

KENTUCKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING August 29, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) convened at 10:02 a.m. EDT on August 29, 2019, at the Cabinet for Economic Development, Old Capitol Annex, Board of Directors Conference Room, 300 West Broadway in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Notification of Press

Jean R. Hale, Chairman, received verification that the media had been notified of the KEDFA regular monthly board meeting.

Roll Call

Members Present: Jean R. Hale, J. Don Goodin, Melinda Hill, proxy for Secretary William M. Landrum, III, Tucker Ballinger and Chad Miller

Staff Present: Bobby Aldridge, Tim Back, Elizabeth Bishop, Jessica Burke, Sarah Butler, Brittany Cox, Martin David-Jacobs, Rachael Dever, Michelle Elder, Annie Franklin, David Hamilton, Krista Harrod, Jim Kirk, Zach Lawrence, Brandon Mattingly, Kate McCane, Craig McKinney, Kylee Palmer, Debbie Phillips, Jason Rainey, Vivek Sarin, Kristina Slattery, Katie Smith and Teresa Spreitzer

Others Present: Jim Deckard, Hurt, Deckard & May; Mike Herrington, Stites & Harbison; Jamie Brodsky, Stoll Keenon Ogden; Mayor Brandi Harless and Jim Arndt, City of Paducah; Casey Bolton, Commonwealth Economics, Jeff Hodges, Gray Construction; Billy Aldridge, Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet, Office of Financial Management; Kevin Newton, Kentucky Legislative Research Commission; Rebecca Fleischaker and Erica Smith, Louisville Forward; Matt Zoellner, Scott Murphy & Daniel; Tim Eifler, Stoll Keenon Ogden; Dan Durbin, Tom Miller and Shannon Rickett, University of Louisville

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hale entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2019 regular KEDFA board meeting.

Melinda Hill moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Chad Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

Approved/Undisbursed Report

Chairman Hale called on Kylee Palmer to review the approved/undisbursed report. After review, the Authority accepted the report as presented.

Financial Statements and Monitoring Reports

Chairman Hale called on Krista Harrod to review the financial statements and monitoring reports. After review, the Authority accepted the statements and reports as presented.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Project (Preliminary)

Chairman Hale called on Ms. Palmer to present a TIF project for preliminary approval to the Authority.

City of Paducah, Finance Department

Paducah Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment Project

McCracken County

Ms. Palmer stated Paducah Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment Project is a Mixed-Use Redevelopment in Blighted Urban Areas TIF project. The project consists of the redevelopment of 315 acres of Paducah's downtown riverfront to attract new tourism, recreation and economic development opportunities. The development is expected to include additional hotel rooms, restaurants, retail stores, conference and event space with supportive food services, a museum, a reimagined art house/theatre and manufacturing/processing space. The construction is estimated to take place over the next five years.

The public infrastructure costs total approximately \$56.4 million and include land preparation, public buildings/structures, sewers/storm drainage, curbs, sidewalks, promenades and pedways, roads, street lighting, provision of utilities, environmental remediation, public space or parks, parking, public landings, fountains, benches and sculptures and riverbank modifications and improvements. The applicant, City of Paducah, Finance Department, estimates the project will support 1,169 full-time jobs and generate \$1.9 billion in total economic impact over a 20 year period.

By granting preliminary approval, KEDFA would enable staff to begin working with the Office of State Budget Director and the Finance and Administration Cabinet to create criteria for which an independent consultant would review the project's feasibility including financing, appropriateness for the use of the TIF program and potential increments and whether the project represents a net positive impact for the Commonwealth.

Staff recommended preliminary approval of the TIF project.

Ms. Palmer introduced Mayor Brandi Harless, Jim Arndt and Casey Bolton and invited them to address the board regarding the project.

After discussion, Tucker Ballinger moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

Kentucky Jobs Retention Act (KJRA) Project (Supplemental)

Chairman Hale called on Katie Smith to present a KJRA supplemental project to the Authority.

