



NRGRDA – Board Meeting

August 21, 2023 – Zoom Meeting

Chairman Greg Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. The following were present:

- Board Members – Greg Rogers, Tom Cochran, Elizabeth Dix, Larry Meador, Greg Duckworth, Bill Baker, Robert Shafer, Rob Rappold, Heather Johnson, Kris Antoline, Joe Ree, Tom Louisa
- Non-Voters – John Tuggle, Ted Kula, Jason Robert, Attorney Cory Bonassa
- Staff members – Jina Belcher, Judy Moore, Crystal Silver,

REPORTS:

~ June 29, 2023, Board Meeting minutes were presented to the board – motion to approve was made by Bill Baker; seconded by Greg Duckworth; motion carried with none opposed.

~ NRGRDA & HIVE financials for April 2023 and May 2023 and June 2023 and July 2023 were not accepted – After discussion, it was noted that both Organizations need more. Needing full financial statements and a more thorough P&L statement. We are working with Ethan Fox at Richmond & Richmond CPA to get this process more streamlined.

The Hive/CRAN Report:

- Replacement hired for Grants Compliance Coordinator – Jessica McGuire. Jessica started on July 10th.
- June 28th – we conducted our first Resource Fair for small businesses at the Historic Black Knight Country Club. This event was tremendously successful and the planning for a second one is underway.
- Continuing to work on policy development, accounting, and reporting processes, and more, as required for establishing a non-profit organization.
- There are several upcoming events: Fall Training of our Co. Starters 2-day boot camp. Coffee Talks and Community day's events, Zing Train Customer Service and Leadership Training. And Pitch Southern Wests Virginia Business Idea Competition scheduled to be held.
- US EDA CRAN grant closed 7/31/2023. Deliverables met. Closeout report has been submitted and accepted by EDA.

Action Items:

- Approve Southern Raleigh Broadband Expansion Committee's Decision to Procure Thrasher Engineering, following WV's 5g Procurement Process. A motion to approve was made by Larry Meador, seconded by Robert Rappold; motion carried with none opposed.
- Approval of NRGRDA's decision to Procure Gigabeam as the Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the Southern Raleigh Broadband Expansion Project. A motion to

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- approve was made by Robert Rappold, seconded by Bill Baker; motion carried with none opposed.
- Cory Bonasso, attorney of Bowles Rice, LLP read the Klockner Pentaplast Inducement and Reimbursement Resolution. A motion was made to approve by Robert Shafer, seconded by Larry Meador; motion carried with none opposed.
 - Cory Bonasso, attorney of Bowles Rice, LLP read the Klockner Pentaplast Bond Authorizing Ordinance. A motion to approve was made by Larry Meador, seconded by Tom Cochran; motion carried with none opposed.
 - There will be a second reading, then run for 2 weeks and then the third and final reading will be held.

Discussion Items:

- Jina Belcher presented the 3PS Three Point Strategies proposal for Public affairs, marketing and digital media to be our voice for the legislative process. She will reach out to see if the bill can be split with someone. We are tabling this and will rediscuss it at our October board meeting and decide then.
- Jina went over the Traction Accountability Chart. We have 4 new buckets creating more structure.

➤ OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Jina Belcher is commended for all the great work and effort that she puts into this organization.

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 16th, 2023.

With a motion made by Robert Rappold and a second made by Bill Baker, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



NRGRDA – Board Meeting **September 13, 2022 – Zoom Meeting**

- Board Members – Greg Rogers, Tom Cochran, Elizabeth Dix, Greg Duckworth, Bill Baker, Robert Shafer, Ted Kula, Kris Antoline, Tom Louisa, Heather Johnson
- Attorney – Cory Bossano
- Staff members – Jina Belcher, Crystal Silver

➤ **PUBLIC HEARING:**

~ Heather Johnson made a motion to open to the public at 4:31; Tom Louisa seconded; motion carried with none opposed.

~ At 4:36 Heather Johnson made a motion to close to the public; seconded by Bill Baker; motion carried with none opposed.

At 4:37 the third and final meeting for Cory to read the ordinance started

- Cory read the ordinance; a motion was made by Heather Johnson; seconded by Bill Baker; motion carried with none opposed.
- Cory read the resolution to adopt and put into place; a motion to adopt resolution was made by Heather Johnson; seconded by Tom Cochran; motion carried with none opposed.

➤ **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS: None**

With a motion and a second, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.