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TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

701 East Franklin Street, Suite 501
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Southwest Economic Development Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
3:00 o'clock p.m.

General Francis Marion Hotel
107 East Main Street
Marion, Virginia

1 APPEARANCES:

2 The Honorable Charles W. Carrico, Sr., Chairman
3 The Honorable A. Benton Chafin, Jr., Vice-Chairman
4 Mr. Ed Blevins
5 Ms. Rebecca Coleman
6 The Honorable James W. (Will) Morefield
7 Ms. Sandy Ratliff

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9 COMMISSION STAFF:

10 Mr. Evan Feinman, Executive Director
11 Mr. Andy Sorrell, Deputy Director
12 Ms. Stephanie S. Kim, Director of Finance
13 Ms. Sara Williams, Grants Program Administrator
14 Southwest Virginia
15 Ms. Jessica Stamper, Grants Assistant
16 Southwest Virginia

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18 COUNSEL FOR THE COMMISSION:

19 Ms. Elizabeth B. Myers
20 Assistant Attorney General
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3 SENATOR CARRICO: All right, I'm going to call the
4 meeting of the Southwest Economic Development Committee to
5 order and ask Evan to please call the roll.

6 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Carrico.

7 SENATOR CARRICO: Here.

8 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Chafin.

9 SENATOR CHAFIN: Here.

10 SENATOR CARRICO: Secretary Ball.

11 SECRETARY BALL: (No response).

12 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Blevins.

13 MR. BLEVINS: Here.

14 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Coleman.

15 MS. COLEMAN: Here.

16 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Morefield.

17 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Here.

18 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Ratliff.

19 MS. RATLIFF: Here.

20 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Sutherland.

21 MR. SUTHERLAND: (No response).

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

23 SENATOR CARRICO: I'd like to have approval for the
24 minutes of our 6-5-19 minutes.

25 MR. BLEVINS: So moved.

1 SENATOR CARRICO: I have a motion and a second.
2 All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes) Opposed? (No response).
3 The minutes are approved.

4 All right, now we have the grant proposals, and I'll ask
5 Sara.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, I can run through the Staff
7 comments, or if there's any additional information we have, or I
8 can provide it at the end of the report, whatever you prefer.

9 SENATOR CARRICO: When we get through the
10 agenda, if anybody wants to make any comments or changes.

11 MR. FEINMAN: I need you all to speak up, because I
12 don't know who's called in or if you pick up your mikes.

13 MS. WILLIAMS: The first project today is 3567, Town
14 of Big Stone Gap, requesting \$250,263.

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16 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
17 recommendations for Town of Big Stone Gap (page 26) into the
18 record.

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20 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends a grant award of
21 \$250,263.

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23 The next project is Buchanan County Industrial
24 Development Authority, Number 3565. Southern Gap
25 Amphitheater Project - Initial Design Fee, requesting \$57,000.

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1 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
2 recommendations for Buchanan County Industrial Development
3 Authority (pages 26 and 27) into the record.

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5 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends a grant award of
6 \$57,000 for up to 50 percent of contractual design work and
7 conditioned upon documentation of a competitive procurement
8 process to select the most appropriate firm.

9 Project 3558, Floyd County EDA, Floyd Light Industrial
10 Building and Growth Center Campus, requesting \$497,475.

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12 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
13 recommendations for Floyd County EDA (pages 27 and 28) into
14 the record.

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16 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends a grant award of
17 \$497,475.

18 Number 3570, Friends of Southwest Virginia,
19 Recreation Cluster Development, Connectivity, and Sustainability,
20 asking for \$330,000.

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22 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
23 recommendations for Friends of Southwest Virginia, pages 28
24 and 29, into the record.

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1 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends a grant award of
2 \$330,000, contingent on the Applicant providing a sustainability
3 plan for additional funding support for these positions beyond the
4 period of this grant.

5 Next, Number 3566, Industrial Development Authority
6 of Dickenson County, Thunder River Campground, asking for
7 \$200,000.

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9 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
10 recommendations for Industrial Development Authority of
11 Dickenson County, pages 29 and 30, into the record.

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13 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends no award.

14 The next is 3563, Lincoln Memorial University, LMU-
15 CVM Veterinary Education Building, requesting \$4,018,490.

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17 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
18 recommendations for Lincoln Memorial University, pages 30 and
19 31, into the record.