Ford Motor Company

Jefferson County

Ms. Smith stated Ford Motor Company requested approval to amend its Jobs Retention Agreement with its existing Kentucky Truck Plant and Louisville Assembly Plant project locations to include a fifth supplemental project. The additional investment involves equipment and facility upgrades as well as modernization actions to support improved efficiency standards and increase competitiveness. The majority of the investment is designated for product upgrades at the Louisville Assembly Plant, specifically the all-new Ford Escape and Lincoln derivative. The investment includes major product upgrades to the Escape, including a hybrid and plug-in hybrid option. The upgrade will also include a number of new safety features including standard automatic emergency braking, road departure warning, pre-collision assist and lane change warning.

The fifth supplemental project investment is \$550,000,000 of which \$412,500,000 qualifies as KJRA eligible costs. The highest job target over the term of the agreement is 12,000 with an average hourly wage of \$26.00 including benefits. The state wage assessment participation is 4.00% and Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government will participate at 1.00%.

The total cumulative investment of \$2,950,000,000 in the Kentucky Truck Plant and Louisville Assembly Plant should be achieved by December 31, 2021. If the investment is less than projected, the Total Negotiated Tax Incentive Amount will be reduced to equal 12.1% of the total cumulative investment. The investment of \$550,000,000 in the Kentucky Truck Plant and Louisville Assembly Plant related to the fifth supplemental project is required to be achieved by December 31, 2021. If the investment is less than projected, the Total Negotiated Tax Incentive Amount will be reduced proportionately. Since the fourth supplement project investment was achieved on March 31, 2018, expenditures for the fifth supplemental project may begin on April 1, 2018. The term of the Agreement matures on January 31, 2025 (previously January 31, 2022). The company will be subject to automatic reduction of available incentives for the succeeding fiscal year upon failure to achieve ninety percent (90%) of the job target in any year of the agreement term. The maximum annual incentive for the fiscal year following the year in which the company achieves less than 90% of the job target shall be reduced to the percentage of job target achieved for the prior fiscal year. The company may receive the amount of incentives in subsequent years if the company achieves 90% of the job target in future years. The company will also be subject to suspension of claiming incentives for the succeeding fiscal year upon failure to achieve a job retention requirement of 10,000 full-time employees in any year of the agreement term after December 31, 2018. The amount not claimed during the suspension may be used as a carryforward amount in future years once compliance is confirmed.

Staff recommended approval of an increase in the KJRA negotiated tax incentive amount to \$355,000,000.

J. Don Goodin moved to approve staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

Kentucky Jobs Development Act (KJDA) Project (Amendment)

Chairman Hale called on Bobby Aldridge to present a KJDA project amendment to the Authority.

Tier 1 Performance Solutions, LLC

Kenton County

Mr. Aldridge stated the company notified the Authority that the original lessor to the agreement assigned its entire right, title and interest in the leased site to Technology Towers, LLC. As such, the company requested the agreement be amended to release the original lessor and add the new lessor as a party to the agreement. Further, the company requested its approved affiliate, Tier1 Government Solutions, LLC, be removed from the agreement, as the affiliate is no longer active. All other aspects of the project remain the same.

Staff recommended approval of the KJDA amendment request.

Mr. Goodin moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Ballinger seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) Projects (Amendment)

Chairman Hale called on Mr. Aldridge to present the KBI project amendments to the Authority.

**Berry Global Films, LLC
Warren County**

Mr. Aldridge stated due to a merger, AEP Industries, Inc. requested an amendment for an assignment of the project to reflect Berry Global Films, LLC retroactive to January 20, 2017 and a fiscal year end change to September 30. All other aspects of the project remain the same.

Staff recommended approval of the KBI amendment request.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

**Engi-Mat Co.
Fayette County**

Mr. Aldridge stated on July 26, 2012, KEDFA granted final approval to nGimat, LLC (nGimat), a Kentucky limited liability company, to assist with the leasing, equipping and upfit of a new service and technology facility in Fayette County. The project activated on July 26, 2014. Effective January 1, 2019, nGimat merged with and into Engi-Mat Co., a Delaware corporation. Company representatives requested that Engi-Mat Co. be designated as the approved company under the program. All other aspects of the project remain the same.

Staff recommended approval of the KBI amendment request.

Ms. Hill moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

**KBI Project (Modification)
and
Kentucky Enterprise Initiative Act (KEIA) Projects (Amendment)**

Chairman Hale called on staff to present a KBI modification request and two KEIA amendment requests, all to be presented as one motion.

