

**Morgan County Economic Development Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 30, 2021  
Morgan County Courthouse**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Stefanie Allemong, Ed Asher, Terri Beard, Sean Forney, Mark Harrell, George McVey, Larry Omps, Brandy Steele, Kristen Tuttle, and Susan Webster

Members Absent: Kris Domich, Mark Garfinkel, Charles Kapp, and Ryan Rebant

**1. Call-to-Order**

Larry Omps called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Quorum present.

**2. Minutes**

Ed Asher made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Terri Beard, and the motion was approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

George McVey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and expenditures for November 29, 2021. The motion was seconded by Sean Forney, and the motion was approved.

**4. EDA Projects/Business**

- a. Update on Proposal for Lot 8 and Lot 9 in 522 Business Park – Lyn Goodwin reported the prospect is updating the company's business plan and preparing a written offer to purchase Lot 8 and Lot 9 in the 522 Business Park. Jim Linsenmeyer from the state Department of Economic Development and Lyn Goodwin met with the prospect and discussed various workforce development programs, state tax credits/incentives, and possible funding resources that could be applicable to the business.
- b. Timber Sale Bid/Agreement for 522 Business Park – Mark Harrell made a motion to approve the timber sale agreement with Ray Bohrer Pulpwood & Timber for \$16,185.00 at 522 Business Park contingent upon review and any changes recommended by county attorney. County will not require bonding. The motion was seconded by Ed Asher, and the motion was approved.
- c. Timber Sale Quote/Agreement for Paw Paw Industrial Park – Susan Webster made a motion to approve the timber sale agreement with Gloyd Logging for \$2,000.00 at Paw Paw Industrial Park contingent upon review and any changes recommended by county attorney. County will not require bonding. The motion was seconded by Brandy Steele, and the motion was approved.
- d. Authorization for WV Local Economic Development Grant for FY 2021-2022 – The West Virginia Department of Economic Development has released applications for the Local

Economic Development (LED) Grant program for FY 2021-2022. Deadline for applications is December 31, 2021. Terri Beard made a motion to authorize Lyn Goodwin to apply for a LED Grant in the amount of \$22,727.00. The motion was seconded by Sean Forney, and the motion was approved.

- e. Prospects Update – Lyn Goodwin provided an update on an aquaculture business prospect and updates on Capstone Spirits and Lotus Recovery Centers.

#### 5. Director's Report

Lyn Goodwin reported her Director's Report was included in the meeting packet. She noted the following items from the report:

- Letter was sent to Lucas Andrews informing him that the EDA Board approved granting him a six-month extension to start construction on Lot 5 in the 522 Business Park.
- EDA office renovation work continues and is expected to be completed by the end of December.
- All paperwork for the EDA treasurer transition has been completed.
- Through Region 9, a company has been selected for the drone videos for EDA properties/economic development promotion. The videos are tentatively scheduled to be filmed in December.
- Eastern Panhandle Economic Outlook Conference is December 1 at noon at Coolfont Resort.

#### 6. Announcements/Public Comment

- Sean Forney announced that the Warm Springs Public Service District will be conducting interviews and selecting an engineering firm next week to develop the preliminary plans for the U.S. 522 water and sewer extension. Plans are needed in order to pursue U.S. EDA grant funding for the project.
- The regularly scheduled date for the December EDA board meeting is December 28, which is between the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. George McVey made a motion to cancel the December MCEDA board meeting, with the understanding that a special meeting will be scheduled if the need arises. The motion was seconded by Terri Beard, and the motion was approved.

#### 7. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mark Harrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Brandy Steele, and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Attest:

President:



Secretary

