

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Hybrid – Zoom/In-person

8:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Present: Patti Putnam, Dale Williamson, Nate Cobb, Brian Hernon, Gene Birmingham, Arianna Robinson, Taylor Drinker, Kristi Morris, Bob Flint, and Amanda Sidler

Absent: Doug Gurney, Rick Bibens, Todd Priestley

Vice President Patti Putnam called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

- 1) **Review of minutes for 7/23/24:** Nate Cobb made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024, seconded by Dale Williamson. So moved.
- 2) **Review of July Financials:** Nate Cobb made a motion to accept the July financials, seconded by Arianna Robinson. So moved.
- 3) **Executive Director's Report:** Bob informed the Board of the recent decision of the FAA to allow the eligibility of the full Hartness Airport runway reconstruction. This means the runway will not be shortened as was feared previously. VTrans will have to apply formally for funding and the estimated timeline for work is no earlier than 2026.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a. **J & L 1 Update:** Bob told the Board that Alloy Corporation had resumed the asbestos remediation in the remaining north end of the building. He also said that Stone Environmental submitted their work plan for the removal of NAPL on the riverbank side. This work is slated for the fall.
 - b. **Properties Update:** Bob let the Board know that the Mamava bathroom project has been completed. He gave David Brooks a great deal of credit and thanks for all of the work he did for this.
 - c. **Working Communities Challenge:** Amanda said that she was writing an NBRC grant to support pieces of the ongoing WCC work. This is a transition year as the official program ended after year three. Amanda said we have been asked to set up another workshop on de-escalation practices for businesses and local organizations. Amanda also reported that the Intranet database that she and Taylor have developed is now available for partner agencies. Amanda then said that she and Bob have been involved with discussions with ECDC about potential refugee resettlement work in the future. She said we are very familiar with what BDCC has done with ECDC in Brattleboro.
 - d. **Park Street/BRIC Updates:**
 - 1 – **Bid Packages/Phase 1 Update:** Bob said that we have awarded bids for site work and interior demo/abatement. The electrical bid is about to be selected and we will move forward with contracts. The site work will be the first piece to start in late September or early October and will continue through the winter into the spring, weather permitting.

5) **Other Business:**

- a. **Annual Meeting Speaker:** Bob said that we were coordinating our date with the other RDC's and likely looking at a date in early-mid November. He asked Board members to share any ideas for speakers and he has feelers out as well.

6) **Executive Session:** Arianna Robinson made a motion at 8:22 am to go into Executive Session, seconded by Nathan Cobb. So moved.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:48 am was made by Nathan Cobb, seconded by Arianna Robinson. So moved.

No action taken out of Executive Session.

7) **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 am.