



## REGIONAL COUNCIL 9 – STRIKE FORCE

NOVEMBER 20, 2020

11:00 am to NOON

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency this meeting was held via Zoom link and conference line. The details were posted with the Agenda and is enclosed. Public Comments were also solicited.

### MINUTES

**Attending Strike Force and Council Members:** Ed Scott, EcoSeptix Alliance (Chair, Region 9); Ed Dalrymple, Cedar Mountain Stone, (Vice Chair, Region 9); Pace Lochte, University of Virginia Economic Development; Ray Knott, Union Bank & Trust; Tom Click, Patriot Aluminum, Alicia Pitorri, Bank of America

**Absent Council Members:** Jim Cheng, Cav Angels

**Staff:** Shannon Holland

**Guests:** none

- 1. Welcome** **Ed Scott, Chair**  
Ed Scott opened the meeting at 11:02 am. Ed Scott stated that the meeting was being held electronically via Zoom video and call-in due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor.
- 2. Roll Call** **Shannon Holland, Staff**  
A roll call was completed and the members noted above were present, representing a quorum.
- 3. Public Comment** **Ed Scott**  
No public comments were received or presented.
- 4. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting** **Ed Scott**  
*Tom Click made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Ed Dalrymple seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.*
- 5. Review Project Pipeline and Available Funds** **Ed Scott**  
Ed Scott noted that the provided Funding Dashboard shows that there is \$776,500 remaining in ERR Funding. Of that amount, \$76,500 is available for FAST ACCESS funds. Shannon Holland added that, at this time, she was unaware of any additional FAST ACCESS projects in development.
- 6. Review Project Proposal – ERR FA** **Ed Scott**  
Ed Scott introduced the proposal up for review that was submitted by CBIC, the Charlottesville Business Innovation Council, for \$76,500 for one year to use Start Up Space technology to build out a regional platform that will facilitate connectivity and resource finding in addition to other robust functionality. Ed Scott opened the meeting up for discussion after noting that staff recommends this project for approval.

Discussion ensued including comments:

- All Region 9 localities are targeted in the proposal
- It's good that the applicant researched and is planning to use existing platforms vs creating from "whole cloth" as some previous proposals were attempting
- Concern of whether entrepreneurs were engaged in the proposal development
- Question of whether the timeline would serve businesses quickly enough

*Ed Dalrymple made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Ray Knott seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.*

**7. Other Business**

**Ed Scott**

No other business was presented.

**8. Adjourn**

**Ed Scott**

*Ray Knott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Click seconded the motion.*

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