

**MINUTES OF THE  
ACCOMACK-NORTHAMPTON  
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT COMMISSION**

The regular meeting of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission was held at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, Melfa, Virginia, on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Laurence J. Trala, Chairman  
Richard B. Tankard, Secretary-Treasurer  
Wanda Thornton  
Jeffrey K. Walker  
Steve Mallette

Absent:

Donald L. Hart, Jr., Vice Chairman

Ex-Officio member present:

Kevin Page

Nonmembers present:

Mary Ardolino, STAR Transit  
Larry LeMond, Bay Coast Railroad  
J. T. Holland, Bay Coast Railroad  
Bennie Etheridge, Canonie Atlantic Co.  
Billy Moore, Jr., Canonie Atlantic Co.  
Katie Nunez, Eastern Shore Broadband Authority  
Cheryl Tyson, Eastern Shore Broadband Authority  
Bo Drenning, Construction Manager, STAR Transit  
C. A. Turner, III, Webster Investors

In Re: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

In Re: Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Walker.

In Re: Statements from the Public

There were no statements from the public.

In Re: Account Balances

The monthly Secretary-Treasurer's report showed an ending balance at September 30th of \$5,091.58. The Public Transit Manager's report indicated that there was a balance of \$-18,806.13 in the savings account and \$467.41 in the checking account for STAR Transit.

In Re: Minutes of September 2, 2008

Motion was made by Mrs. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2008 be approved. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Hart and voted "yes". Motion was unanimously passed.

In Re: Public Transportation Report

Ms. Ardolino reported that the ridership total for September was 3,360. She also noted that bus #971 was sold to Mr. Milton Bull for \$300.00. With regard to the sale of surplus vehicle #12, motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Thornton that the 22006 Ford, 12-passenger bus (115,000 miles) be offered for sale under sealed bid. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Hart and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. Mr. Page commented that the VRPT Asset Management System must be followed as well as Department permission must be received prior to the sale of the vehicle.

Finally, Ms. Ardolino reported that STAR Transit will be working with Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to implement a fare collection system as the drivers are not allowed to make bank deposits.

Ms. Ardolino introduced Mr. Bo Drenning, the Construction Manager for the new STAR Transit facility. Mr. Drenning indicated that the project remains on schedule and within budget. The estimated completion date is the end of November, 2008.

In Re: Closed Session:

Motion was made by Mrs. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Walker that the Commission enter Closed Session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

Paragraph 1: Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. *STAR Transit Driver*

All members were present with the exception of Mr. Hart and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

After Closed Session, the Chairman reconvened the meeting and said that the Commission had entered the closed session for that purpose as set out in paragraph 1 of Section 2.1-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Upon being polled individually, each member confirmed that this was the only matter of discussion during the closed session.

In Re: State’s Comments

Mr. Page noted that the Department was very busy with the Resource Allocation Plan, the Rail Preservation Program and a spot-audit program.

In Re: Airport Update

There was no report from the Airport.

In Re: Railroad Comments

Mr. LeMond reported that a Rail Preservation Grant has been received in the amount of \$129,996.00. With the required 40% match, total grant funds amount to \$216,660. Additionally, a Virginia Port Authority grant in the amount of \$95,000 has been received (effective 7/1/08), which will be used for pontoon repairs at Little Creek, bridge timbers for the Little Creek float bridge and other capital floating costs.

Mr. Trala forwarded a request from Cheriton Mayor Robert “Bo” Lewis with regard to the condition of the crossing on Sunnyside Road. He additionally asked that the Melfa crossing be addressed as per the Mayor’s request.

NEW BUSINESS

In Re: Award of Bid for Audit Work

It was noted that one proposal has been received for the “interim” audit for the period March 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007, and the next full fiscal year audit (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008). That proposal was from Mitchell & Company, who prepared the FY 07 audit. Motion was made by Mr. Tankard, seconded by Mrs. Thornton, that the bid for the audit work be awarded to Mitchell & Company in accordance with bid specifications and their proposal. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Hart and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

In Re: Resolution for Donald L. Hart, Jr.

It was noted that Mr. Hart has submitted his resignation from the ANTDC and the Accomack County Board of Supervisors has not acted on a replacement appointment. Motion was made by Mrs. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Walker that the following resolution of appreciation be adopted. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Hart and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. Said resolution as adopted is set forth below:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, Mr. Donald L. Hart, Jr., has served the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission as Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-Chairman since January 1992; and**

**WHEREAS, Mr. Hart has acted and does continue to act with honor and distinction during the entire tenure of his service; and**

**WHEREAS, Mr. Hart has provided guidance and support to both the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission, Canonie Atlantic Co., and the Eastern Shore Railroad, Inc. over the past sixteen years and has dedicated much time and energy to the preservation and improvement of rail service on the Eastern Shore of Virginia in order that the states of Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware might be economically strengthened.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission does hereby recognize and applaud the long-time, faithful and outstanding service by Mr. Donald L. Hart, Jr., during his tenure of service and furthermore does hereby extend its best wishes to him and his family for their future success and happiness.**

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### In Re: Recess

Motion was made by Mr. Tankard, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the meeting be recessed in order to allow for the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Canonie Atlantic Co. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Hart and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Following the Canonie Board meeting, Chairman Trala reconvened the meeting.

### In Re: Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Tankard that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Hart and voted "yes." The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned.