

**TOWN OF TAZEWELL I/EDA**  
**MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2025**

**Present:** Cara Spivey, Glen Keen, Alicia Bales, Susan Whitaker, Tammy Smith, Justin Takach, LeeAnne Regon, Brad Pyott

**Absent:** Everyone Present at this meeting.

**Call to Order to Go into Executive Session:** Cara Spivey at 4:32 P.M.

**Come Out of Executive Session:** Cara read the Certification of Executive Session 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this I/EDA that such executive session was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Cara Spivey – Aye

Glen Keen – Aye

Alicia Bales – Aye

Susan Whitaker – Aye

Tammy Smith – Aye

Justin Takach – Aye

No Nays, No one absent

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for February:**

Motion to Approve: Glen Keen

Second Motion to Approve: Justin Takach

All Approved: Aye

**Ongoing Projects:**

Marinus Property Request:

**Brad:** Jim Ribble informed him that there are a few additional questions regarding the plat. Jim and Donny to met about this, and Brad has not heard back from Allen

McGraw. Brad reminded I/EDA about ongoing drainage issue and that when Marinus family makes improvements to the lot, a professional curb needs to be considered. Also, we will need to get some kind of easement there for the town.

**Glen:** Do we know what their goal is with the black plastic and the good size rocks they have laying there?

**Brad:** It's not their land yet and they are not supposed to be doing anything to it yet.

**Alicia:** She thinks it may be Wanda with the Garden Club working in there for the Flower's on Main Street.

**Ramey Lot:** The town employees are working on getting the shops transitioned. Leeanne hasn't been out there for about a month, so she's not sure of the progress that has been made with the New Shop.

**Brad:** We have to do a public hearing for the town to convey the shop building in North Tazewell to the I/EDA Committee. We plan on having this hearing in April at the Town Council Meeting.

**North Tazewell Revitalization Project:** Cara discusses the CBDG Planning Grant that the district received. In talking with DHCD about future funding strategies, the I/EDA should target IRF funds to improve the Old Shop on Riverside Drive.

Cara asked I/EDA members to reach out to people and ask what ideas they have for a business to go into the Old Shop Building. Would the I/EDA Committee like to meet there in May to take a look at the building and gather some ideas?

Everyone is in favor of this.

**Farmer's Market:** We received the First Draft on February 17, 2025, the Grant Application was due on February 27<sup>th</sup>. We discussed with Thompson and Litton exactly what was needed on the draft and they corrected it and sent it back to us before the 27<sup>th</sup>.

\$593,500.00 will be the cost of Phase 1. The Grant we applied for, we asked for half of the money and The Council will contribute the other half. We will know if we will be receiving the grant by May.

Cara also talked with Christina, the Farmer's Market coordinator, and they are still on board with the project.

Cara stated that she would like to see a group/community effort in working on the Farmer's Market; something akin to Critterville in Richlands.

Leeanne informed the committee that there is the T-Mobil Grant and the Forestry Grant.

Justin would like to know where Thompson and Litton are getting their amounts from since the prices seem extremely high.

**Miscellaneous:** Has anyone heard anything from Scott Cole? Is he going to accept the invitation to be on the committee? Justin has talked with him, but he still has not given an answer.

Glen stated that we should move forward and not ask Scott again. He suggested the owner of The Haus of Taylor, Mike Blevins. He also suggested maybe asking Jared Burton.

Tammy suggested Bob or Sharon Gimmel.

Leeanne read the suggestions that were given in December.

Justin suggested the owner of the Wild Rose Salon.

Cara suggested the owners of The Happy Goat, Lucie D'Amato.

**Cara:** Anything else for Miscellaneous?

Glen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Justin seconded the motion and everyone said Aye.

**Next Meeting: April 7, 2025 at 4:30 P.M.**