

Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023

Present:

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

Staff: Ryan Davis, Leanne Mazer

Guests: Jayci Duncan, Kim Durst

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order by Andrew Sargent at 1:05 pm and was held at the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce as well as virtually. A quorum was present. The rules for public participation at the meeting were read.
2. Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Andrew Sargent welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced a roll call.
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2023 Meeting
Mayor Ray Morriss made a motion to accept the minutes. Will Wrobleski seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. Open Discussion – Andrew Sargent explained that there are legislative conflicts with SB865 and Delegate Buckel has amended the legislation and testified to the General Assembly with respect to the Board make-up and who will be voting or non-voting members. The amended legislation has been sent to Andrew and is also on the MD LegiScan website. Paul Frey asked for guidance from Senator Edwards who stated the Board should stay with the proposed language in the legislation.
5. Funds Still Available – Jeff Barclay stated that Allegany County still has \$805,000 in available funds and has another project to present to the Board in April. Jonathan Horowitz stated that Washington County still has \$4 million in available funds and deferred to Commissioner Cline who stated that the Washington County Board of Commissioners will be reviewing and reconsidering applications. The deadline for submitted applications to the Board will be April 1st and the Board will consider and vote on the applications at the April 15th meeting.
6. Closed Session & Adjournment – Paul Frey made a motion to enter closed session and adjourn the open session. Juli McCoy seconded the motion and The Board entered into closed session at 1:25 p.m.