

July 28, 2005

The Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, Wytheville, and Rural Retreat held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Wytheville Municipal Building located at 150 East Monroe Street, Wytheville, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph W. Freeman, Chairman	William F. Snyder, Vice Chairman
George T. Johnstone, Treasurer	Robert J. Ayers
Gerald L. Brewer	David L. Elmore

MEMBERS ABSENT

Danny B. Gordon

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

None

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R. Cellell Dalton, Wythe County Administrator
Raymond E. Matney, Rural Retreat Town Manager
C. Wayne Sutherland, Jr., Wytheville Town Manager

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Freeman called the meeting to order and determined a quorum to be present. Dr. Snyder offered the invocation, and Mr. Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' TIME

Mr. Freeman asked if there were any persons present who wished to address the board during citizens' time. There being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Freeman noted it is time to elect officers. He relinquished control of the meeting to Mr. Webb, who opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Mr. Ayers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnstone, to nominate Mr. Freeman as chairman. Dr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brewer, that nominations be closed and Mr. Freeman be elected by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Having been elected chairman, Mr. Freeman resumed control of the meeting. Mr. Freeman opened nominations for vice-chairman. Mr. Johnstone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elmore, to nominate Dr. Snyder as vice-chairman. Mr. Brewer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ayers that nomination be closed and Dr. Snyder be elected by acclamation. The

motion passed unanimously. Mr. Brewer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ayers, to nominate Mr. Johnstone as treasurer. Dr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ayers, that nominations be closed and Mr. Johnstone be elected by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ayers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to elect Ms. Pack as secretary. Dr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ayers, that nominations be closed and Ms. Pack be elected secretary by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 23, 2005, and June 29, 2005 special meeting

Mr. Brewer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ayers, to approve the June 23, 2005, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnstone, to approve the minutes of the special meeting on June 29, 2005, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Ms. Pack explained that the first two checks listed involved the Revolving Loan Fund. Check #1034 is a transfer of funds from checking to the Local Government Investment Pool. Check #1035 is for the annual administrative fee to the Joint IDA. Mr. Brewer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ayers, that the invoices be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**Joint IDA of Wythe County
Check Register**

For the Period From July 1, 2005, to July 31, 2005

Filter Criteria includes: Report order is by Check Number.

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
1034	7/27/05	Local Govt Investment Pool	20,000.00
1035	7/27/05	Joint IDA of Wythe County	842.81
4647	7/25/05	American Electric Power	64.16
4648	7/25/05	Anthem Southeast Dental	90.76
4649	7/25/05	Companion Life Insurance Co	75.37
4650	7/25/05	Sprint	8.13
4651	7/25/05	Bankcard Services	1,234.74
4652	7/25/05	Va Municipal League Group	228.00
4653	7/25/05	Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield	1,404.32
4654	7/25/05	Fort Dearborn Life Ins Co	26.85
4655	7/27/05	Alan R. Hawthorne	3,615.52
4656	7/27/05	Angela D. Pack	1,692.92
4657	7/27/05	Michael B. Webb	2,050.37
4658	7/28/05	Alan Hawthorne - Reimbursement	200.08
4659	7/28/05	Angela D. Pack	25.11
4660	7/28/05	Duke's Printing	132.00
4661	7/28/05	First Bank of Virginia	2,792.04
4662	7/28/05	JIDA Petty Cash	45.45
4663	7/28/05	Mike Webb-Reimbursement	10.13
4664	7/28/05	The Mount Rogers Dev Partnersh	2,299.92

4665	7/28/05	Sprint	125.63
4666	7/28/05	United States Treasury	240.90
4667	7/28/05	VA Dept Of Taxation	463.21
4668	7/28/05	Virginia Employment Commission	8.06
4669	7/28/05	Va Municipal Liability Pool	4,930.00
4670	7/28/05	Wytheville Office Supply	361.21
4671	7/28/05	Xerox	373.24
4672	7/28/05	Robert G. Moore	1,100.00
Clear do	7/26/05	Wytheville WalMart Supercenter	78.76
PettyCas	6/28/05	Postmaster	3.75
Total			44,523.44

PRESS RELEASE - LOCAL COMPANY EXPANSION

Mr. Webb shared a copy of the Governor’s announcement about the Klöckner Pentaplast of America expansion. A copy of the press release follows.

GOVERNOR WARNER ANNOUNCES KLOCKNER PENTAPLAST EXPANSION IN WYTHE COUNTY - Second expansion involves \$17 million investment by Klöckner Pentaplast, creates 54 jobs -

RICHMOND - Governor Mark R. Warner today announced that Klöckner Pentaplast of America, Inc., a manufacturer of plastic film and shrink wrap, will invest \$17 million to expand its Rural Retreat manufacturing facility in Wythe County, creating 54 new jobs. A previous expansion was announced in 2002. The company will focus its new investment on a film production center for United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-regulated vinyl films that will service the pharmaceutical and other FDA markets. Virginia successfully competed against Ohio and West Virginia for the project.

“Klöckner Pentaplast of America has made its home in Virginia since founding here in 1977,” said Governor Warner. “This announcement marks the company’s second expansion in just over two years, a tribute to Southwest Virginia’s excellent workforce. The collaboration and clear communication between state and local officials and the company made the deal possible.”

Klöckner Pentaplast of America, Inc., is the largest producer of high-quality rigid films in the Americas. The company's product line includes vinyl, polyester, polypropylene, high-impact polystyrene (HIPS), BAREX®, ACLAR®-laminated, COC-laminated and -coated, and PVDC-coated films for pharmaceutical, medical device, food, electronics, and general-purpose thermoform packaging, as well as printing and specialty applications.

“Klöckner has built its success on superior products, quality, service and employees,” said Michael F. Tubridy, President, Klöckner Pentaplast of America, Inc. “This opportunity in Rural Retreat has become a reality due to the dedication and work ethic of the people working in the region for the past 11 years. We are equally committed to the people here. I sincerely appreciate the cooperation and support we have received from the local and state initiatives that have helped us create new jobs that benefit the entire community.”

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Wythe County, the Town of Rural

Retreat, the Joint Industrial Development Authority of Wythe County, and Virginia's aCorridor to secure the project for Virginia. Governor Warner approved a \$125,000 grant from the Governor's Opportunity Fund to assist Wythe County with the project. The Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission approved \$125,000 in Tobacco Region Opportunity Funds for the project. The Virginia Department of Business Assistance will provide training through its Workforce Services Program.

"It is rewarding to see the continued growth and success of Klöckner Pentaplast of America," said Wythe B. Sharitz, Chairman, Wythe County Board of Supervisors. "With this current expansion, KPA will become Wythe County's largest manufacturing employer."

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Mr. Ayers asked how many of Klöckner Pentaplast of America's employees live in Wythe County. Mr. Webb stated that he did not know, and Mr. Roger Frye stated that VEC had no way of knowing. Mr. Ayers stated that he would also like to know how many employees of Pepsi Bottling Group are residents of Wythe County. Mr. Freeman instructed the staff to obtain the information for Mr. Ayers.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD PRESENTATION - RONNIE MARTIN

Mr. Ronnie Martin thanked the board for the chance to speak. He explained that he represents the Workforce Investment Board Area II and noted that several of the Workforce Investment Board members are present at this meeting. He presented a slide show on the Workforce Investment Board. He began by noting that the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 created the Workforce Investment Board. Funds come to the board from the U.S. Department of labor via the state workforce board. Funds are administered at the local one-stop center, and Mr. Roger Frye is the manager of the local one-stop center. Mr. Martin explained the role of the board in workforce development and discussed recent initiatives. He concluded by explaining that the Workforce Investment Board website had useful data on the area's labor force. Mr. Freeman stated that he was pleased that Mr. Martin and the Workforce Investment Board were addressing the education aspect of economic development. Mr. Martin stated that he is speaking with individuals in Giles County to develop a pilot program with the Giles County school system that could then be implemented in other school systems in the area. Mr. Freeman thanked Mr. Martin for his presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

FAIRVIEW INDUSTRIAL PARK PAVING UPDATE

Mr. Webb informed the board that legal counsel Tom Hodges felt that the Joint IDA could not legally enforce the paving requirements for Mark Umberger's property because most of the property in question could be considered truck turn-around area. This does not have to be paved according to the covenants. Mr. Webb explained that Mr. Hodges wants to study the Simply Home building further to determine if the owners could be forced to pave. Dr. Snyder noted that it has taken Mr. Hodges a considerable amount of time to come to that conclusion. Mr. Freeman asked what Mr. Hodges still has to do to formulate an opinion regarding the Simply Home property. Mr. Elmore noted that he received a letter about the formation of a landowners'

