

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

November 8, 2011

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 9:10 a.m.

Members Present: John LeCato, Chairman
Mary Jester, Vice Chairman
Robert Marshall
Rhet Tignor
Shirley Zamora
Irene L. Davis

Member Absent: Ira Ashby-Hope

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Vice Chair Mary Jester and she welcomed Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Economic Development, County Administrator Steve Miner, Deborah Christie, Monica Hall, Local Veteran's Employment Representative, and Dan Thompson to the meeting.

Roll Call

The following members were present Mary Jester, Robert Marshall, Rhet Tignor, Shirley Zamora, and Irene L. Davis.

Virginia Employment Commission

Monica Hall and Dan Thompson from the VEC gave a presentation and overview of what VEC was offering and where their vision was and what they were hoping to see. Dan Thompson told the EDA members that many employers were not aware of the tax credit. He continued and told the EDA on the job training was also available. *Chairman LeCato arrived at the meeting at 9:40 a.m.* Mr. Thompson stated he felt an Advisory Board needed to be formed. A discussion ensued. Ms. Hall and Mr. Thompson

responded to questions which were asked by the EDA. *Mary Jester turned the meeting over to Chairman LeCato.*

Public Comment

No public were in attendance.

Approval of October 11, 2011 Minutes

Rhet Tignor made a motion to accept the October 11, 2011 minutes and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with Ira Ashby-Hope absent.

Treasurer's Report

Rhet Tignor gave an update on the 1st Quarter Report and 24% of the budget had been spent. Robert Marshall made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and Mary Jester seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Ira Ashby-Hope absent.

Informational Report from Chairman and EDA Members

Mary Jester stated she would be meeting the EDA Members in Four Corner Plaza tomorrow morning to take the trip to Isle of Wight County to see how they manage to market their Industrial/Business Park so successfully at 8:40 a.m. Irene Davis, Shirley Zamora, and Rhet Tignor said they would meet her in the parking lot tomorrow morning. Mary Jester said she felt the Covenants needed to be revisited. Chairman LeCato stated he would like this to be put on the Agenda for next months EDA meeting.

Shirley Zamora stated she had met after the meeting last month with Ira Ashby-Hope and all the website materials had been turned over to Ira Ashby-Hope.

Chairman LeCato stated he had met with ANEC.

Irene Davis stated she would like to have a map showing the lots that are for sale in the Park. Rich Morrison stated he would get Tom Brockenbrough from his staff to have a map done for her.

Rich Morrison gave an update on general information concerning Riverside Hospital and responded to questions that were asked. He updated the EDA Members on projects that were happening within the County and responded to questions.

Chairman LeCato stated he had been in contact with ANEC and was told the electric could not be turned on because the EDA were new members and a deposit of \$400 had to be paid. A discussion ensued. Rhet Tignor made a motion to have a check drawn payable to ANEC to have the electric to the Park turned back on. Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with Ira Ashby-Hope absent. Chairman LeCato said he needed the County to draft a check to ANEC on behalf of the EDA to turn on the lights in the Park and to send a letter along with the check so ANEC would credit it to the right account. Mary Jester stated Lynn Sherwood would need to be contacted by Chairman LeCato and get her to send a letter. Chairman LeCato stated he would contact her.

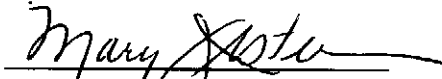
County Administrator, Steve Miner told the EDA members the Wallops Research Park (taxiway) was still being a matter of discussion and would continue to give an update on what was happening concerning the taxiway issue.

Roads in the Park

Mr. Miner stated there was only one road in the Park that was not in the Highway Road System. He stated Chesapeake Drive was not in the road system. A discussion ensued concerning the roads in the Park. Chairman LeCato asked Mary Jester if she could draft a letter to the Highway Department.

Adjournment

Rhet Tignor made a motion to adjourn the EDA meeting and Irene Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

for 
John LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority
12-13-2011
Date