BIG STONE GAP REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING January 16, 2025 5:30 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT:

George Polly, Chairman
Greg Kress, Commissioner
John Morrissey, Commissioner (by phone)
Ron Prewitt, Commissioner
Suzie Cradic, Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT:
Judy Hall, Recorder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Polly called the meeting to order.

II. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with VA Code 2.2-3711.A-5 – Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry.

Motion by Kress, seconded by Prewitt, that the Board enter into a Closed Session pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711.A-5 for the discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry.

Ayes: DeBoard, Kress, Morrissey, Polly, Prewitt Nayes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Kress, seconded by Prewitt, that the meeting be returned to open session.

Ayes: DeBoard, Kress, Morrissey, Polly, Prewitt Nayes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Hall read the Certification of Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: DeBoard, Kress, Morrissey, Polly, Prewitt Naves: None Absent: None Abstain: None

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting of the Big Stone Gap Redevelopment & Housing Authority.

Motion by Prewitt, seconded by Kress, that the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 21, 2024 be approved as presented.

Ayes: DeBoard, Kress, Morrissey, Polly, Prewitt Nayes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

There were no questions or comments regarding the Financial Report.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were no questions or comments regarding the Director's Report.

Motion by Prewitt, seconded by Kress, that the Financial and Director Reports be approved as presented.

Ayes: DeBoard, Kress, Morrissey, Polly, Prewitt Nayes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2025 Operating Budget

Motion by Prewitt, seconded by DeBoard, that the 2025 Operating Budget be approved as presented.

Ayes: DeBoard, Kress, Morrissey, Polly, Prewitt Nayes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

2. HCV SEMAP Approval & Resolution

The Director stated that this Resolution 2025-01 is required by HUD and pertains to Form 2648 – Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, a filing that must be completed every two (2) years. There were no questions or comments by the Commissioners.

Motion by Kress, seconded by Prewitt, that Resolution 2025-01 being a Resolution for approval of Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP).

Ayes: DeBoard, Kress, Morrissey, Polly, Prewitt Nayes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

3. Annual Conflict of Interest Statements

The Director reminded the Commissioners that the Annual Conflict of Interest Statements were included in their Board packets for their review and signature. These Statements must be completed before the end of January.

4. Azalea Drive Property

Mr. Bret Hughes, a resident of Azalea Drive, contacted the Director about his concern for large trees on the adjacent property owned by the Housing Authority. Recent high winds caused concern that a tree could fall on his house, and he had requested the Authority have tree(s) cut down. The Director received a quote to cut the trees, and Mr. Hughes also presented an offer to purchase the adjacent property.

After discussing the issue, the consensus of the Commissioners was that the Director contact Mr. Hughes with a counteroffer to purchase the property.

5. Beneficial Owner Information (BOI) Filing

The Director stated that this BOI Filing is a new Federal Government requirement for which the filing deadline has been extended twice. It is a complicated filing particularly with layered ownership of properties, and many accounting firms are not offering this service. The Director added that she has recently completed and filed the reports for RH1, WV1, WV2, and UDC.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. 217 E. 10th Street Property

The Director reported that the property has been cleared and seeded, adding that the contractor did a very good job.

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commissioners did not offer any comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Polly, seconded by Prewitt, that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: DeBoard, Kress, Morrissey, Polly, Prewitt Nayes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.