

**PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Heartland Regional Visitor Center, 121 East Third Street, Farmville, Virginia  
4:00pm – February 7, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Showalter, Chairman  
Virginia Price, Vice Chairman  
Tim Tharpe  
Edgar Jones  
Gwenn Eddleman  
Ken Copeland

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sharon Carney, Director of Eco. Development/IDA Secretary;  
Rob Chapman, Reporter from Farmville Herald; and  
Dr. Wilkie Chaffin, Reporter for Southside Messenger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** James Moore

Being a quorum present, Chairman Showalter welcomed everyone and called the February 7, 2014 meeting to order at 4:00p.m. at the Heartland Regional Visitor Center.

Mr. Showalter opened the meeting by stating the order of business for the special meeting of the IDA was to approve the January 30, 2014 IDA Minutes. The Attorney General's Office requires formally approved IDA Minutes from the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting where the sale of 16+/- acres of land to VDOT as per the "Purchase Agreement" was accepted and authorized. There being no comments, Ken Copeland made a motion to accept the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 IDA minutes. The motion was seconded by Tim Tharpe. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Robert Showalter	Nay:
	Virginia Price	
	Edgar Jones	
	Gwenn Eddleman	
	Tim Tharpe	
	Ken Copeland	

Chairman Showalter asked if there was any additional business. Sharon stated the need to add one additional item regarding a "Sunset Provision" for the Granite Falls Community Development Authority (CDA). While inactive the Granite Falls CDA still exists. The Ordinance of Creation contained a section with a sunset date which stated the CDA shall be dissolved, if the developer had not acquired the real estate within two years after adoption of the ordinance. Since the Granite Falls Hotel/Conference center has been cancelled, this brings forth the question of the need for the continuance of the CDA. The CDA provides a valuable economic development tool for attracting and assisting business in the County. A CDA provides the opportunity for a business to receive financing that would not otherwise be available.

(See attached signed copy of AMENDMENT TO PETITION DATED AUGUST 14, 2009 FOR THE CREATION OF THE GRANITE FALLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND WAIVER, signed and date by Robert M. Showalter, IDA Chairman)

After a few brief comments, Gwen Eddleman made a motion to request the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors to amend the Petition dated August 14, 2009 to remove the dissolution clause in "the Ordinance" which will allow for the continuation of the Granite Falls CDA. The motion was seconded by Ken Copeland. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Robert Showalter	Nay:
	Virginia Price	
	Edgar Jones	
	Gwenn Eddleman	
	Tim Tharpe	
	Ken Copeland	

There being no additional IDA business, Tim Tharpe made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Gwen Eddleman. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Robert Showalter	Nay:
	Virginia Price	
	Edgar Jones	
	Gwenn Eddleman	
	Tim Tharpe	
	Ken Copeland	

The IDA meeting was adjourned at 4:10p.m.

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Sharon Lee Carney, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert M. Showalter, Chairman