

**Town of Amherst
Industrial Development Authority
August 9, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Town of Amherst Industrial Development Authority as rescheduled from August 7, 2017, was called to order by Chairman Lewis Addison on August 9, 2017, at 5:15 PM in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street. It was noted that a quorum was present as follows:

P Lewis Addison	P Sharon W. Turner
P Jacob Bailey	P Vernon Wood
A Gary Jennings	P Richard Wydner
P C. Manly Rucker, III	

Town Manager Jack Hobbs, in his capacity as Secretary to the Authority, Edgar Kinnier, representing the Amherst County EDA, and Clerk of Council Vicki Hunt were present.

On a motion by Mr. Wydner which was seconded by Mr. Rucker and carried 6-0, the minutes of the March 6, 2017, meeting were approved. Messrs. Addison, Bailey, Wood, Rucker, Wydner and Mrs. Turner voted "Aye". Mr. Jennings was absent.

EDA Work Plan and IDA/EDA Merger

Chairman Addison reported on the EDA Work Plan and IDA/EDA Merger. The EDA plans to resume its work on the IDA/EDA management contract in October.

Amherst Milling Company Project

Secretary Hobbs reported that plans have not been provided for the brewery project at the Amherst Milling Company site and that the sale of the property has closed but must be approved by a Judge of the Circuit Court.

Speyer Conservation Easement Proposal

The Authority Members held a discussion on a proposal that would create a conservation easement on approximately 480 acres of land on what is known as the Lloyd property just west of the Town, which could limit development of property potential in and around the Town. The members were provided a copy of a letter dated July 27, 2017, from the Amherst County Economic Development Authority to the Amherst County Planning Commission in opposition to allowance of the conservation easement.

A motion was made by Mr. Rucker that was seconded by Mr. Wydner to draft a communication to be sent to the Amherst County

Planning Commission at a time deemed appropriate by the Authority members in opposition to turning 480 acres of land on what is known as the Lloyd property west of the Town of Amherst into conservation property. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Messrs. Addison, Wood, Rucker, Wydner and Mrs. Turner voting in favor and Mr. Bailey abstaining. Mr. Jennings was absent.

Report on Amherst County Activities

Mr. Kinnear gave a report on the county's recent economic development activities which included work on renewal efforts of the CVCC lease agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Lewis Addison, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Secretary