

**Minutes of
The Economic Development Authority
Of the County of Accomack, Virginia**

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: John Arthur LeCato, Chairman
Mary Jester, Vice Chairman
Shirley Zamora
Robert Marshall
Rhet Tignor
IraVon Ashby-Hope

Others Present: Lynn Sherwood, Airport Departmental Secretary

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. and declared open to the public.

Public Comment

There was no public present.

Consideration of Proposed Minutes

Mr. Marshall had a correction regarding his statement about Wallops and wanted to remove the wording about the horizontal rocket. Mr. Marshall also asked that the word Commission be added after Tourism. Mr. Tignor moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010 with these corrections; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Zamora said that she didn't have a report but did have a payment request for \$26.48 to cover recording supplies. Ms. Zamora also said there was still one payment remaining from Shore Memorial for bond payment.

Informational Report from Chairman or Members

Mr. Tignor said that he was working on the resolutions for Mr. Dunton and Mr. Conklin but he needed more information on things that occurred during their terms. A discussion ensued.

Mr. LeCato read a letter from Dean Eddie Swain with the Eastern Shore Community College thanking the EDA for all of the help with the Entrepreneur Express.

Mr. LeCato said that he has asked Amy Bull to give a report on the Wallops Research Park at the next meeting. Mr. LeCato read a letter that he had received from Ms. Bull regarding a land swap between Wallops and the EDA. A lengthy discussion ensued. Ms. Jester made a motion to get Ms. Zamora to do the research for a possible land swap; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. LeCato said that he had gone over the budget and that everything was correct. Mr. LeCato also discussed the EDA liability insurance.

Mr. LeCato said he had received a phone call regarding the Navy wanting to lease the runway since the EDA owned land adjacent to the Airport. A lengthy discussion ensued. The EDA members agreed to support and encourage the use of the Airport for the Navy operations.

Report from Economic Development Director

Mr. Forbes was unable to attend.

Marketing Strategies

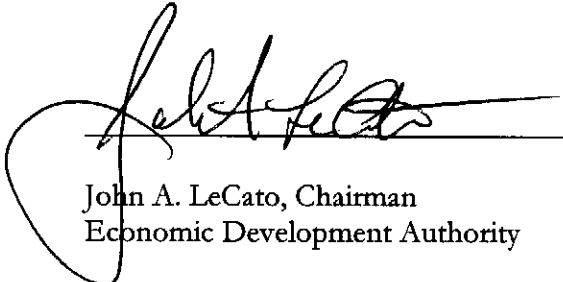
Ms. Zamora said that she had spoken with Andrew Edwards with the Virginia Film Board and he was interested in the Eastern Shore for filming. Mr. Edwards told Ms. Zamora that Pennsylvania and South Carolina had great tax incentives for the filming industry while Virginia didn't offer much. A discussion ensued. Mr. LeCato thanked Ms. Zamora for following up on this issue.

Ms. Jester said that the EDA needs to focus on selling the Park. Ms. Jester said that some of the policies in the Park may be keeping local businesses from moving here. Mr. Tignor suggested getting an off Shore real estate agent. A lengthy discussion ensued. Ms. Zamora suggested developing a webpage. Mr. LeCato suggested placing a sign at the Park entrance stating lots for sale. A lengthy discussion ensued. Ms. Jester moved to authorize the Chairman to obtain a sign for the Park entrance stating lots for sale and financing available; Ms. Zamora seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Jester moved to remove the Economic Development Director from the agenda; Mr. Tignor seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.



John A. LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority