

April 11, 2023

IDA Board Meetings held on the second Tuesday of the Month beginning at 6:00 PM

100 Athletic Field Rd, Lawrenceville, VA 23868

1. Industrial Parks, Buildings & Land

1.1. Brunswick County Industrial Park

Working with a new prospect

1.2. I-85 Business Park in Alberta

Bidding has begun on the Alberta Organic Packing Facility the Pre-Bid Meeting was held on March 21 at 1:30 pm. We were glad to see two local construction companies at the meeting. According to Dewberry there has been a lot of interest in BCPP project. Sealed Bids will be received by the IDA Bids will be accepted until 2:00 pm on Wednesday April 12, 2023 at the Brunswick County IDA offices, 116 W. Hicks Street, Lawrenceville, VA 23868.

1.3. Roanoke River Regional Business Park (RRRBP)

Work continues on the Microsoft project. The timeline for opening has not been announced.

1.4 St Paul's 418 Acres.

Harvesting of the Timber continues under supervision of Director Will Ford the timber on this section was sold prior to the existing sales contract for the entire property. Timbering has been delayed due to the very wet winter. The roads and the site will be left in the proper condition. Cara Bailey requested to meet with the IDA Board of Directors. The required meeting to determine her agenda has not yet been scheduled. To date there has been 10,000.00 in non-refundable payments made. The buyers utilized their second extension which ends June 31 2023. As of today the purchasers have still not contacted planning and zoning and have not made us aware of site visits or engineering that has begun. Will Ford monitors secured site.

1.5 Sledge & Barkley We have received bids back on the RFP for The Sledge Planning Grant and for the Stabilization Construction Project.

2. Marketing

Economic Development Partners continue to work to attract industry to IDA Properties and the County. Staff has updated and further refined the VEDP website featuring Brunswick County properties under our jurisdiction, as well as all other potential industrial sites in the County. We are actively targeting businesses that are in tune with the Board of Supervisors Vision 2035

3. Prospects

The IDA continues to use every opportunity to pursue prospects with a focus on attracting industry and commerce to existing sites; e.g., Brunswick Industrial Park, I-85 Business Park in Alberta, vacant warehouse and building sites, property available for sale; etc. Also, the IDA recognizes the importance of locations near major transportation routes to many industries. Inquiries were received from (13) interests in January (inquiries are defined as requests for general information regarding Brunswick County as a potential location choice for a business). More definitive interest is being pursued with two (2) business prospects.

4. Projects/Activities

4.1 Small Business Incubator Feasibility Study

We have received a 63,000 Planning Grant from DHCD to pay for a Sledge & Barkley Feasibility study. There is a Request for Bids advertised on our website www.BCIDA.org this study will provide data that hopefully will verify the feasibility of the project and the necessity for an economic development space additional funding for the IDA to undertake the development of the Sledge & Barkley Building. Once completed we will once again apply for the IRF Grant required to complete Sledge & Barkley.

4.2 Areas of Development Opportunity

The IDA is moving forward to develop plans related to Areas of Development Opportunity. My focus is not only to bring new business but also to focus on business that will utilize the services of existing businesses. Our location is central to many very large regional Agriculture Projects, Plenty in Chesterfield County and Aero Farms in Pittsylvania County. With the proper effort, these projects should benefit Brunswick County. We continue identifying both priority projects and geographic locations in the County while preparing our goals as part of our long-range plans.

4.2.1 Brunswick County Agricultural Task Force

Originally created in 2019 by the Board of Directors of the BCIDA the Ag Task Force directly influenced the decision of Old Dominion Organics farms to move its operations to the IDA I 85 Industrial Park. The task force became the Project task for the Organic packing Facility. With the influx of potential agricultural opportunities, the Task Force will once meet again in February. The composition of the Task is still being determined. It will consist of educators, funders, consultant's farmers and educators. I will serve as the chair. The task Force Operates at no additional cost to citizens.

4.2.2 Strategic Plan

There will be a joint meeting of the IDSA Board of Directors and the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors on May 24th 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Brunswick County Board Room. This meeting is open to the public. At this meeting we will also be discussing IDA project funding.

4.2.3 I 85 Chlorine Residual Project

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Mr. Proctor with VDH is up to date on all the progress....as for the mixers, Dominion has secured the easement across the Brunswick Square property for the electrical part of that project. We have extended the schedule for the Consent Order. Lawrenceville continues to seek acceptable bids for the project.

5. Budget/Administration/Financial Management

5.1 Budget

Work is ongoing and will be discussed at tonight's Board Meeting

5.2 EZ Allocation request to Board of Supervisors

The IDA administers the Enterprise Zone. The Virginia Enterprise Zone (VEZ) program is a partnership between state and local government that encourages job creation and private investment. VEZ accomplishes this by designating Enterprise Zones throughout the state and providing two grant-based incentives, the Job Creation Grant (JCG) and the Real Property Investment Grant (RPIG), to qualified investors and job creators within those zones, while the locality provides local incentives.

Sec. 14-94. -of the Brunswick County Ordinance explains how local incentives are provided. Each year the IDA is to give an estimate of anticipated projects which will be completed during the next fiscal year.

Sec. 14-95. - Qualification for benefits. A business firm located within the boundaries of the enterprise zone shall qualify for local incentives set forth in this article. The county shall make grants to the industrial development authority, subject to annual appropriations, for the funding of approved local grants and any other monetary incentives set forth in this article. (Ord. of 5-20-2015(1), Art. 1). If the business does not preform as anticipated the IDA receives no reimbursement.

5.3 Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, April 5 & April 12, 2023

Advertisement FY23 Brunswick County Public

School Budget

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Regular Board of Supervisors meeting

Public Hearing on FY23 Brunswick County

Public School Budget

The public is encouraged to attend

5.4 Audit
On going

5.5 Financial Agreements/Obligations

6. Meetings since March board meeting

3/16-17/23 - VEDA Spring Conference

3/21/23 - BCPP Pre-bid Meeting

3/21/23 - Tobacco Commission Round Table Discussion in South Hill

3/22/23 - Community Development Block Grant Workshop

3/23/23 - Prospect Committee Meeting

3/25/23 – James Solomon Russell Day Dinner & Documentary Premiere

3/27/23 - Virginia Tech Regional Developers Focus Group

3/28/23 - Prospect Meeting

3/30/23 - VDH Grant Discussion

3/30/23 - FBLA send off

4/3/23 - Personnel Committee

4/3/23 - Planning Committee

4/5/23 - BCPP Monthly Meeting