

***Scott County Economic Development Authority
and Scott County Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Dates and Special Events***

The December meeting of the Scott County Economic Development Authority will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Interpretive Center located at 371 Technology Trail Lane, Duffield, VA. All meetings are open to the public.

The December meeting of the Scott County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at the Cove Ridge Center located at Natural Tunnel State Park. A dutch treat lunch will be available for \$10 per person (Menu to be confirmed) Please RSVP by December 12th.

**SCOTT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2022**

VIRGINIA

A meeting of the Scott County Economic Development Authority was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:00p.m. in the Board Room of the Scott County Administrative Offices located at 190 Beech Street, Suite 201, Gate City, VA 24251.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

There was not a formal roll call; however, the following members were present/absent as indicated:

Eric Lane	Present
Lynn Fansler	Absent
Larry Culbertson	Present
Roger Fraysier	Present
Dennis Fritz	Present
Brad Bowen	Present
John Strutner	Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

John H. Kilgore, Jr. – Director
Sally Kegley – County Attorney

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roger Fraysier called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was provided by Dennis Fritz who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VCEDA SEED GRANT SUPPORT LETTERS

We have received a request from two businesses for support letters for their applications to the VCEDA SEED grant program. Those businesses are Kane Street Smokehouse and Hall Logging.

Brad Bowen made a motion, duly seconded by Eric Lane, authorizing the Director to submit a letter of support for Kane Street Smokehouse and Hall Logging for their applications to the VCEDA SEED grant program.

VOTING:	AYE:	Eric Lane; Roger Fraysier; Brad Bowen; Dennis Fritz; Larry Culbertson; John Strutner
	NAY:	None
	ABSENT:	Lynn Fansler

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Attended the Virginia Economic Development Association in Lynchburg on Sept. 21st – 23rd
- Participated in a conference call with VEDP on Oct. 3rd on an upcoming technology trade show
- Participated in an Agriculture Development Conference with agriculture and economic development representatives from across the state on Oct. 3rd – 6th in Goochland and surrounding counties
- Attended the Scott Co. PSA meeting on Oct. 11th
- Participated virtually in the GO Virginia 1 meeting on Oct. 11th
- Attended the Scott Co. Chamber meeting on Oct. 12th

John said there were many new agriculture processes demonstrated at the agriculture conference that would be potentially feasible in Scott County.

NICKELSVILLE FARMERS MARKET

- Applied for and awarded \$25,000 from the Va. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs AFID grant program
- Board of Supervisors approved \$25,000 match from ARPA funds as a match
- MOA signed with Va. Dept. of Agriculture

John said the facility is planned to be built on county property, and we are still waiting on a plan and estimate. He said he would like to see this open next spring.

TVA WORKFORCE INVEST

- Grant application submitted on April 29th
- Follow-up call on June 6th
- WebEx meeting on June 8th
- TVA stated no site visit is required at this point
- MECC Summer Institute for Teachers held the week of July 18th
- EDA provided lunch each day at the Pioneer Center for the 28 participants

John said we continue working with VEC to hopefully assist with the 2nd year.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL GRANTS UPDDATE

- Scott County Grants (Bridging the Gap, Disaster Recovery Grant Round 1, 2 and 3, Scott Co. CARES Non-Profit Grant Round 1, 2 and 3 (Total \$634,515)

- LENOWISCO Regional Grants (39 Scott Co. businesses have submitted applications for a total of \$354,356.86)

CALENDAR ITEMS

The calendar was reviewed with no changes.

FINANCIALS

The VCEDA Fund Balance report for August showed \$27,342 in available funds. The EDA Expenditure showed 64.48% remaining, the Community Services Building has 27% remaining, and the Crooked Road Tech Center has 66% remaining.

CLOSED SESSION

The Chairman stated there was a need to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussing A.3 Real Estate (Weber City), A.5 Prospects (Gate City, Weber City, Dungannon and Duffield) and A.7 Legal Matters related to a county business.

Dennis Fritz made a motion, duly seconded by Larry Culbertson, to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussing A.3 Real Estate (Weber City), A.5 Prospects (Gate City, Weber City, Dungannon and Duffield) and A.7 Legal Matters related to a county business.

VOTING:	AYE:	Eric Lane; Roger Fraysier; Brad Bowen; Dennis Fritz; Larry Culbertson; John Strutner
	NAY:	None
	ABSENT:	Lynn Fansler

OPEN SESSION

Larry Culbertson made a motion, duly seconded by John Strutner, to exit Closed Session and re-enter Open Session.

VOTING:	AYE:	Eric Lane; Roger Fraysier; Brad Bowen; Dennis Fritz; Larry Culbertson; John Strutner
	NAY:	None
	ABSENT:	Lynn Fansler

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Scott County Economic Development Authority has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Scott County Economic Development Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scott County Economic Development Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification Resolution applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Scott County Economic Development Authority.

Brad Bowen made a motion, duly seconded by Dennis Fritz, to certify the Closed Session.

APPROVAL:

Eric Lane	Yes
Lynn Fansler	Absent
Larry Culbertson	Yes
Roger Fraysier	Yes
Dennis Fritz	Yes
Brad Bowen	Yes
John Strutner	Yes

MEMBER COMMENTS

Larry asked about the nuclear power plant looking at Wise County. He said he hoped Scott Co. would be in the running. John stated it would be a learning curve in the next few months and a study is planned for our region.

ADJOURNMENT

There were several conflicts with the November regular meeting date.

Brad Bowen made a motion, duly seconded by Dennis Fritz, to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Scott Co. Administrative offices located at 190 Beech Street, Suite 201 in Gate City.

VOTING:	AYE:	Eric Lane; Roger Fraysier; Brad Bowen; Dennis Fritz; Larry Culbertson; John Strutner
	NAY:	None
	ABSENT:	Lynn Fansler