

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2018**

At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018, in the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT**

##### **Economic Development Authority Members Present:**

Mr. Wesley Edwards, Chairman  
Ms. Stella Rohde, Vice Chairwoman  
Mr. Calvert Seybolt, Treasurer  
Mr. Robert Bloxom

##### **Economic Development Authority Members Absent:**

Mr. Andy Mason  
Mr. C. Ray Davis  
Ms. Iravon Ashby-Hope

##### **Others Present:**

Mr. Paul Muhly, BOS  
Mr. Robert Bridgham, ESVBA  
Ms. Olivia Miller, ESVBA  
Mr. Thomas Johnson, ESCC  
Ms. Julie Bellamy, Recording Secretary

#### **B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

There being a 4 of 7 member quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

A. Mr. Thomas Johnson introduced himself as Dean of Workforce Development, offered his services to the EDA and expressed his interest in working to promote economic development throughout the Eastern Shore. In the Q&A session which followed certification programs were discussed.

### **3. MINUTES**

#### **A. August 14, 2018**

Chairman Edwards had several corrections to the minutes as presented. They will be incorporated and presented to the Economic Development Authority for review and approval at the next meeting.

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### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Treasurer Calvert Seybolt stated he had not received a bank statement since August. After much discussion surrounding bank balance and accounting practices, Mr. Seybolt agreed to approach Amy Ford from Accomack County Finance to reconcile.

### 5. INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS - None

### 6. STAFF REPORT

#### A. **Broadband Summit**

Ms. Bellamy stated there was a Virginia Broadband Summit planned for Tuesday, October 30, 2018 in Roanoke. It was a partnership between the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's BroadbandUSA Program and Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology (CIT).

#### B. **Corrections to Verizon Phonebook for Accomack Northampton Counties**

Ms. Bellamy stated the phonebook had an unrecognizable phone number and unimproved parcel listed as the phone and contact information for the EDA. She was directed to make the corrections utilizing Wes Edward's phone number and the Airport terminal address.

### 7. MARKETING STRATEGIES

- A. Ms. Rohde reported that she and Chairman Edwards met with Denise Miranda and Ysah Shio from The Japan Times, a publication of **Global Media Publishing, Inc.** It was reported that the attributes of locating a business to Accomack County were showcased, but that there would most likely be no advertising in that publication. Advertising possibilities in general was then discussed.

- B. Mr. Muhly brought up the need for the EDA to be included in the comprehensive plan update process. He mentioned generically and in relation to natural gas specifically. He stated the planning meeting was scheduled for the following Wednesday and asked for participation by the EDA.

### 8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Hear from Mr. Robert Bridgham from the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (ESVBA)** Mr. Brigham addressed the meeting. He stated there were five users: Blue Crab Bay, Chamber of Commerce, County Garage, Airport Terminal and College. Ms. Bellamy asked for the date of installation, location of existing infrastructure and capacity. Mr. Bridgham also discussed the possibility of the EDA becoming an internet provider. It was suggested that Mr. Pat Coady be invited to the November EDA meeting.

### 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

### 10. OTHER MATTERS

- A. The next EDA/JIDA meeting was slated for 10/16/18 at 4:00 pm in Eastville at the Social Services building. Mr. Edwards stated a quorum would be optimal. It had not been confirmed as of the end of this EDA meeting.

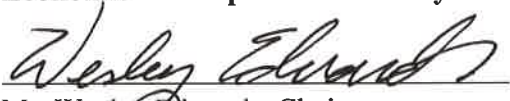
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**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Economic Development Authority meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion made by Ms. Rohde and seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn the Economic Development Authority meeting at 11:32 a.m. All were in favor.**

  
Mr. Wesley Edwards, Chairman

  
Recording Secretary