

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2014

At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on the 14th day of January 2014, in the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Members Present:

Mr. John LeCato, Chairman

Mr. Robert Bloxom

Mr. Calvert Seybolt

Ms. Shirley Zamora

Ms. Ira Ashby-Hope

Members Absent:

Ms. Irene Davis

Mr. Wesley Edwards

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development

Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner

Mr. Stewart Hall, Director of Public Works

Mr. Ken Babut, Bowman Consulting

B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The floor was opened for the public comment period.

No one requested to speak.

3. MINUTES

A. December 10, 2013

There was an issue with the recorder at the last meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Bloxom and seconded by Ms. Ashby-Hope, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the minutes of December 10, 2013 as presented.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation from Public Works

The Director of Public Works, Stewart Hall and Ken Babut from Bowman Consulting spoke to the Economic Development Authority regarding the possible location of a

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wastewater treatment facility within the industrial park. They also discussed the following with the EDA:

The County and its citizens are concerned about the significant rates being charged by their current provider: the Town of Onancock.

Bowman Consulting has designed a wastewater treatment plant, and gave a presentation concerning the proposed treatment system. The County is asking the Economic Development Authority for their approval in locating the wastewater treatment plant within the industrial park.

The overall plan is to reverse the flow from the current pump station back south towards the industrial park.

Bowman Consulting and the County of Accomack have identified a lot near the elevated storage tank within the industrial park as suitable for the location of the treatment plant, but also indicate that they are open for options and/or discussion.

There was a discussion about a concern that the residents located on the wastewater line would either not be able to tie in or would be forced to hook up to the County wastewater system. An additional discussion ensued concerning the financial burden that the Town of Onancock would be faced with if the County owned wastewater facility was to be built.

Dialog arose concerning the physical siting of the proposed wastewater treatment plant within the industrial park.

All members present were asked as to their opinions on the proposal and with the exception of one member who showed some reservations, all were in favor of allowing the wastewater treatment facility to be placed within the industrial park. The Economic Development Authority would like to see the County of Accomack and Bowman Consulting come back with a formal presentation.

5. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued concerning the amount of monies that will be asked of the County Board of Supervisors. It was determined that the operating budget is fine but additional funds may be needed for advertising purposes.

On a motion made by Mr. Bloxom and seconded by Ms. Zamora, the Economic Development Authority voted to maintain a level funding request of \$15,000.

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6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the Treasurer is absent from the Economic Development Authority Meeting and had not given the chairman an update, the report will be based on the previous information given at the December meeting.

The Chairman had not signed off on any bills since that time.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

A. Chairman Report

The Chairman handed out County Economic Interest forms for the members to fill out.

The Chairman was contacted by the Attorney for the Town of Painter whom has had a special meeting to allow for a rezoning from Agricultural to Business on Route 13 for a new business in Painter. The Chairman asked if the line would be carried south because Painter has allowed for Commercial Business on Route 13.

Two members are up for recertification: Mr. Seybolt would like to extend his 'tour of duty' and Ms. Davis would also like to stay an additional year as well.

The Chairman received two positive emails from two County Departments on the Wallops Island coverage by CBS News.

B. Ms. Davis

Ms. Davis would like members to look at the pamphlet and give comments/suggestions.

C. Mr. Seybolt

Mr. Seybolt hears concerns that the Environmental Report on moving the beach in Chincoteague was due a year ago.

D. Mr. Bloxom

Mr. Bloxom reported that it appeared that the Taylor and Fulton shed would be used this year.

8. MARKETING STRATEGIES

Ms. Davis would like the EDA members to complete a review of the marketing packet.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman LeCato read a proposed motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.5 of the Code of Virginia. Mr. Bloxom moved the motion and Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

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At the conclusion of the closed session, the door was opened and Chairman LeCato declared the meeting open to the public.

10. CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

To reconvene in open session, a roll call vote was 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
Mr. Bloxom	aye
Mr. Seybolt	aye
Ms. Zamora	aye
Ms. Ashby-Hope	aye

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Airport Conference Room.

12. ADJOURMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Bloxom and seconded by Ms. Zamora, the Economic Development Authority voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.