

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND COMMISSION

Monday, October 15, 2018

The March 20, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Whitehill at 9:05 a.m. in the County Commissioner Chambers, 107 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, MD. In addition to Chairman Whitehill, the following members were present: Chris Corchiarino, Gregg Todd, County Administrator, and Bill Walmsley. Staff present was Jean Fabi, Economic Development Manager, and Danielle Dutra, Administrative Assistant.

The agenda and the September meeting summary were accepted by the Commission.

Department Update: Jean Fabi gave an update on the EDIF recipients and noted that the quarterly employment information for the 3rd Quarter of 2018 is coming in. So far, each of the companies that have reported are on track to meet or exceed their hiring projections. Compass Regional Hospice has exceeded the number of new full time jobs created as a result of an expansion. Ms. Fabi will provide an employment report at the next regular meeting. Ms. Fabi stated that the department will be hosting its annual Career Fair on November 14 and that several EDIF recipient companies are participating.

Old Business:

A. Recipient Update: Quarterly meetings are scheduled with Roszell Coffee Roasters, The EDGE and Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company at the end of October. Employment reports are due today.

B. BlackWater Distilling: The EDIF received a requested from BlackWater Distilling to amend its EDIF agreement to include its new location, which includes a Tavern, as the Project Site for the purposes of job creation. On a motion made by Mr. Corchiarino and seconded by Mr. Todd, the Commission voted unanimously with one (1) board seat vacant to approve the request to amend the EDIF agreement for BlackWater Distilling.

New Business:

A. Ms. Fabi presented project summaries on behalf of two (2) existing businesses that are seeking EDIF Funding. The Board discussed each project. On a motion made by Mr. Todd and seconded by Mr. Walmsley, the EDIF voted to accept an application in consideration of funding from the Kent Narrows Boatel. On a motion made by Mr. Walmsley and seconded by Mr. Corchiarino, the EDIF Commission voted to accept an application in consideration of funding from Smoke, Rattle and Roll. Ms. Fabi will follow up with the companies to submit complete applications and schedule the company presentations for the next regular meeting on November 19.

B. The Board received the resignation of Debbie Scott earlier in the month. Ms. Scott is relocating out of state. The EDIF wishes to thank Ms. Scott for her service on the commission.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Mr. Walmsley seconded by Mr. Corchiarino, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jean Fabi

Economic Development Manager