**Braidy Atlas, LLC
Boyd and Greenup Counties**

Michelle Elder stated Braidy Industries, Inc. received preliminary approval on April 26, 2017 for a KBI project consisting of an approximate 2,345,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in South Shore, Greenup County to establish an eco-friendly and technically advanced aluminum mill. The project was approved for up to \$10,000,000 in KBI incentives. Braidy Industries, Inc. organized Braidy Atlas, LLC as a wholly owned single-member Delaware limited liability company effective August 3, 2018. The approved company will now be Braidy Atlas, LLC and the project will now be located in Greenup, Kentucky, which is in Boyd and Greenup Counties. All other aspects of the project remain the same

**Braidy Atlas, LLC (#21638)
Boyd and Greenup Counties**

Mr. Aldridge stated Braidy Industries, Inc. organized Braidy Atlas, LLC, a wholly owned, single-member Delaware limited liability company effective August 3, 2018. Braidy Industries, Inc. requested the KEIA Agreement, dated June 29, 2017 be amended to transfer the agreement and all rights, obligations and privileges thereunder to Braidy Atlas, LLC which is located in Greenup, Kentucky in Boyd and Greenup Counties. All other aspects of the project remain the same.

**Braidy Atlas, LLC (#21977)
Boyd and Greenup Counties**

Mr. Aldridge stated Braidy Industries, Inc. organized Braidy Atlas, LLC, a wholly owned, single-member Delaware limited liability company effective August 3, 2018. Braidy Industries, Inc. is requesting the KEIA Agreement, dated January 25, 2018 be amended to transfer the agreement and all rights, obligations and privileges thereunder, to Braidy Atlas, LLC which is located in Greenup, Kentucky in Boyd and Greenup Counties. All other aspects of the project remain the same.

Staff recommended approval of the KBI modification request and the KEIA amendment requests.

Mr. Goodin moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed; Jean Hale and Tucker Ballinger abstained.

KEIA Projects (Extension)

Chairman Hale called on Mr. Aldridge to present the KEIA extension requests to the Authority.

Mr. Aldridge stated four companies requested additional time to complete the projects. Mr. Aldridge asked that all four be presented as one motion.

Company	County	Extension
United Dairy Farmers, Inc.	Kenton	2 Month
Pizza Wholesale of Lexington, Incorporated	Bourbon	3 Month
Distilled Spirits Epicenter, LLC	Jefferson	12 Month
Extiel-Advantage, Somerset 1, LLC	Pulaski	12 Month

Staff recommended approval of the KEIA extension requests.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

KEIA Project

Chairman Hale called on staff to present the KEIA project to the Authority.

**Lakeshore Equipment Company dba Lakeshore Learning Materials Elizabeth Bishop
Woodford County Michelle Elder**

Elizabeth Bishop stated Lakeshore Learning Materials, founded in 1954, is the leading U.S. developer of educational materials and classroom furniture & supplies. Over the last decade, Lakeshore's business has grown at a remarkable rate and its site in Midway is nearing capacity. The company is considering retrofitting its existing location to meet customer demand.

Ms. Elder stated the project investment is \$2,925,450 of which \$2,275,450 qualifies as KEIA eligible costs.

Staff recommended the KEIA approved recovery amount of \$100,000 for construction materials and building fixtures.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

KBI (Preliminary) and KEIA Projects

Chairman Hale called on staff to present the KBI preliminary and KEIA projects to the Authority.

Lakeshore Equipment Company dba Lakeshore Learning Materials Elizabeth Bishop Woodford County Michelle Elder

Ms. Bishop stated Lakeshore Learning Materials, founded in 1954, is the leading U.S. developer of educational materials and classroom furniture & supplies. Over the last decade, Lakeshore's business has grown at a remarkable rate and its site in Midway is nearing capacity. The company is considering adding an additional 500,000 sq. ft. distribution location to meet customer demand.

