

The Economic Development Authority of the County of Accomack, Virginia
Regular Monthly Meeting

April 12, 2011

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A. M. by Chairman LeCato.

Roll Call

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

Public Attendance

Chairman LeCato welcomed Alan Silverman.

Approval of March 8, 2011 and March 24, 2011 Minutes

Rhet Tignor made a motion to approved the March 8, 2011 Minutes and March 24, 2011 Minutes. Robert Marshall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Shirley Zamora gave the Treasurer's Report and stated the previous balance was \$25, 042 however, on March 21, 2011 a bill had been submitted from Laird's Electric for \$550 to have the timer put on so lights would be turned back on in the Park which left a balance of \$24,492. Mary Jester made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Ira Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Acknowledgement of County Administrator Steve Miner

Chairman LeCato wanted the record to show he thanked Mr. Miner for being able to attend the EDA meeting.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Rhet Tignor told the EDA that VDOT has been hard at work. They have cleaned out two (2) of the cul de sacs and picked up the weed filled dirt and hauled it away. He continued by saying VDOT will weed spray in May, but VDOT will kill all the grass within the cracks. Mr. Tignor stated that VDOT told him that there were some roads within the Park that belong to the County.

Chairman LeCato stated he had received a call from the County to meet with them concerning the ditch down at the end that drains the Airport. He continued and stated that the ditch had been dug out but one of the problems where it drains toward the Farmer's Market and when it gets to the end of the cul de sac the trees have completely filled in the ditch. Chairman LeCato stated he had spoken with a County representative and he was going to see if something could be worked in the budget to see if he could obtain some funding to try and get the ditches opened. Chairman LeCato stated the spider could not do the clearing of the ditches it would have to be manually done.

Shirley Zamora stated she had a map of the park that should be given to Sam Seiger along with a copy of a disc.

Robert Marshall stated he had taken pictures to give to Marlene for the website concerning MARS. A discussion ensued.

Shirley Zamora told the EDA she had submitted all the changes that had been made from the previous meeting for the web design. It was the consensus of the EDA to not change opportunities page to business park. A discussion ensued concerning defined edges and links to webpage for Wallops and the County.

Chairman LeCato told the EDA that he had a meeting with David Rose (Bond Council) and was wanted to know how the EDA was going to handle the bill that was owed to them. Mr. LeCato stated he asked the question concerning the bill Mr. Rose was talking about and was told take Larry Forbes had hired them to do work on behalf of the EDA on projects he had been working on and the EDA was responsible. Mr. LeCato stated the EDA was not aware of this and was never told they were responsible. A discussion ensued.

Marketing Strategies

Chairman LeCato stated he noticed two (2) signs had been put up from Sam Seiger and looked fine. He continued by saying the phone numbers were on the signs.

Closed Session

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.5 of the Code of Virginia for the discussion concerning the existing contracts of previous announcement of business in the Industrial Park where no previous announcement has been made or industry concerning location or expanding facilities in the community. Ira Hope-Ashby made a motion to go into closed session and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Open Session

The Chairman declared the meeting open.

Mary Jester made a motion, seconded by Rhet Tignor, to reconvene in Open Meeting and to certify by roll call vote, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.5 of the Code of Virginia nothing else was discussed in closed session but the discussion concerning prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement were made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Roll call vote:

Ayes

Nays

Absent

None

Robert Watson

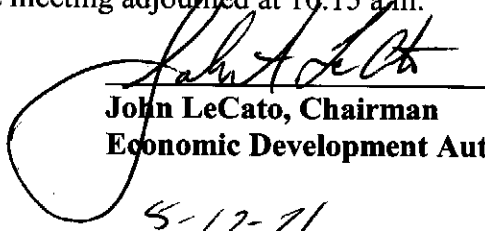
Rhet Tignor
John LeCato
Robert Marshall
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Ira Ashby-Hope
Shirley Zamora

Letter of Support for Hospital in Accomack County

Mary Jester made a motion to authorize Shirley Zamora to send a letter on behalf of the Economic Development Authority in support of bringing the hospital to Accomack County. Ira Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Adjournment

Robert Marshall made a motion to adjourn the EDA meeting and Rhet Tignor seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



John LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority

5-17-11

Date