

Town of Richlands
Industrial/Economic Development Authority
June 3, 2024

The Richlands IEDA held its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. with the following present:

Dr. Brandon Buskill	Joseph Vance
Jeff Casey	Craig Earls

Members Absent: Lynna Mitchell, Dillon Smith, Cody Elswick

Town Representatives:

Guests:

Dr. Brandon Buskill called the meeting to order.

Joseph Vance made a motion to approve the agenda. Jeff Casey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the agenda was unanimously approved.

The minutes from the May 6th meeting were presented for approval. Joseph Vance made a motion to approve the minutes and Jeff Casey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the agenda was unanimously approved.

New Business – General Discussion

Dr. Brandon Buskill: Are there any new land or building opportunities that anyone wants to discuss? No further sites were discussed.

Miscellaneous Topics

Jeff Casey: I spoke to the owner of Victory Metal Roofing, and he is possibly looking to expand the metal roof business. They are based in Pikeville, KY but they have a store front across from the college. They are very established and interested in a facility to make roof materials.

Dr. Brandon Buskill: What does he need to expand?

Jeff Casey: He is looking for a location in town that has 3-phase power and 5000 square feet of manufacturing space. He is going to take coils of metal for which he forms the roof materials and cuts it per the customer requirements. They install roofs and will customize it to the roof.

Dr. Brandon Buskill: The Smith's building is 80K square feet and could be an option.

Jeff Casey: Also, the old sewing factory behind Roses may be an option as well.

Dr. Brandon Buskill: We need to work together with grants, and other economic partners, to help build some additional shell buildings. Incentives, and low utilities, are also key to making this happen and to bring in more businesses.

The group discussed and no additional actions were taken.

Craig Earls made a motion to adjourn. Joseph Vance seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: July 1st, at 6 p.m.