

Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2023

Present:

Members: Jeff Barclay, Andrew Sargent, Senator George Edwards, Will Wroblewski, Mayor Ray Morriss, Commissioner Dave Caporale, Commissioner Paul Edwards, Paul Frey, Jonathan Horowitz, Julie McCoy, Commissioner Jeff Cline

Staff: Guy Winterberg

Guests: Jayci Duncan, Kim Durst, Stu Czapski, Matt Miller

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order by Andrew Sargent at 1:08 pm and was held at the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce as well as virtually. The rules for public participation at the meeting were read.
2. Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Andrew Sargent welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the rules for public participation. Stu Czapski and Matt Miller introduced themselves and a number of other participants were dismissed after failing to identify themselves.
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2023 Meeting –
Senator George Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes. Mayor Ray Morriss seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
4. Discussion of Review Process –
 - a. Washington County – Mr. Horowitz stated that the current process involves four staff of Washington County ED independently rating and assigning scores to applications. Applications that do not meet the intent of the program will be removed. The remaining applications will then be reviewed by a team from the ED department.
 - b. Allegany County – Mr. Barclay noted that the Allegany County process is similar and that those projects not meeting the intent of the program will be removed. Those remaining will be sent to the Board for review.
 - c. Garrett County – Due to a smaller staff of the ED department in Garrett County, projects were reviewed by staff, the commissioners and the administrator. Those projects not meeting the intent of the program would not be forwarded to the Board.
5. New Business – SB 865 was discussed. It was noted that changing the Board in the middle of the process might jeopardize those projects that would work well being phased over several years. Senator Edwards noted that the language of the bill should be changed to reflect what the Board desires which is provide a minimum of 10 or 20% match for eligible projects. It was also discussed that the new makeup of the Voting

Board would not provide equal representation by County. The Board asked Andrew Sargent to invite the Delegation to the next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2023.

6. Next Meeting Date

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:00 am on Monday, February 27, 2023 and will be held at the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce unless another location is announced. The Western Maryland Delegation will be invited to participate.

7. Closed Session –

A motion was made by Paul Frey to enter closed session. Commissioner Caporale second the motion and the motion passed. The Board enter closed session at 2:16 pm.

8. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.