Minutes of the Economic Development Authority of the County of Accomack, Virginia January 25, 2011

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, January 25, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

Members Present:

John Arthur LeCato, Chairman

Mary Jester, Vice Chairman

Shirley Zamora Rhet Tignor Ira Ashby-Hope Robert Marshall Robert Watson

Others Present:

Fredia L. Ward, Recording Secretary, Administrator's Office

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A. M. and declared opened to the public.

Roll Call

The following members were present: John LeCato, Chair, Mary Jester, Vice Chair, Shirley Zamora, Rhet Tignor, Ira Ashby-Hope, Robert Marshall and Robert Watson.

Welcoming of Robert Watson

Chairman LeCato welcomed Robert Watson to the Economic Development Authority.

Public Comment

No public were present for discussions.

Approval of December 7, 2010 Minutes

Rhet Tignor made a motion to approve the December 7, 2010 with a correction to show the words of **budget expenditures** which needed to be added and Robert Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Information Reports from Chair and EDA Members

Shirley Zamora said the EDA had a remaining balance of \$27,220.43 as of December 31, 2010. Rhett Tignor made a motion to accept Shirley Zamora's report and Ira Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Robert Marshall made a motion to have the County to email the Disclosure Forms next year to the EDA members. Mary Jester seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Chairman LeCato handed out a copy of the Purchase Order that had been done by the County for the EDA to make purchases with. A discussion ensued concerning what the P.O. number should begin with. Mary Jester said she felt it should begin with the year 2011 – 001. The EDA members agreed.

A discussion ensued concerning the EDA's desire to be more involved in County-wide economic development. Mary Jester made a motion to invite Donald L. Hart, Jr, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to the February 8, 2010 meeting of the EDA and Robert Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Chairman LeCato had a copy of the opinion regarding the Eastern Shore Rural Health that was given by Mark Taylor, County Attorney concerning their request to have the refund for sewage connection fee returned to them. It was the consensus of the Economic Development Authority to go ahead and send a letter to the Eastern Shore Rural Health attaching the opinion.

Chairman LeCato told the EDA he had been appointed to serve on the Accomack Northampton Planning Development Committee and wanted to know the EDA's input. It was the consensus of the Authority for Chairman LeCato to accept the appointment.

Chairman LeCato stated he had met with the Engineer Department/Maintenance Department of Accomack County and Ken Ward last month. He said they rode throughout the entire Park based on the letter they had received from the Airport concerning the drainage ditches. He continued by saying the problem was trees growing in ditches and leaves blocking the flow of water causing the flooding. Chairman LeCato said the Department of Public Works were going to come up with a plan and present the plan to Steve Miner. A discussion ensued.

Chairman LeCato said he had spoken with ANEC again concerning the lights being turned back on in the Park. He continue by saying just as soon as he was able to get in touch with the person installing the meter he would get ANEC to come out and turn the lights on. A discussion ensued and Mr. LeCato said he would give a report at the next EDA meeting.

Sam Segar and Associates, Martin Welsh

Mary Jester made a motion for Chairman LeCato go ahead and sign the one page contract and send it to Sam Segar and Associates. Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Closed Session

No Closed Session

Adjournment

Robert Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The Economic Development Authority meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

John LeCato, Chairman

Economic Development Authority

Date