

**PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
Conference Call
425-436-6394 | Access Code 867576#
8 a.m. – June 4, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the Industrial Development Authority of Prince Edward County will be operating pursuant to and in compliance with “EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER,” adopted by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, April 7, 2020.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Watson, Chair
Mike Montgomery, Vice Chair
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts
Edgar Jones
Tim Tharpe
Fred Russell

ALSO PRESENT: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Kate Pickett Eggleston, Director of Economic Development; Terri Atkins Wilson, County Attorney

ABSENT: none

At 8:04 a.m., there being a quorum present, Mr. Watson welcomed everyone and called the June 4, 2020 IDA Meeting to order.

Electronic Meeting Certification

Mr. Watson read the following electronic meeting certification: Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the Industrial Development Authority of Prince Edward County will be operating pursuant to and in compliance with “EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER,” adopted by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors, April 7, 2020.

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Introductions

Mr. Watson explained that because the meeting was being conducted by phone, there would be a roll call vote for all votes taken during the meeting, along with a roll call for attendance. The roll call attendance was as follows:

Aye: Mike Montgomery Nay: (none)
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts
Edgar Jones
Tim Tharpe
Fred Russell
Brad Watson

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Watson asked if there were any edits to be made to the May 20, 2020 IDA meeting minutes or if there was a motion for them to be approved as is. Mr. Russell made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020 IDA meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Montgomery. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Mike Montgomery Nay: (none)
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts
Edgar Jones
Tim Tharpe
Fred Russell
Brad Watson

New Business

Mr. Watson asked Mr. Bartlett to update us on the property discusses previously in closed session, tax parcel 51-10-2C, that the IDA is selling to Twin Rivers Capital. Mr. Bartlett said that the IDA is selling the land for \$250,000. He said that we have an earnest money deposit and that we have been negotiating for quite some time. Mr. Watson asked if they had worked out the ingress and egress road situation. Mr. Bartlett said that Twin Rivers wanted to handle that between them and the other entity, so we are letting them do that. We will have more specific information in the future. Mr. Watson asked if rezoning is required. Mr. Bartlett said no, that it's zoned C1, which is adequate for what they plan to do there.

Mr. Tharpe made a motion for the Prince Edward County Industrial Development Authority to sell tax map parcel 51-10-2C in the Business Park to Twin Rivers Capital for the price of \$250,000 and that the Board authorizes Chairman, Brad Watson, County Administrator, Wade Bartlett, and IDA Attorney, Terri Atkins Wilson, to sign the necessary documents to carry out the transaction. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Mike Montgomery Nay: (none)
Robert Atkinson
Joyce Yeatts

Edgar Jones
Tim Tharpe
Fred Russell
Brad Watson

Mr. Bartlett informed the Board that the Board of Supervisors will be discussing federal coronavirus relief money. The IDA may be involved with the allocation of that money to small businesses, although that has not yet been decided. Just under \$2 million were allocated to Prince Edward County.

Mr. Watson added that another piece of new business to discuss is the rezoning of the Lockwood property. He asked for clarification that the Planning Commission will be having a hearing on June 16th. Mr. Bartlett and Ms. Pickett positively confirmed. Mr. Bartlett stated that the Planning Commission makes the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board meets on the second Tuesday in July and will make the final decision. Mr. Watson mentioned that he read that a camp ground on Persimmon Tree Fork Road, the same road as the Lockwood property, is also on the agenda for the Planning Commission. Mr. Bartlett stated that he is correct. Michael and Beth Dowler purchases half of a tract of land. About 52 acres are being proposed to be used for a campground.

Old Business

Ms. Pickett stated that the Board of Supervisors gave permission to solicit bids for the Business Park internal access road project. An RFP has been posted and two firms have said that they plan to write proposals. Proposals are due at the end of the month and a Board of Supervisors committee can make the decision of which firm to choose or they can give staff permission to do so. Ms. Pickett stated that she plans to apply to the Tobacco Commission to be able to utilize the remaining Southside Economic Development allocation for the county to be used towards the access road project.

Adjournment

Mr. Watson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Yeatts made the motion, seconded by Mr. Tharpe and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Mike Montgomery	Nay: (none)
	Robert Atkinson	
	Joyce Yeatts	
	Edgar Jones	
	Tim Tharpe	
	Fred Russell	
	Brad Watson	

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.