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21 MS. WILLIAMS: Per policy and program guidelines,
22 Staff has no recommendation for a request that exceeds the
23 available Committee balance.

24 MR. CARRICO: I'd like to make a motion and
25 announce that Morgan Griffith has arrived. Thank you.

1 MS. WILLIAMS: Number 3560, Millwald Theatre, Inc.,
2 Millwald Theatre Restoration and Economic Revitalization Project,
3 asking for \$200,000.

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5 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
6 recommendations for Millwald Theatre, Inc., pages 31 and 32,
7 into the record.

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9 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends a grant award of
10 \$160,000 for contractual architectural and engineering costs.

11 The next one is 3564, Southwest Regional Recreation
12 Authority, Creating a Sportmans Economy for Southwest Virginia,
13 requesting \$250,000.

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15 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
16 recommendations for Southwest Regional Recreation Authority,
17 pages 32 and 33, into the record.

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19 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends a grant award of
20 \$125,000 to support half of the cost to develop the Snowball
21 Hollow Rifle and Pistol Range.

22 Next, 3559, Town of Lebanon,
23 Restoration/Rehabilitation of the Historic Russell Theater,
24 requesting \$200,000.

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1 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
2 recommendations for Town of Lebanon, pages 33 and 34, into
3 the record.

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5 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends this request be
6 tabled pending additional information on event programming and
7 marketing, operating policies/procedures/budget, and data
8 estimates on out-of-town visitation.

9 Next, 3569, Town of Saint Paul, Lyric Project, Phase
10 II, requesting \$349,600.

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12 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
13 recommendations for Town of Saint Paul, pages 34 and 35, into
14 the record.

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16 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends a grant award of
17 \$349,600, contingent on commitment of funds required to
18 complete Phase 2 construction.

19 Next, Tazewell County Industrial Development
20 Authority, Cultural Arts of Southwest Virginia Corporation,
21 Number 3557, \$225,000 requested.

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23 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
24 recommendations for Tazewell County Industrial Development
25 Authority, pages 35 and 36, into the record.

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MS. WILLIAMS: This is a case where we felt that to offer a loan. Staff recommends this project be referred to Virginia Resources Authority for consideration of a long-term loan from the Tobacco Commission’s Revolving Loan Fund. I believe the current rate is around 2.5 percent through the County IDA. In the latest scenario, the Commission would have a collateralized lien that would be released upon full repayment of the loan and then termination of the nonprofit’s lease would not trigger issues of public funds granted for private for-profit purposes. The proforma in the business plan appears to justify this approach from a net operating revenue standpoint, as this approach would result in annual debt service of less than \$15,000, which is well within the projected net operating margins.

Next, 3571, University of Virginia, UVa-Wise-Southwest FOURSight, requesting \$1,005,127.89.

NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and recommendations for University of Virginia, pages 36 and 37, into the record.

MS. WILLIAMS: Staff is of the opinion this project should be repositioned to focus Tobacco Commission funds more so on the public partners, leverage the new Rural IT

1 Apprenticeship grants when those become available, and be
2 reconsidered when other matching sources are secured. Staff
3 recommends this request be tabled.

4 3568, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, The Crooked
5 Road, The Crooked Road On Tour, \$100,000 requested.

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7 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
8 recommendations for Virginia's Heritage Music Trail: The Crooked
9 Road, The Crooked Road on Tour, pages 37 and 38, into the
10 record.

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12 MS. WILLIAMS: The Commission recommends no
13 award.

14 Finally, 3562, Wythe County, APEX Ancillary Building,
15 requesting \$100,000.

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17 NOTE: Ms. Williams reads the Staff comments and
18 recommendations for Wythe County, pages 38 and 39, into the
19 record.

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21 MS. WILLIAMS: Staff recommends a grant award of
22 \$100,000.

23 That completes the report.

24 SENATOR CARRICO: Any questions for Sara on the
25 requested grants? Any motions or recommendations?

1 MS. COLEMAN: I have a question regarding Project
2 3564, Southwest Regional Recreation Authority, would that be in
3 the Footprint?

4 MR. SHAWN: My name is Shawn --

5 MS. COLEMAN: This looks like a good project to me.
6 I just wondered if there's going to be a controversy with two
7 separate firing ranges in different locations. And what about the
8 noise factor for the residents, surrounding residents? Has that
9 been addressed?