association in Fairview, and he suggested letting the association pursue the paving issue. Mr. Webb explained that the landowners association would be discussed later in the agenda, and Mr. Freeman suggested that it be discussed now since it ties in with the paving requirement. Mr. Webb reminded the board that the Fairview Industrial Park covenants expire in July 2006, and a landowners association must be formed to continue some type of protection. Mr. Robert Fowlkes of Williams Manufacturing volunteered to lead the efforts to form a landowners association. Mr. Webb explained that he and Mr. Freeman met with Mr. Fowlkes and agreed to set up a meeting with landowners in the park. It was also felt that neighboring landowners might be interested in joining the association. The meeting is set for August 17. Mr. Freeman noted that paving requirements is one item that will be discussed when forming the landowners association. Mr. Brewer suggested taking no further action at this time. Mr. Elmore agreed because legal counsel advised that the paving requirements cannot be enforced. Dr. Snyder noted that the board should hand over Fairview Industrial Park to the landowners association with everyone in compliance with the covenants. Mr. Freeman noted that the parking and turn-around area for the Simply Home property is delineated. Mr. Freeman instructed Mr. Webb to find what else Mr. Hodges needs to do to provide an opinion about the Simply Home property and how much it will cost before instructing him to move ahead. The board will then make a decision at the next meeting based on that information.

JOINT IDA PAVING QUOTES

Mr. Webb informed the board that he solicited quotes for the paving of the Joint IDA's parking lot. He explained that Dr. Moore offered to cover half the cost. Two pavers responded to Mr. Webb. Save-A-Lot Paving quoted \$2,950 and Neugent Paving quoted \$3,000. Consensus of the board was to defer further discussion on this topic until the next board meeting at which time the renewal of the Joint IDA's lease will be discussed.

FAIRVIEW COVENANTS EXPIRATION

This item was discussed under "Fairview Industrial Park Paving Update."

MUSSER LUMBER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CLOSEOUT

Mr. Webb informed the board that Musser Lumber fulfilled its job creation obligations for the Community Development Block Grant. The grant is now in close-out proceedings.

OTHER

Mr. Webb reminded the board that Mr. Gordon suggested adopting a resolution of appreciation for Mr. Benny Burkett's efforts with Progress Park. Mr. Webb explained that a resolution was adopted on March 25, 1999, and the board reviewed the resolution. Consensus of the board was that the resolution was sufficient, but the issue could be revisited in the future if members felt it necessary.

Mr. Johnstone reported that the mowing of the Fairview rear lots will occur the following week.

NEW BUSINESS

GATORADE PLANT UPDATES

Mr. Webb described the Gatorade groundbreaking ceremony. He explained that PepsiCo is proceeding with construction as planned.

FAIRVIEW HOUSE

Mr. Webb reminded the board that the Joint IDA owns the house at the entrance of Fairview Industrial Park. The house was rented by the County's Recreation Department. With the new additions to the County Administration Building, the recreation department no longer needs to rent the house. Mr. Webb suggested that the board consider approaching the Town of Wytheville and Wythe County about the possibility of using the building. If neither needs the space, then the Joint IDA could consider other options. Mr. Brewer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnstone, to approach the county and town about the possibility of leasing the house. The motion passed unanimously.

JOINT IDA WEBSITE UPGRADES

Mr. Webb explained that he has secured the commitment of several individuals to serve on an advisory committee for the Joint IDA website upgrades. He asked if any board members wished to join the committee, and Dr. Snyder volunteered.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Webb explained that it is time to form an audit committee to review the financial affairs of the authority. He noted that last year's committee was the board's executive committee, and consensus of the board was to retain the executive committee as the audit committee.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/JOINT MEETING WITH BOS, SCHOOL BOARD, and WCC

Mr. Webb explained that several plant managers have expressed concern regarding the lack of awareness of and training for manufacturing careers. He noted that several managers even spoke to the Wythe Manufacturing Council Steering Committee, and Mr. Freeman was present at those discussions. At the Joint IDA's urging, the Wythe County Board of Supervisors is arranging for a joint meeting with the Wythe County School Board and Wytheville Community College to discuss the matter. Dr. Snyder commented that the local National Public Radio station aired a segment about a successful adult education program in Patrick County. Mr. Freeman instructed staff to invite the Joint IDA board to the meeting with the Board of Supervisors, Wytheville Community College, and the Wythe County School Board and to research the Patrick County adult education program.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Webb stated that the Joint IDA assisted with one prospect visit and responded to several inquiries during the past month.

OTHER

Mr. Webb explained that the Joint IDA’s lawn mower no longer functions. Wal-Mart donated a new mower to the Joint IDA, and Mr. Webb prepared a thank you letter to Wal-Mart’s General Manager, Mr. Dickie Arrington, for Mr. Freeman to sign.

Mr. Webb informed the board that Mr. Mark Kilduff, Executive Director of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, is retiring. Mr. Webb stated that he prepared a letter to Mr. Kilduff, on behalf of Mr. Freeman, congratulating him on his retirement and thanking him for his support of Wythe County during his tenure with the state.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Joseph W. Freeman, Chairman

ATTEST:

Angela D. Pack, Secretary