

Minutes of the Economic Development Authority of the County of Accomack, Virginia
February 8, 2011

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

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

Others Present: Steve Miner, County Administrator
 Mark Taylor, County Attorney
 Robert Crockett, Board of Supervisor

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A. M. by Chairman LeCato and declared opened to the public.

Roll Call

The following members were present: John LeCato, Chair, Mary Jester, Vice Chair, Shirley Zamora, Rhet Tignor, Ira Ashby-Hope, Robert Marshall and Robert Watson.

Eastern Shore Rural Health Request for a Refund for Usage

Chairman LeCato told the EDA members he had requested a copy of the contract he had signed with the Eastern Shore Rural Health. He told the EDA he had received the copy via fax and three (3) pages had been added that were not in the original contract which is where the problem is coming from. The last three pages that were added were coming from the 2007 regulations that had been deleted and amended in 2008 (they were waste discharge regulations, which do not exist but have been added to the contract that was sent from Eastern Shore Rural Health to him). Chairman LeCato said he contacted Barbara and Lynn and got them to make copies of the original contract and it clearly shows that the three pages were not a part of the contract he had signed. A discussion ensued. County Attorney Mark Taylor commented on the transcript of the meeting and told the EDA members the Eastern Shore Rural Health were clearly aware of the change in the regulation and was explained clearly to them. Mr. LeCato said a letter had to be done to respond to their request and maybe send a copy of the transcription showing them why the EDA would not be giving them a refund. Mary Jester made a motion to authorize

Mark Taylor to write the formal letter to the Rural Health responding to their request for a rebate of their connection fee in 2009 and send a copy to the EDA members via email. Rhet Tignor seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Public Comment

There was not anyone from the public that attended the EDA Meeting.

Welcoming of Board of Supervisor Robert Crockett

Chairman LeCato welcomed Supervisor Robert Crockett to the EDA Meeting. The EDA told Mr. Crockett at their last meeting a motion was made to have a standing invitation for a BOS to attend each meeting so the communication could be taken back to the Board of Supervisors so they were aware of what was happening and if the BOS had comments they could bring the information back to the EDA. **(Ira Ashby-Hope arrived at the EDA Meeting)**. Chairman LeCato told Mr. Crockett a firm from Virginia Beach had been hired to sell real estate property in the Industrial Park and a website will be on the internet to advertise the Park, and 100% financing will be offered by the EDA if someone purchased land in the Park for a business in Accomack County. Mary Jester continued by saying the EDA would like very much to be more involved with the Wallops Research Park people and be more open in working together. A discussion ensued on issuance of bonds and revenue for the County.

Approval of January 25, 2011 Minutes

Mary Jester made a motion to approve the January 25, 2011 minutes with corrections and Robert Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Shirley Zamora stated she met with Mike Mason in Central Accounting and reviewed the budget of the EDA and expenditures and remaining balances to date. She continued and stated they talked about which items were fixed expenses and Mike explained what had been expended for the year and the remaining balance. Shirley said the balance after everything had been paid was \$3841.68 and she had not received the statement yet from the bank but balance was \$25,042. Robert Marshall made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Rhet Tignor seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Chairman LeCato handed out the direct deposit request from the County to the EDA members and told them they had to return it back to the County so their payroll checks could be deposited into their bank accounts.

Information Reports from Chair and EDA Members

Mary Jester said she had spoken with Jack Tarr a commercial electrician because she wanted to get the lights turned back on in the park. She said Mr. Tarr was doing work at

the airport to replace the airports lighting and his rate he was charging to do the work was substantially less than what is charged by commercial electricians on the mainland. Mrs. Jester said she explained to him about the leakage underground and the need to replace all the wiring. She continued by saying Mr. Tarr would like to see the report because he was not aware of anyone on the Shore that had the equipment to do that kind of testing because it is some kind of special equipment needed to do the testing. Mrs. Jester stated to replace the pole, wiring and the light would be \$200 per light.

Chairman LeCato stated he had spoken with Mr. Laird (who we have a contract with) and Mr. Laird has returned from his vacation and has ordered parts to put the timer on the lights and just as soon as he completes putting the timer on the lights ANEC will be called to turn the lights in the Park on. A discussion ensued on the lights.

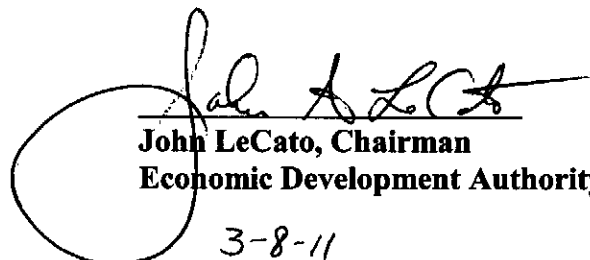
A discussion ensued on the ditches and the roads in the Industrial Park.

Closed Session

No Closed Session

Adjournment

Robert Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved.



John LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority
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Date