



NRGRDA – Board Meeting

March 12, 2024 – J.W. & Hazel Ruby Welcome Center

Chairman Greg Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. The following were present:

- Board Members – Greg Rogers, Tom Cochran, Elizabeth Dix, Larry Meador, Greg Duckworth, Bill Baker, Robert Shafer, Craig Chapman, Rob Rappold, Heather Johnson, Ted Kula, Kris Antoline, Allison Taylor
- Staff members – Jina Belcher, Judy Moore, Crystal Silver

REPORTS:

~ December 19, and special meeting Jan 30, 2024, board meeting minutes were presented to the board – motion to approve was made by Tom Cochran; seconded by Mayor Rappold; motion carried with none opposed.

~ NRGRDA acceptance of financials for December 2023 and January 2024 – After discussion, a motion to approve the financials was made by Larry Meador; seconded by Bill Baker; motion carried with none opposed.

The Executive Director Report:

- Jina went over some of the project board highlighting Aerospace Company prospect, Project Big G, Project Pam.
- We are moving forward with housing assessment.
- Some zoning issues are keeping us from projects in Summers and Nicholas.

The Hive/CRAN Report:

- Judy gave some general program updates and funding overview information.
- Jan 10 – UVA Student Group, Feb 14 – Childcare Day at the Capitol, Feb 15 – Coffee talks
- March 21-23 Women’s Expo – The NRGRDA/WV Hive are supporting this event as sponsors and will be displaying and attending the events over the three days. We will also be inviting four Hive clients to display their products with us.
- April 9-11 Future Forward and Bridging Innovation
- April 23 – Pitch Southern WV Business Idea Competition
- Pattern Textile Industry Project (SBA/Capito earmark funding) -closes 8/31/24. Deliverables in process.
- Truist Planning grant – closes 12/31/24. Funding amount 10,000 to help us identify small business barriers and disparities in accessing capital.
- ACT now (USEDA funds with Benedum match) closes 9/30/26 Deliverables are on target.
- We have several fundraising proposals in progress. SBA Growth Accelerator, Truist Foundation, Benedum Foundation, USDA RISE, ARC POWER



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Action Items:

- Discussion and Decision – NRGRDA By-Laws Committee update by Bill Baker
- After discussion, there was no decision made. The language would be cleaned up and come back next meeting to rediscuss and hopeful a decision would be made then.

➤ **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS: None**

Prior to adjournment, Bill Baker requested the minutes reflect appreciation for the hard work and growth both Judy Moore and Jina Belcher have brought to the Hive and NRGRDA over the last several years. He indicated that the board should be proud for the impact NRGRDA is making across the region and the State of WV and hopes other board members are equally appreciative.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday April 15, 2024 – Summers County

With a motion and a second, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.