

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Accomac, Virginia on the 2nd day of March, A.D., 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ron S. Wolff, Chair
William J. "Billy" Tarr
Grayson C. Chesser
Paul E. J. Muhly
Harrison W. Phillips, III
Laura Belle Gordy
Robert D. Crockett, Vice Chair
Donald L. Hart, Jr.
C. Reneta Major

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
NASA Officials
Shelia West, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Ron Wolff, and opened with a prayer by Mr. Tarr, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Presentation by NASA Officials on Safety Processes and the Joint Land Use Study, as well as updates on current and planned future activities

Mr. Bill Wrobel, Director, NASA Facility at Wallops introduced NASA staff, Jeremy Edger, Public Affairs; Bruce Underwood, Deputy, Wallops Flight Facility; Josh Bundick, part of the internal working group (JLUS), Caroline Massey, Director of Basic Operations, and Dave Helfrick Safety, Representative of Flight Safety.

Mr. Wrobel explained the local NASA organization had recently celebrated its 70th anniversary operating on the Eastern Shore, and stated they have an annual budget of \$250 million which created an estimated economic impact of \$802 million in addition to employing 1,852 people directly or indirectly. He explained the approximate 6,000 acre site services the U.S. Navy, NOAA, and the MARS organizations.

Mr. Wrobel reviewed the different operations including scientific balloons, airborne science, rocket launches and a \$60 million construction project which included construction of a new runway, mission launch control, a new north runway, and the new base runway. Mr. Wrobel introduced Dave Helfrick to explain how important safety was to all the personnel at the Wallops site.

Mr. Dave Helfrick offered comments on the accident that happened on October 28, 2014, when an engine failed and the rocket was deliberately destroyed in its launch stage. He informed the Board the debris from the explosion was all found within the 8,500 foot circle in the first safety zone. He said any company launching from Wallops is

required by the licensing agreement to carry insurance to protect the public and the public's property and that the new 10,000 and 20,000 foot zones were for future use and not necessarily needed for today's situations.

After responding to questions from the Board, the Board proposed that a working group be formed to consider the 15 recommendations that had been presented by the Joint Land Use Study Committee to be comprised of representatives from Wallops, Fish and Wildlife Service, the Navy, a member of the Board of Supervisors, County Planning Commission, County Administrator and a land owner residing in the hazard area.

Mr. Wolff and Mr. Crockett explained that the working group could bring back a recommendation of adoption for the 15 recommendations or any part thereof. A discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Mr. Crockett made a motion to adjourn at 7:15p.m. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ron S. Wolff, Chair

Date