10 MR. SHAWN: Yes, that's a big issue when we were
11 trying to find a site selection. We want a site that's safe and that
12 is not going to be bothersome noise-wise. It's been selected
13 because of those assets that it has, it has things on both sides,
14 and we've done testing on the outskirts of the property. The
15 closest property owner to it, and that was tested with high-
16 powered shells, and it did not, the residents couldn't hear that,
17 for that property is secure on that.

18 MS. COLEMAN: Thank you.

19 SENATOR CARRICO: Any other questions? Anyone
20 else?

21 SENATOR CHAFIN: I'd like to hear about 3559.

22 SENATOR CARRICO: Anyone here from the Town of
23 Lebanon to speak to 3559?

24 MR. DODY: I'm Tony Dodi, and I have some council
25 members with me and Mr. Gilmer and some others. I want to

1 thank everybody here for taking the time to consider this. We
2 started this process in 2016 with some block grants, and we
3 worked with the Cumberland Plateau and the Department of
4 Housing, and we went through three or four sessions. And one
5 of the main things that came out of that was a combination of
6 surveys and service and our CGIs, AT&T, and out of all of that,
7 and one of the big things for the town is this theater event.

8 If you've been in the Town of Lebanon, the Russell
9 Theater sits right dead in the middle of historical downtown. And
10 we do need this to help us continue the energy that is being
11 generated and ongoing in our town. If you have an opportunity
12 to visit us, there's a great deal of energy and work going in town
13 and the Bicentennial, so the theater and other projects, and
14 we've seen a lot of growth and interest in our area, and people
15 have showed up for events and seemed very interested. And
16 actually, we now have or we are in the process of a recreational
17 and fitness training facility. Basically, when this is finished, an
18 increase of 3.5 jobs. I know the Commission gets all kind of
19 requests from theaters, and we're probably one of the last in
20 Southwest Virginia.

21 But what I want to, I guess, assure you or the
22 Committee and Commission, but for purposes of these facilities,
23 the 2019 budget and A&E and the funds and acquisition of over
24 \$200,000 of our commitment. In other words, we just don't plan
25 to renovate it and we're going to make this work. And according

1 to the job description and policy, we're going to make this work,
2 which will be in line with all the other facilities we're operating.

3 So, we thank you for the opportunity of being here
4 today, and thank you for your consideration, and we'll be glad to
5 answer any questions related to our request.

6 SENATOR CARRICO: Thank you. Any questions about
7 any grants?

8 MS. RATLIFF: I have a question on 3570. How much
9 of that ask --

10 MS. WILLIAMS: \$97,000; 330,000, 97 salaries.
11 Twenty thousand of that amount was for the Creeper Trail
12 director. Seventy-seven of it was the Staff.

13 SENATOR CARRICO: I know we have Mr. Pete DeBusk
14 here.

15 MR. DEBUSK: I do have some comments on our
16 school.

17 SENATOR CARRICO: You want to come on up.

18 MR. PETE DEBUSK: I'm with the LMU Veterinary
19 School in Lee County, and we've done a lot of clinical work or the
20 majority of it, and since we've started this school, we have
21 another 145 students. And we know that there's a shortage of
22 veterinarians, tremendous shortage.

23 If you go back and review LMU, you'll see a successful
24 project and you'll see something that generates big dollars, and
25 this will grow beyond belief. And we've just about doubled our

1 enrollment from when we started out in Lee County, Virginia.
2 Lee County is a very poor county and not a lot going on in Lee
3 County. We're down there next to Kentucky and Tennessee, and
4 I'm from Lee County, so I've got a little selfish interest here and
5 a lot invested.

6 But anyhow, there's two or three things we want to
7 enlarge before my time comes and goes. We'd like to get some
8 help. And we want to enlarge the school and we want to
9 enhance our school and we're on a national basis, and we're very
10 involved there. When you're bringing in like a 100 new students
11 and maybe four years ago worth about \$22 million, and you're
12 talking about people spending money and veterinary medical
13 students. But we're growing and providing a great service.
14 People coming from all over the United States. This year, we're
15 represented in about 46 states. In Lee County, we don't have
16 housing for the students. They're renting rooms and renting
17 apartments. The people in Lee County, it's been a tremendous
18 boom, and it's a great relationship to see how we live. It all puts
19 a lot of dollars into Lee County.

