

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2018

At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on the 14th day of August 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
Mr. C. Ray Davis
Ms. Iravon Ashby-Hope

Economic Development Authority Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Mr. Paul Muhly, BOS
Mr. Harrison Phillips, BOS
Ms. Barbara Haxter, Airport Manager
Ms. Julie Bellamy, Recording Secretary

B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A. There was no public in attendance.

3. MINUTES

A. July 17, 2018

On a motion made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Seybolt to approve the minutes as presented. Economic Development Authority voted unanimously to approve the July 17, 2018 minutes.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Treasurer Calvert Seybolt stated Marshall Tree Service paid the outstanding debt on their property and that the most recent drawdown had been requested, but not deposited. Ms. Rohde made a motion to accept and Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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5. INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

A. Mr. Paul Muhly

Mr. Muhly requested the EDA prepare a pocket brochure for use by the BOS.
No action taken.

B. Mr. Andy Mason

Mr. Mason mentioned property listings near the runway.

C. Mr. Calvert Seybolt

Mr. Calvert Seybolt reported on Chincoteague was seeing an exceptional year.

D. Mr. C. Ray Davis

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

E. Ms. Iravon Ashby-Hope

Ms. Ashby-Hope mentioned she met with Ben Fox from the County IT and a meeting was proposed to discuss captioning of photographs used on the county website.

F. Mr. Rob Bloxom

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

G. Ms. Stella Rohde

Ms. Rohde stated she had nothing to report at this time.

H. Mr. Wes Edwards

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

6. STAFF REPORT

A. Comprehensive Plan Review

No questions about sawmill letter. Ms. Bellamy added Truss Tech would use rail for delivery if it was available.

7. MARKETING STRATEGIES

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chairman Edwards stated he had discussed the shrubbery overgrowth with Mike Mason at a meeting August, 9. The chair stated Mr. Mason agreed to take care of it.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Mower

Chairman Edwards reported that the mower was under warranty had been fixed.

B. Entrance Sign

Chairman Edwards stated the electric bill would be approximately \$8/month to light the sign. Mr. Mason commented that the fixtures may need replacement as they had not been functional for so long and Ms. Rohde commented that the maintenance costs should be

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considered on the county budget. Mr. Mason made a motion to have the electric turned on at the sign and Mr. Seybold seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C. Street Lights

Chairman Edwards stated he met with Mike Mason Thursday, August 9 to discuss. It was indicated that Mr. Mason requested the EDA contribute \$10,000 toward the cost to facilitate. After much discussion, a motion was made by Chairman Edwards not to contribute the requested amount, but to pursue research into a contribution toward enhanced broadband infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ashby-Hope and the motion carried.

D. VCCS Parcel Purchase

Chairman Edwards reported that there had been no progress. Mr. Bloxom stated Mr. Tony Maggio was the contact and that Mr. Bloxom would follow up directly with Mr. Maggio and report back to the EDA prior to the creation of a formal request.

E. Aircraft Tax Adjustment Initiative

Mr. Bloxom stated he had spoken to BOS Chairman Crockett and BOS Chesser on the subject. BOS Muhly handed out fliers and much discussion ensued surrounding size and type of aircraft to be eligible for an adjusted rate. Current and future tax structure in the county and state was also discussed. Although a letter to the BOS (reference July 17 Minutes) requesting the EDA be put on the agenda had not been written, there was discussion as to attending a BOS meeting scheduled for the next day 9/15.

10. OTHER MATTERS


- A.** Ms. Haxter handed out a packet on broadband connection fees and was asked to request a representative from the Virginia Eastern Shore Broadband Authority attend the next EDA meeting.
- B.** Mr. Muhly stated the initiative to move and display the A-4 airplane to the front of the EDA property was mute now as they became aware the Virginia Community College System owns that property. He added the A-4 airplane still needed to be maintained.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Economic Development Authority meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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



Mr. Wesley Edwards, Chairman

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Recording Secretary