

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2015

At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on the 14th day April 2015, in the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Economic Development Authority Members Present:

Mr. John LeCato, Chairman
Mr. Robert Bloxom, Vice Chairman
Mr. Calvert Seybolt
Mr. Wesley Edwards
Ms. Shirley Zamora
Ms. Ira Ashby-Hope
Mr. C. Ray Davis

Economic Development Authority Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Mr. Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner

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 signed up or requested to speak.

3. MINUTES

A. March 10, 2015

On a motion made by Mr. Bloxom and seconded by Ms. Zamora, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the minutes of March 10, 2015 with modifications.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Edwards reported that as of April 14, 2015 there is \$25,819 in the Economic Development Authority Fund.

He also reported that he received the bill for the EDA newspaper advertisement and that he has not received any bills from the Airport for grass cutting or chemicals yet.

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On a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Ashby-Hope, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the Treasurers report as presented.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

A. Ms. Zamora

Ms. Zamora has nothing to report at this time.

B. Mr. Edwards

Mr. Edwards reported to the EDA that he does not know the outcome of the Painter Airpark request at this time and that it is likely to be opposed by the County because of its proximity to the Airport.

He also discussed EB5 money and that he feels that the EDA should go to conferences and educate itself further.

Mr. Edwards reported that the building across the street from the Airport may be going to auction in the month of May.

Ms. Zamora asked the EDA if they were going to follow up on the research towards getting funds and going to conventions.

C. Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis asked the EDA about the letter in the Eastern Shore Post about the wastewater treatment facility in Onancock. Discussion ensued.

D. Mr. Seybolt

Mr. Seybolt reported that “Spring has brought the sound of broken pipes to Chincoteague.”

E. Ms. Ashby-Hope

Ms. Ashby-Hope has nothing to report at this time.

F. Chairman LeCato

Chairman LeCato reported that he contacted County Attorney Mark Taylor about the Lucas contract, and he reported that a contract was sent by Mr. Taylor’s office to have Mr. Lucas sign.

Mr. Edwards told the EDA that he was told to deposit the check from Lucas. Ms. Bundick then informed him that he was not supposed to make direct deposits. Chairman LeCato explained to the EDA that they needed to leave a paper trail for the

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County.

Chairman LeCato also reported that he had been contacted by a gentleman about a potential poultry house in Belle Haven.

6. MARKETING STRATEGIES

Nothing to report at this time.

7. STAFF REPORT

Rich Morrison reported that the seed and fertilizer company is progressing slowly but is anticipated to be open next month.

He also reported that the public hearing for the Susan Linton conditional rezoning of Mappsville for a Dollar General would be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 15, 2015.

Mr. Morrison reported to the EDA that there was a number of inquiries County-wide regarding aquaculture and poultry.

He also informed the EDA that Coastline Chemicals is putting in a rail-spur.

Mr. Morrison informed the EDA that the concern regarding the potential poultry house in Belle Haven was situated near Eileen Kirkwood's subdivision. The County has not yet received an application.

He also reported to the EDA that the property over on the end of the Chincoteague causeway has been torn down and they are preparing to develop a hotel.

8. 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. Edwards moved the motion and Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the closed session, the door was opened and Chairman LeCato asked for a roll call vote to go back into public session. All Ayes.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Edwards reminded the EDA of the letter that was addressed to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission which supported economic development of Route 13 and the development of the Dollar General in Mappsville. He asked the EDA to endorse an overlay district to the Planning Department and Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

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Ms. Zamora stated that she believes the EDA letters should be signed by the EDA and its Chairman.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Accomack County Airport Conference room.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Zamora, and seconded by Mr. Edwards, the Economic Development Authority voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Mr. John LeCato, Chairman