

**MINUTES OF THE
ACCOMACK-NORTHAMPTON
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT COMMISSION**

A regular meeting of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission was held at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Building, Melfa, Virginia, on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Oliver H. Bennett, Chairman
Donald L. Hart, Jr., Vice Chairman
C. Reneta Major, Secretary-Treasurer
Laurence J. Trala
Granville F. Hogg, Jr.
Ron Wolff

Ex-Officio member present:

Jeremy Latimer

Nonmembers present:

J. T. Holland, Bay Coast Railroad
Larry LeMond, Bay Coast Railroad
Mark McGregor, Virginia Regional Transit
John Paffrath, citizen

In Re: Call to Order

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order and indicated that a quorum was present.

In Re: Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Hart.

In Re: Statements from the Public

Mr. John Paffrath of Virginia Beach said that he was interested in bringing a steam excursion train to the Shore and was trying to get an idea of the type of reception he might receive with this venture. Mr. LeMond indicated that it would take significant funding to bring the rail line up to the levels required for steam engine/passenger travel. Mr. Paffrath indicated

that he believed he has potential financing for the required equipment. While Mr. LeMond stated that he did not believe the area had population sufficient to support this enterprise, he agreed to meet with Mr. Paffrath for further discussions.

In Re: Account Balances

The monthly Assistant Secretary-Treasurer's report showed an ending balance at May 31st of \$17,283.53.

In Re: Minutes of May 6, 2014

Motion was made by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Wolff that minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2014 be approved. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Bennett and voted "yes". Motion was unanimously passed.

In Re: Public Transportation Report

The following Management Report was distributed:



STAR Transit Management Report

June 3, 2014

Operations

Star Transit Operating – Star Transit staff has successfully negotiated with the Town of Cape Charles for their assistance in installing a bus stop shelter at Heritage Acres Apartment Complex. The Town has poured the concrete pad and will erect the bus shelter in the next couple of weeks.

Transit Capital

FY2015 Bus Capital Program – DRPT has recommended the repair of the Septic/Sewer System and the purchase of Bus Stop Signs in the FY2015 Program of Projects. The Commonwealth Transportation Board will make a final decision on June 18, 2014.

Human Resources

Driver Training – STAR Transit management staff hosted a Driver Training meeting on May 27th. The driver training covered Customer Service and Passenger Relations.

Marketing and Outreach

Management Outreach – The STAR Transit Manager continues to meet and discuss transit issues with local shore agencies including the Eastern Shore Community College, Wallops Island Research Park Development and the Town of Cape Charles.

Transit Maintenance

Preventive Maintenance Program - All Star Transit vehicles have been serviced for the month of May and all vehicle maintenance records are up to date.

Ridership Statistics

Ridership Statistics – The May 2014 STAR Transit passenger statistics were not available in time for this transit management report, they will be included in next month’s report.

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Mr. Bennett arrived at 5:40 p.m. but allowed Mr. Hart to continue chairing the meeting.

In Re: State’s Comments

Mr. Latimer stated that there may be furloughs for state employees at July 1st if a budget is not approved by then. He also noted that approval of the State Six Year Plan is anticipated to occur in June; all STAR Transit and Bay Coast Railroad requests will be funded.

In Re: Airport Update

Mr. Hart had no report.

Mr. Wolff said that the June 10th launch has been postponed due to a rocket engine test failure. June 17-19 is the next anticipated launch window.

In Re: Railroad Comments

Mr. LeMond distributed the following report:

1. In May, we handled 114 carloads. 36 of these were hi-revenue LP Gas loads. Also, Bayshore Concrete had their best month in almost 3 years with 9 Cement Loads.
2. Jake Zinobile Lumber is still waiting on a proposal from Branscome on the old C. Lee Davis property. He would still have to run 3-phase power from their facility to his new facility which may be too costly.

3. I am requesting that the ANTDC approve a Resolution in support of Coastline Chemical's application for Industrial Rail Access funding in the amount of \$365,400. Total project cost is estimated to be \$430,800, so Coastline will be providing \$65,000 as a match. The project includes grading, 1 turnout, and 754 ft. of new track.

Coastline has estimated that they will double their carloads from 75 a year to 150 cars per year and the addition of 12 new jobs.

Motion was made by Mr. Trala, seconded by Mr. Wolff, that the following resolution be adopted. All members were present and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. Said resolution as adopted is set forth below:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
ACCOMACK-NORTHAMPTON TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Coastline Chemical, Inc., has expressed its intent and desire to the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission to expand its industrial operations in New Church, Accomack County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Coastline Chemical, Inc., and its operation will require rail access; and

WHEREAS, the officials of Coastline Chemical, Inc., have reported to the Commission their intent to apply for Industrial Access Railroad Track Funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Rail and Public Transportation in the amount of **\$365,400.00**; and

WHEREAS, Coastline Chemical, Inc., has requested that the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission provide a Resolution supporting its application for said funds which are administered by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission hereby endorses and supports the application of Coastline Chemical, Inc., for **\$365,400.00** in Industrial Access Railroad Track Funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission hereby requests that such funds be allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to Coastline Chemical, Inc., for the purpose of expanding its industrial facility in Accomack County.

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In Re: Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Trala, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Commission enter Closed Session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

Paragraph 1: Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

All members were present and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

After Closed Session, the Chairman reconvened the meeting and said that the Commission had entered the closed session for those purposes as set out in paragraph 1 of Section 2.1-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Upon being polled individually, each member confirmed that this was the only matter of discussion during the closed session.

In Re: Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Trala, that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present and voted “yes”. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned.