Ms. West, seconded by Mr. Chambers and approved by a 6-0 vote.

Tree Request

Chairman Thomas presented a letter from Jennifer Hawks, vice-president of finance and administration for Virginia Produce, asking for permission, at no cost to the county, to remove the wild cherry and white pine trees from the Guynn Farm, which they lease from the county.

Chairman Thomas offered to meet with Ms. Hawks or Virginia Produce owner Moir Beamer and look at the trees they want to cut and report back to the EDA.

He later met with Mr. Beamer to look at the trees involved. He said there were about 20 wild cherry and about 30 white pine trees, along with several dead trees.

A decision will be made on the tree cutting at the Oct. 7 meeting of the EDA.

Other Business

The Authority also discussed several other items which were for information only.

Adjournment

Mr. Sowers made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Edwards and approved by unanimous vote.

NOTE: The next meeting of the IDA will be held at 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 7, 2019 at the Carroll County Governmental Complex in Hillsville.