

The Economic Development Authority of the County of Accomack, Virginia

June 12, 2012

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John LeCato, Chair
Shirley Zamora
Wesley Edwards
Irene Davis
Robert Bloxom
Members Absent: Robert Marshall
Ira Ashby-Hope
Others Present: Mark Taylor, County Attorney
Rich Morrison, Community Economic Development Director

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman John LeCato.

Roll Call

The following members were present John LeCato, Robert Bloxom, Shirley Zamora, Wesley Edwards, Irene Davis.

Rich Morrison, Community Economic Development Director was in attendance and Mark Taylor, County Attorney was also present at the meeting.

Public Comment

No one from the public was present.

Approval of May 8, 2012 Minutes

Shirley Zamora made a motion to approve the May 8, 2012 minutes and Robert Bloxom seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chairman LeCato stated he had signed off on the invoices that were given to him approximately 3 weeks ago and he had signed an invoice on grass cutting and the bills that were paid was less than \$1000. He continued by saying the balance of last month's statement was \$21,861.92 minus the \$1000 for this month's invoices that were signed off on leaving a balance of approximately \$20,861.92.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Shirley Zamora stated she had drafted a letter to Mr. Shane Breakie, Director of Sales and Energy Services concerning the EDA supporting the extension of natural gas services into Accomack County and was waiting on getting it printed for John LeCato's signature. Mr. LeCato stated he would sign the letter and it would go in the mail today.

Wesley Edwards commented on the EDA not having a marketing budget. He stated he did not know how the EDA could recruit businesses without advertising. Irene Davis stated the EDA had been discussing different strategies such as putting together literature and information that could be sent out to businesses that would be interested in land in the park. Irene Davis stated she would like for Wesley Edwards and herself to have a meeting to discuss some options and ideas to do some costing on ways to do marketing.

Chairman LeCato stated he would like for Irene Davis and Wesley Edwards to present a report back to the EDA at next month's meeting. A discussion ensued on marketing.

Chairman LeCato stated he had been contacted by the realtor and was told someone was interested in purchasing property in Accomack County for a seafood processing industry plant and they had an interest in land in the Park as well as other land in the County. A discussion ensued. *Rich Morrison arrived at 9:35a.m.*

Mr. LeCato stated the CED Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and Irene Davis, liaison for him would be meeting on June 22nd at 11:30 until 1:30 at the Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Center and lunch would be provided. He asked Mrs. Davis if she would be available to attend the meeting on his behalf. Mrs. Davis said she would have to check her calendar to see if she could be available to attend the meeting.

Covenants

Mark Taylor stated he had gotten his Assistant to give him a list of owners in the Park and looked at Paragraph 22 regarding amendments. He continued and stated there were ten (10) or more other owners besides the EDA and part of the land was owned by the County. He told the EDA, the County and anything with Accomack government or governmental affiliation all as the same. The County Attorney said in order to change the covenants an agreement of 2/3 of the other owners would have to agree to the changes of the covenants. Mr. Taylor discussed Item 17 Paragraph C (Repurchase) in the Covenants. A discussion ensued on the first right of refusal.

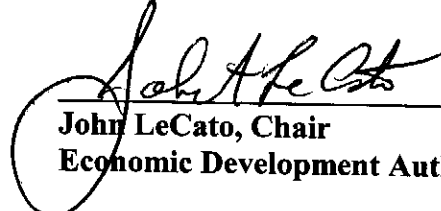
Mr. LeCato asked Robert Bloxom to contact the tenants in the Park and ask them to attend the EDA Meeting to discuss issues and ideas that relates to stimulation of growth in the Park and would like them to meet the new EDA members.

Mr. Taylor stated he would do a draft of the covenants and the changes and would send them to the EDA members.

Rich Morrison asked if he could get the EDA or the Chair to approve him contacting the Realtor to see if he could help locate the seafood industry in the Park. Mr. LeCato stated it was Mr. Morrison's job to try to bring businesses in the County. Mr. Morrison gave an update on the seafood plant in Mappsville and the agriculture prospect.

Adjournment

Shirley Zamora made a motion to adjourn the EDA meeting and Wesley Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



John LeCato, Chair
Economic Development Authority

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Date