

**Town of Amherst  
Industrial Development Authority  
September 15, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Town of Amherst Industrial Development Authority was called to order by Chairman Jim Meade on September 15, 2015 at 5:15 PM in the Council Chambers of the new Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street. It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P Jacob Bailey	P Richard Wydner
P Gary Jennings	P Jim Meade
P Lewis Addison	P Vernon Wood
P C. Manly Rucker, III	

Amherst County EDA member Kinny Kinnier and Town Manager Jack Hobbs, in his capacity as Secretary to the Authority, were present.

On a motion by Mr. Wydner, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried 7-0, the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting were approved. Messrs. Addison, Bailey, Jennings, Meade, Rucker, Wood and Wydner voted in favor of the motion.

Signs at Brockman Park Lot 9b

The Secretary reported that Chris Gentry has asked for Brockman Park Association approval of signs that would be installed at his site at Brockman Park Lot 9b. The signs meet all requirements of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance with the understanding that the landscaping would be installed as approved earlier.

Mr. Gentry's sign proposal was approved on a motion by Mr. Wydner, which was seconded by Mr. Jennings and carried 7-0, Messrs. Addison, Bailey, Jennings, Meade, Rucker, Wood and Wydner voted in favor of the motion.

The Secretary reported that the tenant, Horizon Behavioral Health, has scheduled a ribbon cutting at Mr. Gentry's new building on September 30 at 11:30 AM.

Hotel Recruitment

Chairman Meade introduced Carissa Mulahn from MB Contractors, Inc., Cobblestone's new business development lead and led a discussion about the IDA's interest in continuing the hotel recruitment effort. The process proposed by Cobblestone would involve updating the feasibility study and recruiting investors for the project. Mr. Addison made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and carried 7-0 to to proceed conditionally seeking a

revised RFP detailing exactly what we'll get for our \$1500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jennings and carried 7-0. Messrs. Addison, Bailey, Jennings, Meade, Rucker, Wood and Wydner voted in favor of the motion.

Status Reports

The Secretary gave a report on the status of various items as follows:

**Centra/Ambriar:** Plans for the Centra/Ambriar project are very close to receiving all final approvals. Centra purchased the property on September 8 and a groundbreaking event is scheduled for October 3 at 10:00 AM.

**County Strategic Plan:** The county's strategic economic development plan effort was discussed.

**Hollingsworth Contract:** A one-year renewal proposal from Hollingsworth was received on September 14 and is being reviewed for signatures.

**Prospect Activity:** The prospect activity at Brockman Park has been very light.

The authority members were advised that the next Region 2000 Regional dinner event is scheduled at Sweet Briar College on October 15 at 5 PM.

Mr. Kinnier came forward to discuss Cremium, a firewood producer located on Union Hill Road, needs for warehousing space for its product. He advised the authority that county economic development incentive packages issued over the years have been paid out.

Upon a determination that there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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James Meade, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary