

**Minutes of
The Economic Development Authority
Of the County of Accomack, Virginia**

**The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the
Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: John LeCato, Chairman
 Robert Bloxom
 Shirley Zamora
 Ira Ashby-Hope
 Wesley Edwards

Members Absent: Irene Davis, Vice-Chairman

Others Present: Dr. Steve Miner, County Administrator
 Rich Morrison, Director of Planning
 Lynn Sherwood, Airport Departmental Secretary

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman John LeCato.

Mr. LeCato made a motion to clarify, recertify and correct the meeting procedures of Closed Session of the March 12, 2013 meeting as follows; Mr. Bloxom seconded the motion.

The proper motion was made by Ms. Zamora, and seconded by Mr. Edwards but a roll call vote was not conducted to reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 2.2-3712-D of the Code of Virginia at which time each member certified by his vote that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body: Mr. Edwards seconded the motion; the motion carried. A roll call vote was taken to certify the Closed Session of the March 12, 2013 EDA meeting:

Mr. LeCato
Ms. Ashby-Hope
Mr. Bloxom
Mr. Edwards
Ms. Zamora

Public Comment

Mr. LeCato said there was a new procedure for the meetings and each EDA member should be recognized by the Chairman before speaking so that only one person was speaking at a time.

Mr. LeCato acknowledged that Dr. Steve Miner and Rich Morrison were in attendance.

Approval of April 9, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Bloxom made a motion to accept the April 9, 2013 minutes; Mr. Edwards seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. LeCato said that he had signed a bill for grass cutting for April and the GoDaddy invoice had been paid. Mr. LeCato said that the balance in the bank is \$13,548.83 and a check had been received from the YMCA for the bond fee in the amount of \$3,608.00 which will bring the balance to \$17,156.83. Mr. LeCato also said that he had signed for the EDA member salaries.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Mr. LeCato said that the presentation to the BoS went well and that Mr. Bloxom had done a good job explaining the acreage in the park and the wetlands issue. Mr. LeCato also thanked Ms. Davis for her work on the marketing and Mr. Edwards for the report that he prepared with the breakdown of counties. Mr. Edwards said that Mr. Morrison had also helped with this report.

Mr. LeCato said that he had received phone calls and emails from The Atlantic Group and Chris Carbaugh asking to attend the next EDA meeting to do a presentation to represent the EDA with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the wetlands. Mr. Edwards made a motion

asking them to attend next month's meeting; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. Dr. Miner said that the County had used them for survey purposes in the past. A discussion ensued. A vote was taken on the motion and the motion failed.

Mr. LeCato said that the breakdown code given out during the BoS meeting needs to go to all new EDA members. Dr. Steve Miner said that it would be added to the information that was already handed out.

Mr. Bloxom said that he had the proposal that Ms. Davis had prepared on the overview of the park and the marketing strategies. Mr. Bloxom explained the proposal and then made a motion to present the packet to the BoS asking for \$14,500.00; Ms. Zamora seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding the budget. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Ms. Zamora made a motion to send Mr. Bloxom to make the presentation that has been discussed in this meeting to request \$14,500.00 from the BoS for the next fiscal year; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Mr. Bloxom asked for a discussion on how to structure the cost of land per acre if the land was to be given away. A discussion ensued regarding the value of land in the park that was already developed.

Mr. Morrison said there was a deal on the land outside of Hallwood for a lumbermill. Mr. Morrison also said there was a meeting this week regarding the issue of obtaining natural gas in the County.

Dr. Miner said that there was a meeting being held this week regarding the grant request for four million dollars for the taxiway at Wallops Research Park.

At 10:27 Mr. LeCato called for a short break.

The meeting reconvened at 10:31

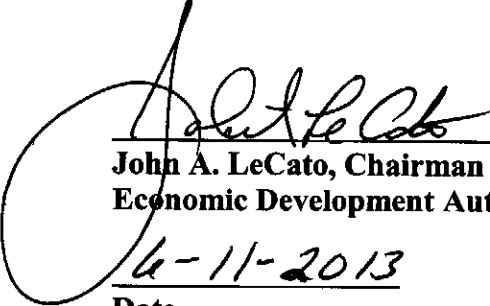
Dr. Miner thanked the EDA for helping to promote economic development on the Eastern Shore. Dr. Miner said that he would like to talk about consensus building and talked about the World Café. Dr. Miner said the next step would be a future search. Dr. Miner distributed a list of organizations that support economic development on the Eastern Shore and said that everyone needs to work together to form a regional plan. Dr. Miner asked the EDA if they would be willing to participate in such a group. A discussion ensued. The consensus was that the EDA was willing to support a regional group.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Adjournment

Ms. Zamora made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Bloxom seconded the motion; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



**John A. LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority**

6-11-2013
Date