

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2018

At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on the 19th day of June 2018, 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. Wesley Edwards, Chairman
Ms. Stella Rohde, Vice Chairwoman
Mr. Calvert Seybolt, Treasurer
Mr. Robert Bloxom
Mr. Andy Mason

Economic Development Authority Members Absent:

Mr. C. Ray Davis
Ms. Ira Ashby-Hope

Others Present:

Mr. Paul Muhly, BOS
Mr. Michael Morgan, AOPA Representative
Ms. Julie Wheatley, Recording Secretary

B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll call was held and there being a 5 of 7 member quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. MINUTES

A. May 8, 2018

On a motion made by Ms. Rohde and seconded by Mr. Mason to approve the minutes with corrections made to Mr. Rohde's spelling of her name. Economic Development Authority voted to approve the May 8, 2018 minutes with suggested corrections incorporated.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Ms. Stella Rohde made a motion to leave the slate as is. It was seconded by Mr. Bloxom. All present voted in favor.

NOTE: Current slate: Mr. Edwards, Chair; Ms. Rohde, Vice Chair; Mr. Seybolt, Treasurer; Mr. Davis, Mr. Bloxom, Mr. Mason and Ms. Ashby-Hope

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4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Treasurer Calvert Seybolt stated that he had received the Suntrust Statement ending May 31, 2018, there was \$84,150.33 in the bank. A motion was made by Ms. Rohde to accept the report. It was seconded by Mr. Bloxom and all voted in favor.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Item 2 on the agenda)

- A. Mr. Michael Morgan introduced himself as a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). He stated that he spoke with the Governor during Governor Ralph Northam's last visit to Accomack County. Mr. Morgan explained he brought up the progress of the proposed traffic signal at the Industrial Park entrance. Mr. Morgan handed out drawings showing the traffic engineering diagrams and stated he spoke with VDOT's Chris Isdell. Mr. Isdell indicated the project is to be completed in 2021. Mr. Morgan added that he had been in contact with John Harman, VDOT project engineer who stated they hoped to push the project forward by 12 months. On another matter, Mr. Morgan stated he would be attending the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) conference in Orlando, Florida in October and was willing to represent the EDA. Chairman Edwards asked for a brochure and stated staff would not be attending, but that a member of the EDA may. It will be taken into consideration.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS (Item 6 on Agenda)

- A. **Mr. Andy Mason** mentioned the lack of signage pertaining to tenants/businesses in the Industrial Park. Discussion followed and Chairman Edwards suggested we table the discussion.

B. Ms. Stella Rohde

Ms. Rohde followed up on Mr. Derrick Colona, the prospective tenant with a power washing business was interested, but was too busy to pursue right now.

C. Mr. Calvert Seybolt

Mr. Calvert Seybolt stated he had feedback from Mr. Ted Ames from Coastal Agriculture concerning the stormwater management regulations and requirements in the Industrial Park. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Bloxom mentioned that there was new legislation effective July 1, 2018 which may prove beneficial to rural development efforts related to stormwater management regulations.

D. Mr. Rob Bloxom

Mr. Bloxom reported that the Virginia budget was approved and Accomack County received \$1M for the library, \$2M for oyster shelling and \$1.3 for dredging the Chincoteague inlet.

E. Mr. Wes Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated he had nothing to report at this time.

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F. Mr. Paul Muhly

Mr. Muhly stated he had nothing to report at this time.

7. STAFF REPORT

A. In reference to Ms. Rohde's follow up comment concerning the power washing business interested in the Industrial Park, Ms. Wheatley added that minutes from August 9, 2016 included a line item from Mr. Morrison's staff report which stated, "Staff has heard interest in land from a power washing company."

8. OTHER MATTERS (Item 11 on Agenda)

A. Ms. Wheatley showed a 22x36 map indicating the lot sizes and ownership of the north side of Parkway at the Industrial Park entrance to follow up on discussions from the May meeting. In the discussion which followed, it was suggested that the EDA approach the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation about purchasing the parcel directly north of the .5 ac parcel currently owned by the EDA in order to make a more marketable lot.

B. Mr. Muhly brought up the Cotton Gin parcel's proposed ingress/egress across the airport property rather than the state property. Mr. Bloxom indicated that the state would be willing to discuss.

9. NEW BUSINESS (Item 8 on Agenda)

A. Ms. Rohde asked Mr. Muhly to report on progress on the fuel prices and property tax reductions. Mr. Muhly reported that BOS Chairman Crockett and County Administrator Mike Mason stated they would be willing to negotiate with a "big" individual user individually. In the discussion which followed, timing was discussed related to budget requests and former presentations on the subject.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Item 10 on Agenda)

A. Ms. Wheatley mentioned the invoices presented by the Airport in reference to the maintenance and fuel costs. After much discussion, Mr. Mason made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Mr. Bloxom and all voted in favor.

B. Mr. Seybolt confirmed he had not taken the oath related to his reappointment 2/23/18, but intended to pursue when in Accomack on other business.

C. Ms. Wheatley introduced a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was recently brought to her attention. In 2011, the EDA and Accomack County Central Accounting entered into an MOU which specifically stated the responsibilities of both parties related to finances. After discussion, EDA Treasurer Seybolt stated he would work directly with Central Accounting and the Accomack County Treasurers office as per the MOU.

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11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Economic Development Authority meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia. The one week postponement is due to scheduling conflicts July 10, 2018.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Rohde and seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn the Economic Development Authority meeting at 10:15 a.m. All were in favor.


Mr. Wesley Edwards, Chairman


Recording Secretary