20 Now, if we can get this going on, we've got a new
21 sewer system, and we've got a grant for a sewer system, Army
22 Corps of Engineers, and they're doing that and going through
23 feasibility studies. It seems to be well on track. And with all
24 that, we're putting in housing and committed to putting
25 apartments and that sort of thing and a lot of other things that

1 come with it.

2 So, there's a lot of activity going on in Lee County,
3 Virginia as a result of the school. And this is a great project for
4 economic development. People work and make money and
5 circulate money in the great State of Virginia.

6 SENATOR CARRICO: Any comments or questions? I,
7 for myself, have never seen anything that took off like that, the
8 veterinary school. Lee County was kind of dismal before that,
9 and this has just been a great economic boom. One of the
10 problems we ran into on the Commission was the vision of this
11 idea. You came to the Commission for money, but in this part of
12 the state, there's not much there, but we've done this and helped
13 you and it's just a great project. And this is what we're all about.

14 Any questions?

15 MS. COLEMAN: I'm going to second your comment.
16 The most sustainable economic development that's organically
17 grown, and it's great that the Commission had an opportunity to
18 fund something that's had significant implication for a locality,
19 there's nothing like that, that this project has. It's an unusual
20 opportunity.

21 SENATOR CARRICO: Any other comments?

22 DR. EHRHARDT: I'm not on the Committee, but I
23 have a question. You graduated two classes, and your annual
24 enrollment around 90 or 96, and then it said more than 200
25 graduates have located in the Appalachian State?

1 MR. DEBUSK: Jason will have that information.

2 MR. JOHNSON: I'm Jason Johnson, director. I know
3 my way around the cow. About 550 students on campus, and we
4 graduated two classes around 200 students and about 34 percent
5 are practicing in the Appalachian Footprint, but most of these
6 practitioners go back to rural areas. And to just brag on our
7 college. Most of the graduates have a top starting salary within
8 two years of the market. We also are in the top as far as
9 applications to the school, and over 1,800 applicants, and we've
10 only been in operation for five years. We're doing something
11 right, and we're helping Lee County in your Footprint. There's a
12 super veterinary shortage, so we're really helping to fill that.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Can I give you another opportunity
14 to brag? Dividing 1,800 divided by 125 --

15 UNIDENTIFIED: How many are coming in? More than
16 we can handle. We don't have any lack for students now.

17 SENATOR CARRICO: Any more questions? All right,
18 thank you.

19 Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion or we can take
20 them in a block. We have Grant 3567, 3565, Grant 3558, Grant
21 3570, 3566, 3563, all right, 3563 will be removed from the block.
22 3560, 3564, 3559.

23 All right, Senator Chafin's motion, 3959 out of the
24 block.

25 3569, Town of Saint Paul, and 3569 out of the block.

1 3557, 3571, and 3557 out of the block, and 3571,
2 University of Virginia, that was tabled. 3568, 3562 with County,
3 3564, out of the block.

4 So, removed from the block is 3563 3564, 3559,
5 3569, 3557. Anyone else have any motions as far as the block?
6 Is there a motion on the block? There's a motion. Is there a
7 second? We have a second. We have a motion and a second to
8 approve the block. All in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No
9 response).

10 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Chairman, the VRA loan has an
11 adequate balance remaining from the original VRA loan.

12 SENATOR CARRICO: Returning those that were pulled
13 out of the block, 3563.

14 MR. FEINMAN: The reason the Staff made a
15 recommendation is because we have a policy that no
16 recommendation if you exceed the budget before you take that
17 action, this Committee has \$2.7 million in the budget, and at this
18 point, you've got \$2.7.

19 SENATOR CARRICO: Is the motion we did earlier, the
20 Executive Committee, the \$2 million comes back to this
21 Committee?

22 MR. FEINMAN: The Executive Committee cannot do
23 that, but they can make a recommendation to the Full
24 Commission. And even if they were, it wouldn't be adequate, it
25 would still be up to the Committee to meet. If the will of the

1 Committee is to do as much as possible for LMU, what action can
2 be taken, and then the balance could be allocated to LMU or you
3 may keep your prioritization, but the challenge is these requests,
4 you've got \$7.7 million, with \$2.75.

