

South Jersey Economic Development District, Inc.
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2024

The July 1, 2024 regular meeting of the SJEDD was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chairman Risley. Commissioner Risley led the Flag salute. Mr. Joyce indicated the meeting was properly advertised as required in the by-laws.

Roll call:

Cape May County

Atlantic County

Commissioner John Risley
Francis Kuhn (ACWDB)

Salem County

Commissioner Edward Ramsay
M. Jay Einstein

Cumberland County

Commissioner James Sauro (tele)
Anthony Stanzione
Gerard Velazquez
Sandra Forosisky

Absent: Leslie Gimeno, Commissioner Bobby Barr, Christy DiLeonardo, Commissioner Sileo, Max Slusher

Staff: Louis C. Joyce, Executive Director, Carey M. Italiano, Deputy Executive Director, John Carr, Esq, Counsel (tele)

Public participant: Nancy Ridgway

Approval of Regular Minutes: April 1, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion by Mr. Einstein, 2nd by Mr. Stanzione to approve minutes passed unanimously. Abstention by Commissioner Barr and Ms. DiLeonardo.

Approval of Executive Minutes: April 1, 2024 Executive Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Ramsay, 2nd by Commissioner Sauro to approve the executive minutes passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Risley thanked everyone for taking the time to be at the meeting. He discussed the passing of the torch from Lou Joyce to Carey Italiano as Executive Director. He and everyone thanked Lou for his years of service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Joyce indicated that his report is in the board package. Mr. Joyce was in contact with David Cohen, USEDA in regard to the Planning Grant which was transmitted to Washington DC on Friday June 28th.

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He stated the delay was due to the change to the computer programming system which they use and we should be approved soon.

Mrs. Italiano indicated that her report is in the board package as well. She will be sending out letters to stakeholders for feedback on the CEDs and will be setting up in-person meetings to update the 2024 CEDs addendum. Office transition has been going well.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the 1st of the month meeting date the report will be sent after receipt of the bank statements; forthcoming.

Authorization to pay bills: April (\$7,449.37), May (\$6,355.40) and June (\$2,185.18)

Motion to ratify the payment of bills made by Mr. Einstein, 2nd by Ms. Forosisky and approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve entering into a new 6 month CD with Ocean First Bank to replace the maturing CD made by Commissioner Ramsay, 2nd by Mr. Einstein and approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Forthcoming Resolutions: No comments.

Resolutions:

10-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE WITH CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Motion by Mrs. Forosisky, 2nd by Mr. Einstein to approve the following resolution which passed unanimously with Mr. Velazquez abstaining.

11-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING (TAT) GRANT APPLICATION TO USDA – RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Mr. Velaquez, 2nd by Mr. Kuhn to approve the following resolution with this resolution is being offered to permit submission of a grant application should all requirements be met in a timely fashion to meet the submission deadline of July 8th which passed unanimously.

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12-24 AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LCJPP,LLC

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Motion by Mr. Velaquez, 2nd by Mr. Einstein to approve the following resolution with discussion; “It was discussed and agreed in considering the professional services contract and by way of further inducement and facilitation of the performance of responsibilities as may be assigned thereunder that the existing laptop, printer and peripherals (noted to be of marginal value) used by Mr. Joyce in his capacity as SJEDD Executive Director shall hereafter be the personal property of Mr. Joyce to use as he sees fit going forward and as such shall be available to him to assist the SJEDD as may be requested by the Board” which passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business: County Reports – Members updated the Board on Economic Activities within their respective Counties.

Executive Session: None.

Public Comment:

No public comments.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2024 in the CCIA location unless otherwise announced.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM on motion by Mr. Stanzione, 2nd by Mr. Einstein, unanimously approved.

Bobby Barr
Secretary

APPROVED: DRAFT subject to approval at next regular meeting.