

**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, March 12, 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: Deborah Christie, Wallops Research Park
 Jean Hungiville, Chamber of Commerce
 Rich Morrison, Director of Planning
 Lynn Sherwood, Airport Departmental Secretary

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman John LeCato.

Public Comment

Mr. LeCato acknowledged that Rich Morrison, Deborah Christie, and Jean Hungiville were in attendance.

Approval of February 12, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Edwards made a motion to accept the February 12, 2013 minutes; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Mr. Bloxom arrived at 9:07.

Wallops Research Park Update

Ms. Christie distributed information on the development of Wallops Research Park and

said that the Leadership Council had been very active. Ms. Christie discussed deed restrictions, funding, marketing of tenants and workforce training. A discussion ensued. Mr. LeCato thanked Ms. Christie for the update.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. LeCato said that he had authorized expense reimbursement for bills paid last quarter and the balance in the bank is \$15,527.31.

Closed Session

Mr. LeCato said that Mr. Edwards had requested a closed session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.5 of the Code of Virginia for the discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in location or expanding its facilities in the community. Mr. LeCato also said that it was for a discussion on personnel matters relating to this board.

Closed session convened at 9:35 a.m.

Closed session concluded at 9:54 a.m.

Ms. Zamora moved to go back into open session; Mr. Edwards seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. Mr. LeCato stated that the closed session was pertaining to questioning personnel as a member of this board.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Mr. LeCato said that the Board of Supervisors (BoS) had approved \$7,500 funding for the EDA. Mr. LeCato also said that the BoS wanted to meet with the EDA and discuss the views of how the EDA should proceed in the future. A discussion ensued. Mr. Edwards made a

motion to authorize Mr. LeCato to try to negotiate the sale of a lot to Truss Tech for anything above \$3,000; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

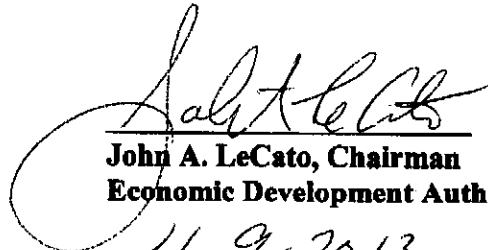
Mr. LeCato said that he would speak with Lucas Underground about planting trees to conceal some of the equipment and about possibly purchasing acreage adjoining their current property.

Mr. LeCato said that the EDA needed to meet again before having a joint meeting with the BoS. A discussion ensued. Mr. Morrison suggested that at the next meeting the EDA members should agree on a plan to present to the BoS. Mr. LeCato said that a worksession would be held following the next regular EDA meeting.

Mr. Morrison distributed the latest map for the Industrial Park and discussed the wetlands and drainage areas. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Mr. Bloxom made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Edwards seconded the motion; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


John A. LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority
4-9-2013
Date