



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REVENUE AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:00 a.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
OPEN SESSION

Members Present:

Lionel Bernard, Member
Stephen H. Edwards, Chairman
David D. Freishtat, Member

Members Not Present:

Andrew Bridge, Member
Jonathan W. Powell, Secretary-Treasurer
Jake Weissmann, *Ex officio* Member

MCRA Representatives Present:

Justin Bollum, Airport Manager
Patricia Conrad, Chief Financial Officer
Gayle Jamison, Secretary to the Board
Keith Miller, Chief Executive Officer

Guests:

Neal Anker, Associate County Attorney

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A motion was made by Freishtat and seconded by Bernard to approve the June 27, 2023 minutes as presented. Carried.

Summary of Closed Session of June 27, 2023

Time of closed session: 9:16 a.m.

Place: Virtual meeting

Purpose(s): To discuss the potential acquisition of property for the public good.

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Bernard, Bridge, Edwards, Freishtat, and Powell

Persons attending closed session: Board Members: Bernard, Bridge, Edwards, Freishtat, Powell, and Weissmann; Staff Members: Miller, Conrad and Jamison.

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: §3-305(b) (3)

Topics actually discussed: The potential acquisition of Whites Ferry for the public good.

Actions taken: The Board took no action.

Each recorded vote: Not applicable

Public Comments

There were no requests to provide public comments.

Airpark

Property Purchase – 18810 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland

The purchase of 18810 Woodfield Road has been on the Airport Layout Plan for more than 20 years. In the past, MCRA requested an exception from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to eliminate the need to purchase the property, which was denied. This purchase was in the FAA's FY23 plan, but closing was delayed due to negotiations with the property owner,

which resulted in a delay of FAA funds. The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) has provided MCRA 95% of the purchase price now (including their 5% and the FAA's 90% portions). MCRA will repay MAA the FAA portion when the FAA grant money is received. No condemnation will occur, and there will be minimal relocation costs. This purchase is in the MCRA's approved capital plan.

A motion was made by Freishtat and seconded by Bernard to approve the purchase agreement as submitted and to authorize the CEO to execute the agreement and all related purchase documents. Carried.

New Flight Tracking Software

Justin Bollum, Airpark Manager, identified new technology at a conference this summer that will allow the MCRA to provide real time accurate data on flight activity at the Airpark. Mr. Bollum provided the Board an overview of the new reporting that will be active on the Montgomery County Airpark website when the system is installed on or about September 1st. The new system will provide the data that is required by the newly formed Airpark Community Advisory Committee and satisfies the recommendation to deploy an airport operations monitoring (flight tracking) system from the 2022 Vianair, Inc report. The system will include CY2022 data, as well.

The Crossvines Update

The Crossvines hosted the East Coast Wine Summit, which included winemakers from Georgia to New Hampshire.

A meeting with representatives from the University of Maryland to discuss next steps in the partnership to support the fermentation degree program now that the property is open will be conducted in September.

Visit Montgomery held an event at The Crossvines which included writers from different industries on an agricultural tour.

A meeting in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture and Montgomery Agricultural Producers will be held with about 30 local farmers to discuss local sourcing of products for the menu at Crossvines as well as other ideas to support local producers. The Crossvine team met with 3 property owners in the Poolesville area who are considering planting grapes next year.

Miller met with Robert Butz, owner of Windridge Winery, to discuss partnership opportunities, and The Crossvines plans to continue to increase local wine, including Windridge wine on the menu.

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September Meeting

The Capital Improvement Plan will be covered in the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Stephen H. Edwards, Chairman