

**Morgan County Economic Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
May 25, 2021
Morgan County Courthouse**

MINUTES

Members Present: Stefanie Allemong, Ed Asher, Terri Beard, Sean Forney, Mark Garfinkel, George McVey, Larry Omgs, Ryan Rebant, Brandy Steele, Kristen Tuttle, and Susan Webster
Members Absent: Chase Andrews, Kris Domich, and Mark Harrell
Also Present: Lyn Goodwin, EDA executive director

1. Call-to-Order

Larry Omgs called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Quorum present.

2. Minutes

Terri Beard made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sean Forney, and the motion was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Terri Beard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, including expenses, for May 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by Brandy Steele, and the motion was approved.

4. EDA Projects/Business

- a. Lotus/Green Street Project – Closing on the old Bath High School property occurred on May 11. Governor Justice announced the project on May 12 with Lotus Recovery Centers, the Morgan County Commission, and the MCEDA participating. The keys to the building have been given to Lotus officials, and county staff have assisted them with the transition by providing information on utility services, maintenance contracts, etc.
- b. EDA Office Renovations – EDA office is temporarily located at Morgan County Courthouse. The former EDA office space is being renovated for a new tenant. When those renovations are completed, work will begin on the new EDA office space on the first floor of the Dyche-Kidwell building.
- c. Paw Paw Industrial Park Property Improvements – Work to clear the lots has not proceed yet.
- d. LED Grant Resolution – The West Virginia Development Office does not have a record of receiving the EDA's LED grant resolution. Grant resolution paperwork needs to be completed again so grant funding can be released. Sean Forney made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing Lyn Goodwin to enter into a contractual agreement to receive and administer grants funds pursuant to the provisions of the FY 2021 Local Economic Development Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Susan Webster, and the motion was approved.
- e. Lot 5 Proposal for Morgan County Industrial Park – William Rice, on behalf of the prospect, presented information on the Lot 5 Proposal. Terri Beard made a motion to go

into executive session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Lot 5 Proposal, a contractual matter pursuant to W.Va. Code §6-9A-4. The motion was seconded by Stefanie Allemong, and the motion was approved. The EDA returned from executive session at 4:50 p.m. Ed Asher made a motion to approve the Lot 5 Proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Brandy Steele, and the motion was defeated.

- f. Nominating Committee – According to the MCEDA By-Laws, a Nominating Committee needs to be appointed to propose officers for FY 2021-2022. Larry Omps appointed Sean Forney, Susan Webster, George McVey, and himself to the Nominating Committee. Committee will present a slate of officers at the June meeting with elections to occur at the July meeting.

5. Other Projects/Business

- a. Letter of Support for 2021 RTP Grant Application for Cacapon State Park Mountain Bike Trails – George McVey made a motion for EDA President Larry Omps to submit a letter of support for Cacapon Resort State Park Foundation’s 2021 Recreational Trails Program Grant application to expand mountain bike trails at the park. The motion was seconded by Brandy Steele, and the motion was approved.
- b. American Rescue Plan – Informational sheet on the American Rescue Plan was included in meeting packet. Sean Forney reported Morgan County is slated to receive \$3.4 million in funding.

6. Director’s Report

Lyn Goodwin noted her Director’s Report was included in the meeting packet.

7. Announcements/Public Comment

Jim Linsenmeyer, the West Virginia Development Office’s business expansion and retention manager for the Eastern Panhandle, introduced himself and briefly explained the services that he can provide for the EDA.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Attest:

President



Secretary

