

DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY

Minutes – Special Meeting

April 20, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority convened at 8:05 a.m. on the above date in the Municipal Building, 427 Patton Street, 4th Floor Conference Room, Danville, Virginia. Present were City of Danville Members Vice Chairman Sherman M. Saunders and Fred O. Shanks, III. Alternate J. Lee Vogler was absent. Pittsylvania County Members present were Chairman Jessie L. Barksdale and Robert Warren. Alternate Elton W. Blackstock was absent.

City/County staff members attending were: City Manager Ken Larking, Pittsylvania County Economic Development Director Matt Rowe, Assistant County Administrator for Planning & Development Greg Sides, City of Danville Assistant Director of Economic Development Corrie Teague, City of Danville Finance Director/Authority Treasurer Michael Adkins, Assistant Director of Finance Patricia Conner, City of Danville Senior Accountant Henrietta Weaver, Clement Wheatley Attorney Michael Guanzon and Secretary to the Authority Susan DeMasi.

Mr. Barksdale presided.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one desired to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS

4A. CONSIDERATION – RESOLUTION 2016-04-20-4A – APPROVING A CO-APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANT - TIGER GRANT

Assistant Director of Economic Development Corrie Teague explained City and County staff are trying to find various funding sources in order to develop sites in Berry Hill Industrial Park, as well as improve the infrastructure. Staff came across a unique opportunity through the U.S. Department of Transportation to partner with the state for a TIGER grant, a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant. There is \$500,000,000 of funding available for transportation related projects throughout the United States. With the large scale industries RIFA is recruiting to Berry Hill, staff knows that rail infrastructure is very important, and has been made aware of a need to improve transportation access at the port. RIFA has an opportunity to partner with the state on a \$25,000,000 application to receive funds to build out rail throughout the Berry Hill Industrial Park as well improvements at the port. The application is due by 4/29/2016. Since this is in a rural area, the funds can be used for 100% of the project; it is very similar to the VDOT grants. The lead applicant, the State, would receive the funds if approved; RIFA has up until 2019 to obligate those funds for a specific project and until 2024 to spend the funds. Staff did receive confirmation from the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture that the locality and RIFA would not be liable if the funds were not expended; if the funds were not spent, they would have to be returned.

In response to Mr. Saunders, Ms. Teague noted there is \$500,000,000 available this fiscal year for projects around the United States. One applicant cannot exceed \$100,000,000 and there is a stipulation that no state can receive more than 25% of the \$500,000,000.

Mr. Warren entered the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

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Mr. Guanzon noted this Resolution is just to submit the application by the deadline date. If there are stipulations, such as if there had to be matching funds, that would have to come back to RIFA for further approval.


Mr. Shanks **moved** adoption of *Resolution No. 2016-04-20-4A, authorizing a co-application to the United States Department of Transportation for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant to secure funding of rail infrastructure and port improvements necessary to handle increased agricultural and other bulk exports from Southern Virginia in support of the development of the Authority's Berry Hill Industrial Park project located in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.*

The Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Warren and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 4-0
AYE: Barksdale, Warren, Saunders, Shanks (4)
NAY: None (0)

The Meeting adjourned at 8:11 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary to the Authority