

1 **TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION**

2 701 East Franklin Street, Suite 501

3 Richmond, Virginia 23219

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7 **Southside Economic Development Committee Meeting**

8 Monday, January 7, 2019

9 4:30 p.m.

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 Homewood Suites

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 Richmond, Virginia 23219

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, Jr., Chairman

3 The Honorable Edward Owens, Vice Chairman

4 The Honorable Brian Ball

5 Ms. Gayle F. Barts

6 The Honorable Kathy J. Byron

7 The Honorable James E. Edmunds, II

8 Dr. Alexis I. Ehrhardt

9 The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III

10 Mr. Robert Mills, Jr.

11 The Honorable Frank M. Ruff

12 Mr. Buddy Shelton

13 The Honorable William M. Stanley, Jr.

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15 COMMISSION STAFF:

16 Mr. Evan Feinman, Executive Director

17 Mr. Andy Sorrell, Deputy Executive Director

18 Mr. Timothy S. Pfohl, Grants Program Administration Director

19 Ms. Sarah K. Capps, Grants Program Administrator,

20 Southside Virginia

21 Ms. Michele Faircloth, Grants Assistant

22 Southside Virginia

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2 Ms. Elizabeth B. Myers, Assistant Attorney General
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DELEGATE WRIGHT: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, I want to call the Southside Economic Development Committee meeting to order.

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Evan, would you call the roll.

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MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Barts.

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MS. BARTS: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Byron.

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DELEGATE BYRON: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Edmunds.

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DELEGATE EDMUNDS: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Dr. Ehrhardt.

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DR. EHRHARDT: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Marshall.

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DELEGATE MARSHALL: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Mills.

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MR. MILLS: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Owens.

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MR. OWENS: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Senator Ruff.

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SENATOR RUFF: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Buddy Shelton.

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MR. SHELTON: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Senator Stanley.

1 SENATOR STANLEY: Here.

2 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Wright.

3 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Here.

4 MR. FEINMAN: You have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.

5 DELEGATE WRIGHT: At this time, I'll ask for a motion
6 to approve the minutes of September 18th, 2018. All those in
7 favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). The minutes
8 are approved.

9 At this time, I'll ask Ms. Capps to proceed.

10 MS. CAPPS: The first matter we have to consider is
11 Bedford County for a grant increase, Number 3470. This is a
12 request to increase the award, and the County came back
13 requesting a small increase. The original award was for \$1.3
14 million plus, and the County has asked to increase the funding by
15 an additional \$71,025, and that'll increase the award to
16 \$1,371,527. Staff recommends approval of the additional
17 \$71,025 in funding to be added to the original award, for a total
18 revised grant award of \$1,371,512. All those in favor, say aye.
19 (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That passes.

20 The second one is from Sussex County, and they are
21 recommending a grant for \$6,250 for Project Number 3504 called
22 the Three Brothers Access Road Project in Sussex County. This
23 is a request for assistance in a small business, actually a distillery
24 with a new access road.

25 MR. FEINMAN: We can properly regard this distillery

1 as a manufacturing project. I don't know that Staff can speak to
2 the specific quality of the product, but we'll do that shortly.

3 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Sarah, is this access road or is
4 the current road being used?

5 MS. CAPPS: As I understand it, the current access
6 road, so this is to make it more accessible and easier to get in
7 and out.

8 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, on this question, and
9 I believe there's at least two full-time jobs, or what are we doing
10 with that?

11 MR. FEINMAN: They're trying.

12 MS. CAPPS: Well, they've got to use this access road.

13 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Any further discussion? My
14 understanding the County made the application. I believe they
15 do have a match.

16 MS. CAPPS: The County is providing some financing.

17 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Any further questions?

18 DELEGATE EDMUNDS: I move we accept the Staff's
19 recommendation.

20 DELEGATE WRIGHT: We have a motion and a second
21 to accept the Staff's recommendation.

22 MR. OWENS: I'll second that.

23 DELEGATE WRIGHT: The motion has been made and
24 seconded to accept the Staff recommendation. All those in favor,
25 say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response).

1 MS. CAPPS: There's one other business item, and this
2 is for, it's actually a grant extension for the Town of Broadnax,
3 and this involves the Town of Broadnax on the western edge of
4 Brunswick County, and this is Broadnax Depot Renovation Project
5 Number 2975. The request is for an extension until January 12,
6 2021. This is an extension concerning the historic railroad depot
7 in the Town of Broadnax. The reason is that when the grant was
8 awarded, and it was awarded with the contingency of a match
9 award, and it took a couple of years to get all this done, to get
10 the match from VDOT. That has been acquired and, therefore,
11 the Staff is recommending approval of this extension.

12 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Any questions? Do we have a
13 motion?

14 MR. MILLS: I move acceptance.

15 MR. OWENS: Second.

16 DELEGATE WRIGHT: We have a motion and a second
17 that we accept the Staff recommendation. All in favor, say aye.
18 (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). The motion carries.

19 Any public comment? If not, we have a motion to
20 adjourn?

21 MR. OWENS: So moved.

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I, Medford W. Howard, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public for the State of Virginia at Large, do hereby certify that I was the Court Reporter who took down and transcribed the proceedings of the **Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, Southside Economic Development Committee Meeting**, when held on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 4:30 p.m., at the Homewood Suites in Richmond, Virginia 23219.

I further certify this is a true and accurate transcript, to the best of my ability to hear and understand the proceedings.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of January, 2019.

Medford W. Howard

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