Ms. Elder stated the project investment is \$27,570,400 of which \$25,616,000 qualifies as KBI eligible costs and \$13,554,400 qualifies as KEIA eligible costs. The highest job target over the term of the agreement is 100 with an average hourly wage of \$19.00 including benefits. The state wage assessment participation is 3.00% and Woodford County Fiscal Court will participate at 0.50% with the City of Midway participating at 0.50%. The company will be required to maintain a base employment equal to the greater of the number of full-time, Kentucky resident employees as of the date of preliminary approval or 262 full-time, Kentucky resident employees (the base employment number required by previous project #21213). The project will include multiple locations within Midway/Woodford County. Only investment costs incurred at an address to be determined within Woodford County will be considered toward calculating eligible costs. Employees and their respective wages at the locations included in the project definition will be eligible for compliance.

Staff recommended preliminary approval of the KBI negotiated tax incentive amount of \$1,150,000 and the KEIA approved recovery amount of \$600,000 for construction materials and building fixtures and \$50,000 for R&D and/or electronic processing equipment.

Mr. Goodin moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems Kentucky Corporation Brittany Cox Boyle County Debbie Phillips

Brittany Cox stated Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems Kentucky Corporation manufactures carbon brakes for commercial and military aircraft. The company is considering a 95,000 sq. ft. expansion to its furnace operations at its existing facility in Danville. The project would also include the purchase of 11 carbon furnaces, related equipment and upgrades to existing equipment.

Debbie Phillips stated the project investment is \$82,680,000, all of which qualifies as KBI eligible costs and \$20,947,500 qualifies as KEIA eligible costs. The highest job target over the term of the agreement is 83 with an average hourly wage of \$18.00 including benefits. The state wage assessment participation is 5.00%. The company will be required to maintain a base employment equal to the greater of the number of full-time, Kentucky resident employees as of the date of preliminary approval or 293 full-time, Kentucky resident employees (the base employment number required by previous project #20327). The project will include multiple locations within the City of Danville/Boyle County. Only investment costs incurred at 190 Corporate Drive will be considered toward calculating eligible costs. Employees and their respective wages at the locations included in the project definition will be eligible for compliance.

Staff recommended preliminary approval of the KBI negotiated tax incentive amount of \$1,400,000 and the KEIA approved recovery amount of \$100,000 for construction materials and building fixtures and \$250,000 for R&D and/or electronic processing equipment.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

**Dameron Alloy Foundries, Inc.
Jefferson County**

**Jim Kirk
Kate McCane**

Jim Kirk stated Dameron Alloy Foundries, Inc., founded in 1946, uses mostly stainless steel and aluminum to produce investment castings (metal parts). The company has exhausted its capacity and is considering an expansion that would combine and connect its two existing buildings in order to increase its workspace to meet potential contracts.

Kate McCane stated the project investment is \$3,150,000 of which \$2,700,000 qualifies as KBI eligible costs and \$809,631 qualifies as KEIA eligible costs. The highest job target over the term of the agreement is 75 with an average hourly wage of \$18.50 including benefits. The state wage assessment participation is 3.00% and Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government will participate at 1.00%. The company will be required to maintain a base employment equal to the number of full-time, Kentucky resident employees as of the date of preliminary approval. The project will include multiple locations within Louisville/Jefferson County. Only investment costs incurred at 6851 Cane Run Road will be considered toward calculating eligible costs. Employees and their respective wages at the locations included in the project definition will be eligible for compliance.

Staff recommended preliminary approval of the KBI negotiated tax incentive amount of \$750,000 and the KEIA approved recovery amount of \$30,000 for construction materials and building fixtures.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

KBI Projects (Preliminary)

Chairman Hale called on staff to present the KBI preliminary projects to the Authority.

**Chewy, Inc.
Jefferson County**

**Annie Franklin
Debbie Phillips**

Annie Franklin stated Chewy, Inc., founded in 2011, is an online source for pet products, pet supplies and pet prescriptions. The company is considering the establishment of a pharmacy fulfillment center to serve its customers more efficiently.

