

South Jersey Economic Development District, Inc.
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2022

The August 1, 2022 Special meeting of the SJEDD was held via the Zoom virtual platform. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chairman Risley. Mr. Risley read the OPMA notice and led the Flag salute.

Roll call:

Cape May County

Commissioner Will Morey
Leslie Gimeno

Atlantic County

Commissioner John Risley
Max Slusher
Francis Kuhn (AC WDB)

Salem County

Commissioner Edward Ramsay
Carey Italiano
Charles Hassler

Cumberland County

Commissioner Donna Pearson
Sandra Forosisky
Anthony Stanzione
Jerry Velazquez
Christy DiLeonardo (C/S/CM WDB)

Absent: John Bobbitt

Staff: Louis C. Joyce, Executive Director, John Carr, Counsel

Public participant: Nancy Ridgway, Nancy Acevedo

Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting
April 4, 2022 Executive Session

Motion was made by Ms. DiLeonardo, 2nd by Mr. Hassler to approve both meeting minutes and approved unanimously with abstention Commissioner Pearson.

July 21, 2022 Executive Committee Notes

Commissioner Ramsay submitted additions to the notes and on motion by Ms. DiLeonardo, 2nd by Mr. Hassler were approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Risley commented that the District should continue to move forward to acquire independent legal counsel. He said this is not to rush forward but future policy should not need to rely on the services of the County's counsel. He inquired about the implementation of the Gazelle platform. Mr. Joyce indicated that question about using a Canadian firm had been resolved.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Joyce provided some details on the resolutions on the agenda. He reported that the District had hosted a public listening session on the draft 2022-27 CEDS. It was hosted on Zoom by

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Triad and had been publicly advertised over two weeks in the official papers. The attendance was disappointing but comment period remains open until August 24.

He informed the Board of an outside consulting contract with Lomax Associates for a municipal public access plan for North Wildwood. The Board has previously agreed that such work is permitted, with notification, and if not in conflict with the activities of the District.

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer's Report - the report will be provided after the meeting upon receipt of the July bank statements.
- Authorization to pay bills: April, May, June, 2022 Bills previously authorized by Executive Committee.

Motion to ratify the payment of bill made by Mr. Hassler, 2nd by Ms. DiLeonardo an approved unanimously. The July bill list will be provided as soon as all bills have been received.

Public Comment on Forthcoming Resolutions:

Nancy Ridgway congratulated the Board on paying off the ACIA debt three years early.

Resolutions:

**12 – 22 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR
THE RETIREMENT OF THE ACIA LOAN**

Moved by Ms. DiLeonardo, 2nd by Ms. Italiano. Resolution provides for refunding excess balance from the funds remaining in the restricted ACIA Loan Fund account to the Counties after the final payment to close out the loan has been made. The loan was satisfied three years early. Approved by unanimous vote.

**13 – 22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT 6 TO THE AGREEMENT
FOR SOUTH JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO
PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COOPERATIVE BUSINESS
ASSISTANCE CORP. (CBAC)**

Moved by Commissioner Ramsay, 2nd by Mr. Stanzone. After discussion on the technical assistance services to be provided it was determined that additional information was requested.

Motion to Table the Resolution by Commissioner Ramsay, 2nd by Commissioner Pearson.
Passed unanimously.

**14 – 22 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SALEM CITY, LOCATED IN THE
COUNTY OF SALEM AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BEING
DESIGNATED HOME TO THE WIND INSTITUTE FOR THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY**

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Moved by Commissioner Ramsay, 2nd by Commissioner Pearson. After discussion on the potential locations in the District for wind industry support services it was decided to revisit the subject after the counties reviewed their options and provide a more regional approach.

Motion to Table the resolution by Commissioner Ramsay, 2nd by Mr. Hassler. Approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

County activity updates were discussed.

Public Comment:

Ms. Ridgway offered no formal comment.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2022 at the CCIA Training room.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM on motion by Mr. Hassler, 2nd by Ms. Italiano, unanimously approved.

Edward Ramsay
Secretary

APPROVED: October 3, 2022