

**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, February 12, 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.

Public Comment

Mr. LeCato acknowledged that Rich Morrison was in attendance.

Approval of January 15, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Edwards made a motion to accept the January 15, 2013 minutes; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report presented.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Mr. Edwards gave Mr. LeCato a copy of the absentee policy that he had obtained regarding meeting attendance.

Mr. Edwards suggested that a map of the new park on Joynes Neck Road be added to the website and explained what was planned for the recreational park. Mr. Edwards also said that a draft of the Business, Economic & Community Outreach Network (BEACON) marketing study had been released for northern Accomack County.

Mr. LeCato said he had received information from Kaufman & Canoles regarding a revenue bond and said that the EDA would be getting a percentage of the \$3,872,000.00 bond. Mr. LeCato asked that Ms. Davis keep the disk and print a copy for the files.

Mr. LeCato said that he had asked Sam Segar & Associates to remove their signage since the contract with them was not renewed. Ms. Davis said that they had already been removed.

Mr. LeCato read a resignation letter from Robert Marshall. Mr. Edwards made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors to present Mr. Marshall with a plaque of recognition; Ms. Zamora seconded the motion; the motion was approved. Mr. LeCato said that a new Treasurer needed to be elected and it was decided to wait and see who the replacement member was before electing someone. Mr. LeCato said that the Treasurer information could be sent to him until a new one was elected.

Mr. Morrison said that BEACON was willing to meet with groups to discuss their study for northern Accomack County. Mr. Morrison said that possibly there could be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

Mr. Morrison brought a map of the Park which showed the developable lots and the number of acreage in each, along with the wetlands and drainage ditches. Mr. Morrison said that the marketing strategies would be more toward small business since most lots are five acres or less. A lengthy discussion ensued.

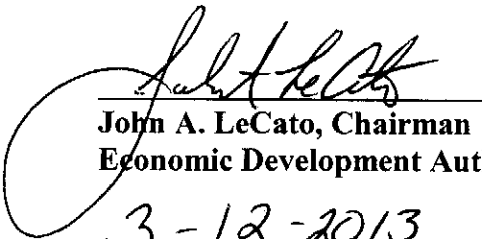
Marketing Strategies

Ms. Davis said that the EDA was requesting a budget of \$25,000 and distributed information that she had compiled for marketing needs. Mr. Edwards said that a member of the EDA needed to be in attendance for the budget meeting to answer questions. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Edwards said that the EDA had no real job description and asked who was responsible for the Wallops Research Park. Mr. LeCato said that when the EDA name was changed from the IDA it opened them up to the whole county except Wallops.

Adjournment

Ms. Zamora made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Ashby-Hope seconded the motion; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.



John A. LeCato, Chairman
Economic Development Authority
3-12-2013
Date