Ms. Phillips stated the project investment is \$4,553,100 of which \$3,726,550 qualifies as KBI eligible costs. The highest job target over the term of the agreement is 150 with an average hourly wage of \$33.41 including benefits. The state wage assessment participation is 1.50% and Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government will participate at 0.50%. The company will be required to maintain a base employment equal to the greater of the following: 1) number of full-time, Kentucky resident employees as of the date of preliminary approval at the Fern Valley and Bluegrass Parkway locations plus 50 (transferring from an affiliate location in Louisville) or 2) 350 full-time Kentucky resident employees (the base employment number (300) required by previous KBI project #22224 plus 50 (transferring from an affiliate location in Louisville)). The company will be required to maintain 90% of the total statewide full-time, Kentucky resident employees at all company and affiliate locations, excluding the Fern Valley and Bluegrass Parkway locations, as of the date of preliminary approval less 50 (transferring

to project location and included in the base employment requirement). The project will include multiple locations within the City of Louisville/Jefferson County. Only investment costs incurred at 11403 Bluegrass Parkway (the project location) will be considered toward calculating eligible costs. Employees and their respective wages at the locations included in the project definition will be eligible for compliance.

Staff recommended preliminary approval of the KBI negotiated tax incentive amount of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Goodin moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

**Smiley Monroe, Inc.
Simpson County**

**Annie Franklin
Michelle Elder**

Ms. Franklin stated Smiley Monroe, Inc. has experienced a significant growth of sales to its US based customers over the last three years. These sales are currently serviced by the Northern Ireland based manufacturing facilities. Due to customer demands for reduction of lead times, the company is considering its first manufacturing facility in the United States. Smiley Monroe, Inc. is considering leasing a facility in Franklin, KY.

Ms. Elder stated the project investment is \$1,317,500 of which \$709,600 qualifies as KBI eligible costs. The highest job target over the term of the agreement is 27 with an average hourly wage of \$17.00 including benefits. The state wage assessment participation is 3.00% and the City of Franklin will participate at 1.00%.

Staff recommended preliminary approval of the KBI negotiated tax incentive amount of \$140,000.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

**Bryant & Sons, Inc. dba Best Buds Botanicals
Barren County**

**Annie Franklin
Michelle Elder**

Ms. Franklin stated Bryant & Sons, Inc. dba Best Buds Botanicals, a start-up agri-business company, is considering becoming a processor of industrial hemp to manufacture CBD and distillate. The company is looking at the possibility of constructing a facility in the Chapatcha Industrial Park in Cave City for this new endeavor.

Ms. Elder stated the project investment is \$1,250,000 of which \$800,000 qualifies as KBI eligible costs. The highest job target over the term of the agreement is 15 with an average hourly wage of \$13.00 including benefits. The state wage assessment participation is 3.00% and the City of Cave City will participate at 1.00%.

After discussion, staff recommended preliminary approval of the KBI negotiated tax incentive amount of \$150,000.

Mr. Goodin moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

**Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc.
Allen County**

**Brittany Cox
Michelle Elder**

Ms. Cox stated Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc. (SEWS) is an automotive supplier of electrical and electronic related products. With anticipated growth in its component business

section, the company is considering a warehouse expansion to allow SEWS to store the additional finished goods.

Ms. Elder stated the project investment is \$1,165,750 of which \$632,875 qualifies as KBI eligible costs. The highest job target over the term of the agreement is 30 with an average hourly wage of \$23.00 including benefits. The state wage assessment participation is 3.00% and the City of Scottsville will participate at 0.50% with Allen County participating at 0.50%. The company will be required to maintain a base employment equal to the number of full-time, Kentucky resident employees as of the date of preliminary approval. The company will be required to maintain 90% of the total statewide full-time, Kentucky resident employees at all company locations, excluding the site of the project, as of the date of preliminary approval. The project will include multiple locations within Scottsville/Allen County. Only investment costs incurred at 120 Industrial Drive will be considered toward calculating eligible costs. Employees and their respective wages at the locations included in the project definition will be eligible for compliance.

Staff recommended preliminary approval of the KBI negotiated tax incentive amount of \$100,000.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

KBI Projects (Extension)

Chairman Hale called on Ms. Elder to present the KBI extension requests to the Authority.

Ms. Elder stated nine companies requested additional time to complete the projects. Ms. Elder asked that all nine be presented as one motion.

Company	County	Extension
Duro Hilex Poly LLC	Boone	6 Month
Statewide Mortgage, LLC	Jefferson	6 Month
American Howa Kentucky, Inc.	Warren	12 Month
Bed Wood and Parts, LLC	Christian	12 Month
CTI – Clinical Trial Services, Inc.	Kenton	12 Month
Gibbs Die Casting Corporation	Henderson	12 Month
Gryphon Environmental, LLC	Daviess	12 Month
Lakeshore Equipment Company dba Lakeshore Learning Materials	Woodford	12 Month
The Recon Group Inc.	Franklin	12 Month

Staff recommended approval of the KBI extension requests.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

KBI Projects (Final)

Chairman Hale called on Ms. Phillips to present the KBI final projects to the Authority.

