



## **NRGRDA – Board Meeting**

### **April 21, 2025 – Zoom Meeting**

Allison Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. The following were present by zoom or in person:

- Board Members – Allison Taylor, Bill Baker, Ted Kula, Robert Shafer, Craig Chapman, Tamara Mullins, Donnie Holcomb, Anita Groves, Phillip Jarrell, Heather Ouimette, Tom Louisos
- Non-Voting Member – Zackary Statler
- Staff members – Jina Belcher, Judy Moore, Jozy Moore, Crystal Silver

### **REPORTS:**

~ February 24, 2025, Board Meeting minutes were presented to the board – motion to approve was made by Tom Louisos; seconded by Anita Groves; motion carried with none opposed.

~ NRGRDA acceptance of financials for February and March 2025 – After discussion and updates, a motion to approve the account balance section of the financials was made by Robert Shafer, seconded by Bill Baker; motion carried with none opposed.

### **The NRGRDA Report:**

- Jozy Moore: Policy & Government Outreach Coordinator went over the bills that passed and mentioned the ones that did not.
- Jine went over some Organizational updates.
  - ~Amazon facility announced on University Drive–this announcement was premature and leaked by an on-site contractor; Amazon is prepared for a ribbon cutting with NRGRDA in November 2025
  - ~There are three business location requests (site prospects) – Project Coco, Project Wolf, and Project BDP
- Jina went over notable projects and achievements.
  - ~Appalachian Heights, Southern Industrial Drive, RC Memorial Airport Development, Wolf Creek Park, Pinecrest Business and Tech. Park, Nicholas Count Data Center
- Jina went over some Media Highlights along with the organizational and funding updates.
  - ~State Treasurer Larry Pack visit, Future Forward Summit Announcement, Small Business and Economic Development

### **The HIVE Report:**

- Judy gave some general program updates.
  - ~Business Hub moved from 205 S Kanawha St to the 129 Main Street Suite 406



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- ~Feb 3-24 Three sessions of the CO Starters 4-Part bootcamp
- ~Feb 26 – Lunch and Learn Webinar
- ~March 26 – Lunch and Learn Webinar – Proactive Land Planning to support
- ~April 9 -Coffee Talks Princeton
- ~April 22-23 Future Forward in partnership with BRCCC
- ~April 28-30 Bridging Innovations
- ~April – Lunch and Learn Webinar
- Judy went over some special project updates:
  - ~ACT Now Community and Business Resilience Initiative, Textile Lab / PATTERN, Collegiate Entrepreneurship Initiative, Pitch Southern WV, Hive in a Box, Retail Incubation Hub, and Food Incubation Hub

#### **Housekeeping Items:**

- The first week of June there will be a House Committee Meeting and a Finance Committee Meeting scheduled.

#### **Action Items:**

- The consideration of Legislative Committee creation was discussed, and it was suggested that the commissioners should be the ones that should be involved. A motion was made by Robert Shafer; seconded by Tamara Mullins & Anita Groves; motion carried with none opposed.
- An RFP for the Operational Checking Account was discussed, and a motion was made to go forward with it by Tom Louisos; seconded by Donnie Holcomb; with none opposed, motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

- None

#### **New Business:**

- The next board meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2025, in person at Beckley.

With a motion made by Tom Louisos, and a second by Donnie Holcomb, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm