

MINUTES

BERKS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 27, 2019

The August 27, 2019 meeting of the Berks County Industrial Development Authority, held at the Berkshire Country Club, 1637 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19601, was called to order at 8:30 AM by Chairman Joseph M. Eways, II.

Members Present: Joseph M. Eways, II
James A. Adams
Robert F. Firely
Eric W. Jenkins
Rebecca M. Wingenroth

Others Present: Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach
Mary L. Buerer, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Leinbach
Jessica D. Blauser, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Barnhardt (arrived 8:55)
Commissioner Mark C. Scott, Esq. (arrived at 9:25)
Michelle P. Kircher, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Scott (arrived at 9:25)
David N. Hunter, Sr., Acting Community Development Director City of Reading
Debra Millman, GRCA, Vice President Greater Berks Development Fund
Kenneth L. Pick, Executive Director Berks County Redevelopment Authority
Pamela J. Shupp, GRCA, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
Edward J. Swoyer, Jr., GRCA, President Greater Berks Development Fund
Michael A. Setley, Esquire, Solicitor
Thomas C. McKeon, BCIDA Executive Director
Jeremy R. Zaborowski, BCIDA Deputy Director
Vicki L. Bentz, BCIDA Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper
From the Public:
Dale Egan and sons: Andrew and Thomas Egan
Dr. E. Berry Hey, Jr.
Eric Keebler
Chad and Laurie Rochotte

The meeting opened with questions from the public folks (noted above) concerning the Van Reed Substation Project/First Energy/Met-Ed. Mr. McKeon explained that the 3MW extension which was previously planned for many years as an upgrade to the line has been installed. BCIDA paid \$1.2M for this upgrade. Mr. McKeon also explained about the micro-grid process and conclusion. Also clarified was that the transmission lines and Van Reed substation is not a project of the BCIDA, rather it is solely Met-Ed's project. Met-Ed/First Energy completed a comprehensive study for an analysis on future growth.

The public folks left the meeting and it was recessed for the Board to enter the Berks County Industrial Development Foundation's Board meeting at 9:15. The BCIDA Board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:20.

The minutes of the July 15, 2019 Board meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the July income and expense reports, financial statements and the budget reports. Ms. Wingenroth seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A motion to ratify the actions of four Board members regarding their approval of Blue Rock Construction proceeding with an engineer peer selection of Snyder Secary and Associates for review of the Berks Park 183 DEP/NPDES resubmission was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Jenkins and unanimously approved.

Mr. Adams made a motion to ratify the approval by three Board members to engage Interactive Liquid, LLC for the video production and to execute the Videography Contractor Agreement. This was seconded by Mr. Firely and unanimously approved.

BerksIDA's logo design was approved by Ms. Wingenroth, seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously approved.

Mr. Zaborowski reviewed a power point presentation relating to survey results, BCIDA's year in review, Berks Park 183 status, prospective sites and action items. This was followed by the five economic development attendees presenting their current philosophies, goals, projects and outlooks pertaining to their organizations.

It was decided to reschedule the September 9th Board meeting to September 30 and cancel the October 21st meeting. The November meeting will be held on November 18 as originally scheduled.

The meeting was recessed at 12:15 to 1:45 for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:45 and there being no further business to come before the Board, at 1:45 the regular meeting was recessed and the Board entered executive session. In the executive session, a matter related to a real estate issue was discussed. No official action was taken pertaining to this matter.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 3:45. There being no further business to come before the Board, at 3:45 on motion by Ms. Wingenroth and seconded by Mr. Eways the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Director