Ms. Phillips stated five companies requested KBI final approval, three of which have modifications since preliminary approval. Ms. Phillips asked that all five be presented as one motion.

No Modifications:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Type Project</u>
East Bernstadt Cooperage, LLC	Laurel	Manufacturing
Hafendorfer Machine, Inc.	Jefferson	Manufacturing

Modifications:

Ervin Cable Construction, LLC dba

Ervin Cable Construction of Florida, LLC Union Headquarters
The activity of the project changed from service & technology to headquarters. All other aspects of the project remain the same.

Pioneer Plastics, Inc.

Webster Manufacturing
The total investment increased from \$600,000 to \$850,000. The eligible costs increased from \$250,000 to \$650,000. The job target increased from 17 to 30. The wage target increased from \$16.00 to \$20.00. The total negotiated tax incentive amount increased from \$150,000 to \$270,000. The local participation increased from \$3,750 per year for 10 years to \$6,750 per year for 10 years. All other aspects of the project remain the same.

SMC, LLC

Jessamine Manufacturing
The company requested the affiliate, CW Assemblies, LLC be removed from the project. All other aspects of the project remain the same.

Staff recommended final approval of the KBI resolutions, tax incentive agreements and the authorization to execute and deliver the documents.

Ms. Hill moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion. Motion passed, unanimous.

Incentive for Energy Independence Act (IEIA) Projects (Extension)

Chairman Hale called on Ms. Palmer to present the IEIA extension requests to the Authority.

Ms. Palmer stated two companies requested a time extension and asked that both be presented as one motion.

<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Extension</u>
Lock 14 Hydro Partners, LLC	Lee	12 Month
RCC Big Shoal, LLC	Pike	12 Month

Staff recommended approval of IEIA extension requests.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

Kentucky Small Business Tax Credit (KSBTC) Projects

Chairman Hale called on Tim Back to present the KSBTC projects to the Authority.

Mr. Back stated there are 7 Kentucky small businesses, from 5 counties with qualifying tax credits of \$45,500. The 7 businesses created 13 jobs and invested \$76,550 in qualifying equipment or technology.

Mr. Back requested the following tax credits be presented as one motion:

Qualified Small Business	County	Beg. Emp.	Elig. Pos.	Average Hourly Wage	Qualifying Equipment or Technology	Tax Credit
American Tire, Inc.	Nelson	14	3	\$ 12.58	\$ 11,226	\$ 10,500
Ben Byrne, LLC	Jefferson	4	1	\$ 19.00	\$ 6,864	\$ 3,500
Benjamin J. Byrne & Associates, LLC	Jefferson	6	1	\$ 13.00	\$ 10,743	\$ 3,500
EyeMax, PLLC	Fayette	10	2	\$ 11.50	\$ 12,258	\$ 7,000
Freedom Recycling, LLC	Kenton	3	1	\$ 20.04	\$ 6,593	\$ 3,500
Via Vitae Development, LLC	Fayette	3	4	\$ 17.64	\$ 22,900	\$ 14,000
Volta Inc.	Franklin	21	1	\$ 23.80	\$ 5,966	\$ 3,500

Staff recommended approval of the tax credits.

Mr. Goodin moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Ms. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed; Chad Miller abstained.

Other Business

Ms. Smith introduced to the board Craig McKinney, Director, International Business Development.

Closed Session

Pursuant to KRS Section 61.810 (1) (C), Chairman Hale entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

Ms. Hill moved to enter into executive session; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

The board entered into executive session at 10:52 a.m.

Regular Session

Chairman Hale entertained a motion to return to regular session.

Mr. Miller moved to return to regular session; Mr. Goodin seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

The board returned to regular session 12:19 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Hale entertained a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Hill moved to adjourn the August KEDFA board meeting; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed; unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

**APPROVED
PRESIDING OFFICER:**



Jean R. Hale, Chairman