

**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, August 13, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: John LeCato, Chairman
 Irene Davis
 Shirley Zamora
 Ira Ashby-Hope
 Wesley Edwards

Members Absent: Robert Bloxom

Others Present: Rich Morrison, Director of Planning
 Lynn Sherwood, Airport Departmental Secretary

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman John LeCato.

Mr. LeCato acknowledged that Rich Morrison was in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public in attendance.

Approval of July 9, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Edwards made a motion to accept the July 9, 2013 minutes; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. LeCato said that he had a bill for VACorp for insurance. Mr. Edwards made motion to pay the bill from VACorp; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved. Mr. LeCato said that he would also sign the bill for grass cutting.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Mr. LeCato said that the letter to the Coast Guard had been sent.

Mr. LeCato said that his computer had not been working and that he had spoken with Ms. Davis and JTZ Enterprises about resolving issues.

Marketing Strategies

Ms. Davis said she had the contract renewal for JTZ Enterprise which was for \$990. Ms. Zamora made a motion to renew the contract; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Ms. Davis said that during the work session the EDA had talked about advertising with the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce and she provided information on the number of copies, prices and sizes. A discussion ensued. Ms. Zamora made a motion to do a half page ad; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Ms. Davis said that she was waiting on bids for the packets so it could be determined how many to print. A discussion ensued.

Mr. LeCato said that State grant funding had been cut on the Shore and jobs had been lost.

Mr. Morrison said that he had spoken with Stephanie Slocom with Virginia Tourism and they are mostly focused on the space tourism. Ms. Davis said that the Tourism group that she was working with was trying to put together a brochure of things to do on the Shore. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Morrison said that a meeting with a private natural gas company had taken place and they were scheduled to attend the Board of Supervisors (BoS) meeting in August. Mr. Morrison said that the Mappsville project was contingent on the availability of natural gas.

Mr. Morrison said that there had been a little more economic development activity recently but banks were still not lending to new small businesses. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Morrison said that he would invite Mr. George Bryant of the Small Business Development Technology Center to speak with the EDA at the next meeting.

Closed Session

Mr. LeCato said that there would be a closed session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.-A.1 of the Code of Virginia for the discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. Ms. Ashby-Hope made a motion to go into closed session; Ms. Davis seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Closed session convened at 10:00 a.m.

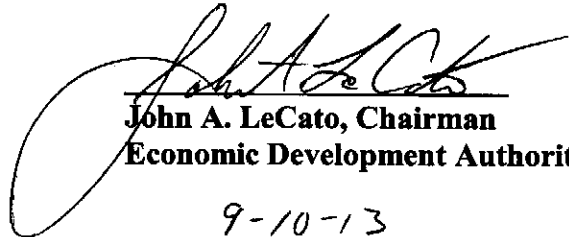
Closed session concluded at 10:15 a.m.

To reconvene in open session a roll call vote will be taken Pursuant to Section 2.2-3712-D of the Code of Virginia immediately after reconvening in Open Meeting, 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. LeCato	aye
Ms. Ashby-Hope	aye
Ms. Davis	aye
Mr. Edwards	aye
Ms. Zamora	aye

Adjournment

Ms. Zamora made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.


John A. LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority
9-10-13
Date