



Shenandoah County

Conservation Easement Authority

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MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015; 9:00 AM

Board Conference Room

CEA Members present: Chairperson Kelly Watkinson, Co-Chairperson Dee Hockman, Leon Smith, Doug French, Supervisor Steve Baker, and Cindy Dellinger

Others Present: Jed Rau, Tracy Lind, Brandon Davis

Call to Order

The meeting was brought to order by Chairperson Watkinson at 9:00 a.m.

Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the CEA meeting on April 1, 2015 were approved.

Briefing on County Planner Position

Brandon Davis briefed the group on the news of the hiring of Garrett T. Morgan as County Planner. Garrett has an undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University, a master's degree from Edinburgh University in Scotland, and a master's degree in planning from the University of Toronto. He spent time working for a planning institute in Toronto as well as time running a small nonprofit.

Discussion Regarding Grant Partnership Opportunity - Kelly Watkinson

Kelly Watkinson informed the group of a possible regional opportunity to partner with West Virginia and/or Maryland on an application for federal funds to purchase easements. Although very early in the process, the CEA reached consensus that it should continue to explore the possibility. Further action would be required at a later date if the CEA is successful in the pre-application phase.

Basics of a Strategic Plan - Brandon Davis

Brandon Davis provided resources regarding the strategic planning process. He reviewed the process recently undertaken in the creation of the County's economic development strategic plan, and the group reached consensus that such an effort would be a worthwhile undertaking for the CEA. Next steps for the strategic planning process are to be laid out at the next CEA meeting.

Other Business

The next CEA meeting is scheduled for August 5th. *Meeting Adjourned.*
