

**Minutes of  
The Economic Development Authority  
Of the County of Accomack, Virginia**

**The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the  
Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.**

Members Present:     John LeCato, Chairman  
                          Irene Davis, Vice-Chairman  
                          Robert Bloxom  
                          Shirley Zamora  
                          Ira Ashby-Hope  
                          Wesley Edwards

Others Present:       Rich Morrison, Director of Planning  
                          Lynn Sherwood, Airport Departmental Secretary

**Call to Order**

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman John LeCato.

Mr. LeCato acknowledged that Rich Morrison was in attendance.

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Bloxom made a motion to elect the following slate of officers: Chairman, Mr. LeCato, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Bloxom and Treasurer, Mr. Edwards; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

**Public Comment**

There was no public in attendance.

**Approval of June 11, 2013 Minutes**

Mr. Bloxom made a motion to accept the June 11, 2013 minutes; Ms. Zamora seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Edwards said that there was \$16,516.73 in the bank account. Mr. LeCato said that he had signed the bill for grass cutting. Mr. Edwards said that he would talk with Mike Mason about where the money in the budget would go. Mr. LeCato handed Mr. Edwards a document showing the Board of Supervisors (BoS) approval of \$14,500.00 for the EDA.

Mr. Bloxom moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

### **Informational Report from Chairman and Members**

Mr. LeCato said that Truss Tech was requesting a title search on the property before closing and the cost for this would be \$225. A discussion ensued. Ms. Zamora made a motion to pay the \$225 for a title search; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Mr. Edwards said that the EDA needs to establish a working relationship with state level Tourism and Economic Development groups. Mr. Edwards suggested inviting someone from these groups to attend a meeting.

Ms. Davis said that a work session was needed to discuss marketing. Mr. LeCato suggested having it at Sage Diner on July 16, 2013 at noon.

Ms. Davis said that Supervisor Gordy had asked that she be part of Tourism.

Mr. Bloxom said that the EDA needed to write a letter against the Coast Guard's plan to cut off the poles in the Inland Waterway. A discussion ensued. Ms. Zamora made a motion for a letter to be written regarding the Coast Guard's plan to cut off the poles; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Mr. Morrison discussed the state grant funds for four million dollars for a taxiway at Wallops. Mr. Morrison said that the cost for water, sewer and roads is to be covered by Accomack County.

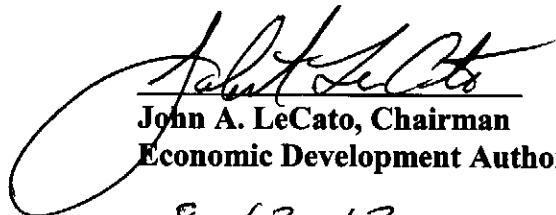
Mr. Morrison said that he was still working on the natural gas project. Chesapeake is not ready so he had been in contact with LVI Power and there was a meeting scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. LeCato appointed Mr. Edwards to attend the meeting.

**Closed Session**

There was no closed session.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Zamora made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Bloxom seconded the motion; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

  
**John A. LeCato, Chairman**  
**Economic Development Authority**  
8-13-13  
**Date**