



St. Mary's County Economic Development Commission
April 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Chesapeake Building/Virtual

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Call to Order: Elizabeth Torgerson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: John Barr, Jr., Curtis Brown, Barbara Ives, Gerald Meyerman, Tristan Marino, Theresa Mitchell, Dr. Dale Moore, Rick Tarr, Elizabeth Torgerson.

Staff: Chris Kaselemis, Kellie Hinkle, Katherine Stormont, Donna Sasscer

Absent: Christine Bergmark, Lisa Creason- Colavito, Phil Dorsey, Brooke Higgs-Turner, Trisha Post.

Minutes:

Elizabeth Torgerson requested a motion for approval for the January meeting minutes from the EDC members.

Action: Elizabeth Torgerson made a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Barr, Jr. and approved unanimously.

Announcements & Discussion:

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- 1) The new North County farmers market building in Charlotte Hall is open now, grand opening on April 9, 2022. Value added building should be opening in July.
- 2) The Home Grown Farmers Market is open and the California Farmers Market open April 30th.
- 3) New Business Development Specialist started this month, Lee Greely. Chris gave a brief overview of Lee Greely's background.
- 4) Land Use & Growth Management is going through Comprehensive Plan Update. Stake holder meetings have been scheduled in March and April. Economic Development is involved in five of the eight element groups involved in this update: Sensitive Area/Fisheries (Kellie Hinkle, Phil Langley), Economic Development (Elizabeth Torgerson, Kellie Hinkle Lisa Colavito, Christine Bergmark), Human Services/Public Facilities (Lisa Colavito), Land Use (Kellie Hinkle), Housing (Elizabeth Torgerson, Kellie Hinkle)

Presentations:

1. CEDS Update: Chris Kaselemis and Kellie Hinkle spoke to the commission members about where we are in the process of being in contract with a consultant to work with DED to have a new updated CEDS document. Chris Kaselemis introduced the Consultant selected through the procurement process – Fourth Economy. Each commission member introduced themselves. Fourth Economy staff Rich Overmoyer and Nicole Muise-Kielkicki introduced themselves to the commission members, then discussed what will be the process and what the commission members can expect. The Rich Overmoyer, Nicole Muise-Kielkicki, Chris Kaselemis and Kellie Hinkle addressed comments and questions posed by the commission members.
2. Open Discussion: Each member was given the opportunity to add any information or ask any additional questions.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room (or virtual).

Adjournment:

Action: Barbara Ives. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tristan Marino and approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator, DED.