

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 1, 2011

Present: Emily Pelton, Bennett Saunders, Natt Hall, Alphonso Taylor, Jerry Gress, Greg Kelly and John Bruguire

Chairperson Emily Pelton called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Public Comment - Kim Cash, Rural Nelson field officer, noted that this was the last meeting for which she would report. She thanked the EDA for its leadership and reminded them that they owe it to the public to follow proper meeting protocol and be responsible to the taxpayers.

The Authority welcomed new member, Jerry Gress.

MOTION: To approve the September meeting minutes. Hall-Saunders (7-0)

The following slate of officers will be presented at the January 2012 meeting – Natt Hall, Chairperson; Greg Kelly, Vice Chairperson; Alphonso Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer.

Members agreed to review their strategic plan and discuss priorities as well as potential funding sources at their January meeting. In addition, members agreed to request funding from the county for items currently funded by the EDA but previously funded by the county, such as their meeting compensation, the contributions to the Small Business Development Center and the Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development.

Maureen Kelley reported that the Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development is conducting a regional comprehensive economic development strategy, including a workforce analysis. The study will also include data for each locality and is expected by the end of January.

Members thanked Emily Pelton for her service as the 2011 chairperson.

Motion: To end regular session and move into closed session to discuss a business not yet announced under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act 2.2-3700. Bruguire-Taylor (7-0)

Roll Call Vote: Emily Pelton, aye; Bennett Saunders, aye; Natt Hall, aye; Alphonso Taylor, aye; Jerry Gress, aye; Greg Kelly, aye; John Bruguire, aye.

Motion: To end closed session. Bruguire-Taylor (7-0) Roll Call Vote: Emily Pelton, aye; Bennett Saunders, aye; Natt Hall, aye; Alphonso Taylor, aye; Jerry Gress, aye; Greg Kelly, aye; John Bruguire, aye.

Motion: To return to regular session. Bruguire-Taylor (7-0) Roll Call Vote: Emily Pelton, aye; Bennett Saunders, aye; Natt Hall, aye; Alphonso Taylor, aye; Jerry Gress, aye; Greg Kelly, aye; John Bruguire, aye.

Motion: To adopt the following resolution: Be it hereby resolved, the Economic Development Authority of Nelson County does hereby return to regular session having only discussed a business not yet announced. Bruguire-Taylor (7-0) Roll Call Vote: Emily Pelton, aye; Bennett Saunders, aye; Natt Hall, aye; Alphonso Taylor, aye; Jerry Gress, aye; Greg Kelly, aye; John Bruguire, aye.

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned.