

**Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia  
Minutes**

**April 8, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of Tazewell County, Virginia, was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 2:00 pm in the board room of the Tazewell County Administration Office, 197 Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia.

Members present were: Mr. Kyle Hurt, Chairman  
Mr. Darell Cantrell  
Mr. Darrell Addison, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Mack Payne  
Mr. Rick Chitwood

Also present were: Mr. Tim Danielson, Economic Development Director  
Mr. Brad Pyott, IDA Attorney  
Mrs. Ashley Harris, Economic Development Manager and Recording Secretary  
Mr. Curtis Breeding, Board of Supervisor Liason  
Mr. Rick Snapp, Farm Bureau Liason

Participated by phone: Mrs. Melanie Protti-Lawrence, Treasurer

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

The April 8, 2026, meeting of the Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia, was called to order at 2:12 pm with Mr. Kyle Hurt, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. Hurt stated that before we move forward with the approval of minutes Mrs. Protti-Lawrence would like to participate by phone:

**Upon motion of Mr. Rick Chitwood, seconded by Mr. Darell Cantrell, and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Authority hereby approves Mrs. Melanie Protti-Lawrence to participate by phone.**

Mr. Pyott stated that Mrs. Protti-Lawrence can listen in, but she can not vote. Mr. Danielson called Mrs. Protti-Lawrence to participate by phone.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Harris stated she had one change under the Richlands Housing Project. There was a change: the word reported was changed to stated and Quantum Power is currently was changed to Quantum Power is allegedly.

**Upon motion of Mr. Darrell Addison, seconded by Mr. Mack Payne, and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Authority hereby approves the March 11, 2026 Minutes as presented with the changes that Mrs. Harris discussed.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ITEMS:**

Mrs. Harris stated there was one change since the invoice summary was emailed out. The added payment on the invoices include payment to VCEDA. Clinch River Forest Products would like to pay their VCEDA loan off of \$95,238.16 and we received their check a few days ago.

**Upon motion of Mr. Mack Payne, seconded by Mr. Rick Chitwood, and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Authority hereby approves the April Invoice Summary as presented.**

Mr. Chitwood and Mr. Cantrell signed off on the General and Grant bank statements.

**Upon motion of Mr. Rick Chitwood, seconded by Mr. Mack Payne and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Authority hereby approves the bank statements for the March 2026 General Account and March 2026 Grant Account.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Hurt stated there were several visitors who would be presenting in Executive Session.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Mr. Young was not present, but Mr. Danielson has a report on his behalf.

Mr. Danielson reported that Ms. Jan Cordle from the Tazewell County PSA sent a letter stating that the Town of Richlands is now in good standing with the PSA.

**IDA ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT:**

**Project Tracking:**

Mr. Danielson reported the department was following 8 active projects, approximately \$1.1 Billion CapX, 125 net new jobs, and \$8.3 million in annual payroll.

Mr. Danielson stated that they had begun calling on businesses and Mrs. Harris will work the West side of Tazewell County and he will work the East side of Tazewell County. We have been working on calling and setting up meetings or dropping by to leave a business card. Mrs. Harris stated they had a meeting with Southwest Sanitation tomorrow, but Ms. Tatum had to reschedule. Supervisor Breeding asked what were we asking when we met with the businesses. Mr. Danielson responded we let them know who we are and our roles as well as inquiring if they have any needs we may be able to assist with.

**Ratify Poll Vote – Chamber Annual Dinner Fundraiser:**

Mr. Danielson stated we have a ratification of a poll vote for the Chamber dinner.

**Upon motion of Mr. Rick Chitwood, seconded by Mr. Darrell Addison, and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Authority hereby authorizes to ratify the poll vote for approval to be a table sponsor at this Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> annual Chamber of Commerce event.**

Mr. Addison asked who would be attending the dinner. Mr. Danielson responded he would be attending and Mr. Young had planned to attend, but would not be able to make it. We can have two IDA Board Members and to Board of Supervisor Members. Mr. Payne stated he would attend and will bring a guest. Mr. Snapp stated he may be able to attend.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Danielson stated we need to grant permission for Mrs. Denise Harmon to sit in on the Executive Session that pertains to the VCEDA Seed Capital presenters. She would like to be able to offer critique to the presenters if necessary. Mrs. Harmon will leave Executive Session after all applicants have presented in order for the board to discuss.

**Upon motion of Mr. Darell Cantrell, seconded by Mr. Mack Payne, and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Authority hereby authorizes to allow Mrs. Harmon to sit in on the Executive Session that pertains to the VCEDA Seed Capital presenters and leave Executive Session after all applicants have presented in order for the board to discuss.**

**ENTER EXECUTIVE:**

**Upon motion of Mr. Darrell Addison, seconded by Mr. Mack Payne, and unanimously passed with all members present voting in favor, the Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia, hereby enters into executive session pursuant to Virginia code, section 2.2-3711:**

9 Matters –

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| 1 | (A) (5) | Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. | VCEDA Seed Capital Presentation<br>Big Blue Art, LLC    |
| 2 | (A) (5) | Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. | VCEDA Seed Capital Presentation<br>Seagull Seafood, LLC |
| 3 | (A) (5) | Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. | VCEDA Seed Capital Presentation<br>The Burnout, LLC     |
| 4 | (A) (5) | Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. | VCEDA Seed Capital Presentation<br>Wimmer's Woodlands   |
| 5 | (A) (5) | Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. | VCEDA Seed Capital Presentation<br>Kandi Kakes, LLC     |
| 6 | (A) (5) | Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. | Project Resort Discussion                               |
| 7 | (A) (5) | Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. | Project Osprey Update                                   |
| 8 | (A) (5) | Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. | Project Well Update                                     |

- 9 (A) (5) Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. Ponderosa Update

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon motion of Mr. Darell Cantrell, seconded by Mr. Mack Payne, and unanimously passed with all members present voting in favor, the Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia, hereby adopts the following certification:

**CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia, has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, requires a certification by said Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Industrial Development Authority of Tazewell County, Virginia.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Mr. Mack Payne  
Mr. Darrell Addison  
Mr. Rick Chitwood  
Mr. Darell Cantrell  
Mr. Kyle Hurt

**Executive Session Action Taken:**

**Letters of Support – VCEDA Seed Capital Matching Grant Application:**

Upon motion of Mr. Rick Chitwood seconded by Mr. Mack Payne, and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, the Authority hereby approves to issue Seed Capital Grant Applications for Big Blue Art, LLC; Seagull Seafood, LLC; Wimmer's Woodlands, LLC; and Kandi Kakes, LLC with the order of

1. Wimmer's Woodlands
2. Kandi Kakes
3. Big Blue Art,
4. Seagull Seafood

in the event that VCEDA requires us to rank.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Danielson stated there is a couple studies going on and the groups want the water/sewer plans for the County digitally and Tazewell PSA does not have them. Mr. Chitwood reported he believed that Thompson and Litton have the water/sewer plans digitally and with permission from the PSA the plans could be provided to the County.

Mr. Snapp asked if anything has moved forward with the housing projects in Tazewell County. Mr. Danielson responded we are still talking with them and a consultant has been hired to do a study in our area.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Upon motion of Mr. Darrell Addison, seconded by Mr. Rick Chitwood, and unanimously passed with all members present voting 5 to 0, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm with the next meeting at 2:00 pm on May 13, 2026.

Approved Date: 5-13-26  
Chairman: 