5 SENATOR CHAFIN: Mr. Chairman, I will move in a
6 block 3559, 3564 in the full amount, 3559 in the full amount,
7 3569, the full amount requested, and 3557 in the full amount.

8 DELEGATE KILGORE: The Town of Saint Paul doesn't
9 have all that money in place, I don't know how you're going to do
10 it. You could table that one.

11 SENATOR CARRICO: There's a motion 3564, 3559,
12 3569, and 3557. Now, we have in the block 3564, 3559, and
13 3557. Any other motion?

14 MR. FEINMAN: There's a match of 3564. That was
15 recommended that way so we'd stay on the guidelines.

16 SENATOR CHAFIN: We can amend the motion.

17 SENATOR CARRICO: So, there is a motion on 3564 to
18 amend it to the full recommendation, 125.

19 Now, in the block is 3564, 125; 3559, 200,000, and
20 3557, 225.

21 MR. PFOHL: On the issue of Tazewell IDA, we've
22 spoken with the applicants and counsel about the issue of
23 granting funds to approve a privately owned space, but in
24 speaking with Liz, this was run by the applicants yesterday and
25 with our agreement, a breach of purpose clause if for any reason

1 that, at least to the nonprofit, for purposes of this grant, that
2 would constitute a breach, and as far as grant funds from the
3 property owner. We shared that information with the applicant
4 yesterday. I don't know if they want to speak to it or Liz wants
5 to speak to it. I raise that as a significant issue if you're going to
6 grant funds to improve a privately owned building that's
7 admittedly leased to a nonprofit. Leases can be terminated.

8 MS. MYERS: That's a little bit crazy, a nonprofit with
9 a privately owned apartment, but the question of for profit use,
10 but I'd recommend that we get a deed of trust in favor of the
11 Commission by the for-profit owner.

12 SENATOR CARRICO: So, there's a motion for the
13 grant, is there a second? Motion and second. All in favor, say
14 aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). All right, those are
15 approved.

16 Saint Paul, 3569. But I think next time we can get
17 something out of this. No sense in us, and then we have a
18 problem with what money is out there, and we can figure that
19 out.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: So moved.

21 SENATOR CARRICO: It's been moved and seconded
22 that we table that until the next meeting. All those in favor, say
23 aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (One no).

24 Are we going on that --

25 DELEGATE KILGORE: We can take it up tomorrow in

1 the Full Commission.

2 SENATOR CARRICO: Would it be proper to table it
3 until the next meeting?

4 MR. FEINMAN: You have wide discretion in this
5 Committee on how you act.

6 DELEGATE KILGORE: If this Committee decides to
7 make a, it'll have to be contingent on the Full Commission
8 approving that money to go back to Southwest.

9 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Then I'd make that motion
10 originally committed previously going back to Southwest Virginia,
11 the \$2 million.

12 SENATOR CARRICO: 805,262. It's been moved and
13 seconded that we approve the \$2 million contingent on the
14 reversion of the \$2 million back to the Committee, but done in
15 the Full Commission meeting.

16 MR. FEINMAN: If I may, from the Staff's perspective
17 down the road, even though the LMU School has been very
18 successful, but we should bear in mind that it does one thing for
19 the surrounding area. There's not going to be in any realistic
20 picture in the future to invest in multi-million projects or regional
21 projects in Southwest Virginia again through this Committee. I
22 believe the intent of this Committee is grow an economic future
23 in Southwest Virginia and not award only those grantees or grant
24 applicants who were savvy enough to understand, but just de-
25 obligating this, but after that, it's going to be a question of

1 having money available. As I've mentioned before, there's not
2 going to be that kind of money available. We've got to figure out
3 what's the best for your region.

4 I also believe that they're going to find ways to find
5 other funding sources and you're not going to have another
6 opportunity to make another grant like that. I'd caution you
7 again.

8 DELEGATE KILGORE: All I want to say is this, and I
9 like funding tourism and all that. While it's all great and good,
10 just like Ms. Coleman said, this LMU, we just don't have projects
11 like that. I think LMU has really been the forefront and our
12 education process is in the forefront, but those are my
13 comments.

14 MR. FEINMAN: But I just want you to know that that
15 funding isn't going to come around again in the near future. And
16 similar to like New College and other educational institutes with
17 new buildings. We certainly can make a long-term loan to LMU
18 to fund them to get all that economic activity and then over five,
19 ten, 15, or 20 years, and paying that back and putting that
20 money into Southwest and as a sharing proposition.

21 SENATOR CARRICO: I'm not disagreeing with the
22 economic development idea, but they are producing veterinarians
23 now, and we don't have that kind of activity in this region very
24 often. They are Southwest Virginia. They went forward and the
25 last time they were here, they didn't always get grants they

1 wanted. They've certainly been successful and there's no
2 denying that. They've done a great job in managing to bring all
3 this to the community.

4 SENATOR CHAFIN: I've made this observation before,
5 but I think you can't argue with success as we've seen here. Lee
6 County is like the Eastern seashore. People in Lee County will
7 tell you they understand some of this stuff and they also
8 understand the success they've had in that area and what it's
9 meant to the area. And I think we have the responsibility to do
10 what we've got in hand. Lee County was a major tobacco
11 producer, and they don't have all those opportunities. And a lot
12 of that is due to the Commission that Lee County is prospering.

13 MR. BLEVINS: I'm just glad that we have this
14 opportunity and I've been involved in a lot of agriculture
15 endeavors and 4-H and things like that and been involved in
16 livestock production. This other activity is helping in every area.
17 It kind of gets back to what Ben said. When you take tobacco
18 out of it, there's not a lot left.

19 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: They're involved in several
20 million dollars of economic impact. One of my colleagues across
21 the aisle and some of the most depressed areas of Virginia,
22 getting back to the conversation I had to help many things with
23 Tobacco Commission money, Southwest and Southside. In fact,
24 some of that population that was back 30 years ago isn't there
25 anymore. And if we were making sound investment with our

1 businesses and our investments are going to be the only one.
2 So, I just want to say that I understand what you're saying, that
3 we only have a very narrow window of opportunity.

4 So, Mr. Chairman, I think we should go ahead with
5 that project.

6 MR. FEINMAN: I agree with all that's you've said, but
7 you've got to be very prudent and wise when you're investing,
8 but this Committee needs its ability to keep moving forward, but
9 without an opportunity to see the long-term, but there's not
10 many two or four million dollar projects before us. And I'd also
11 point out that this Committee could make a 15-year loan of these
12 funds to LMU, and I strongly suspect the veterinary school could
13 handle that and this Committee would be better off in the future
14 as that economy improves.

15 SENATOR CARRICO: We have a motion sitting on the
16 table for the two million for LMU. Any other comments? Hearing
17 none, all in favor of the motion to approve \$2 million for LMU
18 contingent upon the Full Commission's recommendation that the
19 money be returned to Southwest Virginia. All in favor, say aye.
20 (Ayes). All opposed? (No response). That motion carries.

21 The last thing on our agenda are the grant extensions.
22 That's Grant Numbers 2729, Grant Number 2739, Grant Number
23 2849, Grant Number 2904, Grant Number 3065, Grant Number
24 3068, Grant 3070, Grant 3071, Grant 3075, and Grant 3078.

25 MR. PFOHL: The information in your book and on the

1 screen and Scott County. Scott County, and there's an extended
2 action now, but is there a motion on the block?

3 On the Scott County issue, there was a condition that
4 Grant 3075, to only fund 50 percent of the road extension,
5 leading to the technology park. The County EDA is asking that
6 that condition be removed and other matching funds be extended
7 through the project period and the required match. They got a
8 tremendous deal to extend that road and will get the money back
9 out of that grant. If you don't mind, part of that motion is that
10 the condition for Grant Number 3075, 50 percent of road
11 construction be removed from that project.

12 SENATOR CARRICO: There's a motion and a second,
13 all that was involved in the recommendations that Tim just
14 mentioned in 3075, road extension be approved.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: Second.

16 SENATOR CARRICO: It's been moved and seconded.
17 All in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That
18 carries.

19 I believe that concludes the agenda for Southwest.
20 Any public comments? Hearing none, we're
21 adjourned.

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CERTIFICATE OF THE COURT REPORTER

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, Southwest Economic Development Committee Meeting**, when held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., at the General Francis Marion Hotel, 107 East Main Street, Marion, Virginia.

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 30th day of October, 2019.

Medford W. Howard
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