

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

July 12, 2011

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

Members Present: Mary Jester, Vice Chairman
Shirley Zamora
Rhet Tignor
Robert Marshall
Iravon Ashby-Hope

Members Absent: Robert Watson
John LeCato, Chair

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A. M. by Vice Chair Mary Jester.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Mary Jester, Shirley Zamora, Robert Marshall, Iravon Ashby-Hope, and Rhet Tignor.

Letter from Robert Watson

Vice Chair Mary Jester read an email that was sent to John LeCato stating he was resigning because he was relocating to another area and he felt that he was missing too many meetings. A discussion ensued.

Tom Hill – Truss Tech

Mr. Hill gave a presentation concerning building a small addition on the back of his business (30 foot by 46 foot). Rhet Tignor made a motion to approve his plans to add an addition on the back of the mechanic shop as long as he complies with the County Code. Iravon Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. The motion was approved with John LeCato and Robert Watson absent.

Election of Officers

Vice Chair Mary Jester opened the floor for nominations. Rhet Tignor made a motion to defer this until next month's meeting on August 9, 2011. Iravon Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. The motion was approved with John LeCato and Robert Watson absent. Rhet Tignor stated he would like to request a Nominating Committee. Vice Chair Mary Jester appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Rhet Tignor and Iravon Ashby-Hope.

**Barbara Schwenk, Accomack Northampton Planning District Commission,
Economic Development Coordinator**

Mrs. Schwenk told the EDA when she first started in 2001 they were not the Economic Development District they were the Delmarva Advisory Group which were the Economic Development District for the whole Delmarva Peninsula, and for some reason they became inactive.

Mrs. Schwenk stated in 2003 she applied to the EDA (Federal) to become an Economic Development District (which makes you eligible for EDA funding). Mrs. Schwenk talked about the grant funding that had been applied for such projects as the Community College Business Development Workforce Training Center and the Broadband Authority Project.

The Economic Development Coordinator gave a presentation concerning the CEDS update which would be on Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission's website shortly. She handed out what CEDS has to be. A discussion ensued on grant programs to build leadership on the Shore.

Approval of June 14, 2011 Minutes

Rhet Tignor made a motion to approve the June 14, 2011 minutes and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved with John LeCato and Robert Watson absent.

Treasurer's Report

Shirley Zamora gave the Treasurer's Report. She stated the EDA had an ending balance of \$23,000. Robert Marshall made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Iravon Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. The motion was approved with John LeCato and Robert Watson absent.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Rhet Tignor stated he was on the BOS Agenda for July 20, 2011 and was presenting a slide presentation regarding a recent visit with Mary Rae Carter, Deputy Secretary for Rural Economic Development.

Mr. Miner stated the County was in the process of hiring the Planning and Community Development Director very soon.

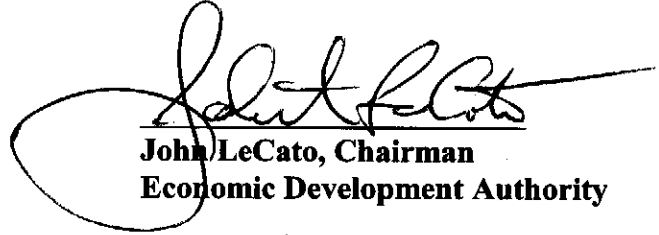
Marketing Strategies

Vice Chair Mary Jester introduced Deborah Christie, Wallops Research Park Manager. Mary Jester stated the goal was for the EDA and Wallops Research Park group to work closely together and to achieve as much as possible in Accomack County Economic

Development. Ms. Christie made a brief presentation regarding her role at the Wallops Research Park.

Adjournment

Rhet Tignor made a motion to adjourn the EDA meeting and Ira Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



**John LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority**

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Date