

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018

At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on the 13th day of November 2018, in the Northampton County Administration's Glass Conference Room, in Eastville, 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
Mr. Andy Mason
Ms. Iravon Ashby-Hope

Others Present:

Mr. Patrick Coady
Ms. Julie Bellamy, Recording Secretary

B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a 6 of 7 member quorum, the meeting was called to order at 2:47 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

3. MINUTES

A. August 14, 2018

Chairman Edwards requested two additions to the corrected minutes of August 14 minutes as presented. He asked that "No action was taken." be added to 5. Informational Report from Chairman and Members A. Supervisor Paul Muhly. Chairman Edwards also asked that under 9. Unfinished Business B. Entrance Sign that "on the county budget not the EDA budget" be added to Ms. Rohde's comment noting, "the maintenance costs should be considered." Under 10. Other Matters B. Mr. Muhly commented the A-4 airplane needed to be maintained. Mr. Edwards wanted it noted that it was the County's responsibility to maintain the aircraft. Chairman Edwards wanted a notation that he spoke with Mr. Mason and the project include a new ditch and new wire.

Mr. Edwards also requested editing to the October 9 minutes under 2. Public Comments, A. Thomas Johnson to state he offered his services to the EDA. Mr. Edwards also requested a notation be made related to the October 11 minutes. He wanted to note that he spoke with Rich Morrison 10/11/18 referencing 7. Marketing Strategies B. Comprehensive Plan inclusion of the EDA brought up by Mr. Muhly. Chairman Edwards stated Rich Morrison had informed Chairman Edwards that all adjustments would be made to the draft comprehensive plan all at once and after the board approves it.

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Mr. Andy Mason made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented with changes incorporated. Mr. Ace Seybolt seconded the motion and it was unanimous approval by all present.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Treasurer Calvert Seybolt stated he needed a motion to reimburse the county for \$1,177.94. Ms. Rohde made a motion to approve reimbursement and Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. All approved. As of October 31, 2018, \$103,634.67 is the balance. Discussion surrounded the existence of a hidden "sweep account" or "reserve savings account" and discrepancies between accounts. Assets per balance sheet were \$417,510.80 and \$306,552.45 of that is the park value.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS - None

6. STAFF REPORT

7. MARKETING STRATEGIES

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Hear from Mr. Patrick Coady:** Patrick Coady introduced himself and spoke of recent regional initiatives he had been involved with since stepping back from his career in broadband. He explained the financial structure of broadband authorities in general as they relate to capacity and delivery. He answered questions as he went along. In response to a question, he agreed that the EDA could act as an ISP.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Street Lighting:** Stella Rohde brought up the financial support by the EDA toward street lighting improvements. She stated that \$2,500 would go a long way toward implementing street light installation. Mr. Andy Mason suggested broadband conduit may be a contribution. Mr. Seybolt added Blue Crab Bay complained about the lack of lighting. Ms. Rohde stated individuals taking a Real Estate Course at night complained to her as well about safety issues. Mr. Edwards stated he spoke with Mike Mason. Mr. Mason stated the county citizens believe the EDA is responsible.

B.

10. OTHER MATTERS


11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Economic Development Authority meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia.


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12. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Ashby-Hope and seconded by Mr. Mason, to adjourn the Economic Development Authority meeting at 4:05 p.m. All were in favor.



Mr. Wesley Edwards, Chairman



Recording Secretary