

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2017

At a meeting of the Economic Development Authority held on the 18th day of July 2017, 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. John LeCato
Mr. Robert Bloxom
Ms. Ira Ashby-Hope
Mr. C. Ray Davis

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Assistant Planner
Mr. Paul Muhly, Board of Supervisors' Liaison, District 4
Mr. Harrison Phillips, Board of Supervisors' Liaison, District 5
Ms. Julie Wheatley, Executive Director Wallops Research Park
Mr. Chris Guvernator, Director Environmental Programs

B. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman LeCato opened the floor for the public comment period. No one signed up or requested to speak.

3. MINUTES

A. June 13, 2017

On a motion made by Ms. Rohde and seconded by Ms. Ashby-Hope, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the June 13, 2017 minutes.

4. HEAR FROM CHRIS GUVERNATOR, DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

Mr. Guvernator presented information regarding Stormwater for the Industrial Park lands. He informed the EDA that the Industrial Park is not exempt from current Stormwater regulations as it was previously believed. He handed out several memorandums for review by the EDA entitled: 'Stormwater Design Alternatives – Accomack County Industrial Park,' 'Park Design

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Document Review Summary – Accomack County Industrial Park,’ and ‘Virginia Industrial Park Research.’

He suggested two (2) options:

1. Conduct Stormwater reviews on individual land sales ‘lot-by-lot’; (or)
2. Prepare a master Stormwater plan for the entire Industrial Park. This may require hiring an engineer to prepare the plan.

Mr. Guvernator went over the information he acquired from contacting other Stormwater managers regarding their industrial parks. Each one has handled Stormwater differently.

The EDA discussed the merits of both options and determined not to make a decision on the matter at this meeting.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The EDA conducted its annual election of officers.

On a motion made by Ms. Rohde and seconded by Mr. Bloxom, the EDA nominated Mr. Edwards as the Chairman of the EDA.

On a motion made by Mr. Bloxom and seconded by Mr. Davis, the EDA voted to close the nomination.

On a motion made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Rohde, the EDA nominated Mr. Seybolt as Vice Chairman.

On a motion made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Seybolt, the EDA nominated Ms. Rohde as Treasurer. Discussion ensued, and the motion did not pass.

On a motion made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Davis, the EDA voted to rescind the nomination for Mr. Seybolt, and voted to nominate Ms. Rohde as Vice Chairman.

On a motion made by Mr. Seybolt and seconded by Mr. Bloxom, the EDA voted to close the nominations.

**The following members were elected for EDA leadership: Chairman: Wesley Edwards; Vice Chairwoman: Stella Rohde; Treasurer: Ace Seybolt.*

6. DISCUSSION WITH PETER BALE, WALLOPS ISLAND REGIONAL ALLIANCE

Mr. Bale did not attend the EDA’s meeting. The EDA briefly discussed having Mr. Bale attend the next meeting. Ms. Tremblay promised to follow up with Mr. Bale.

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7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Seybolt reported that there was no change to the EDA account (\$68,370.19).

On a motion made by Mr. LeCato and seconded by Ms. Ashby-Hope, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the payment of the VACorp bill in the amount of \$619.00.

On a motion made by Ms. Ashby-Hope and seconded by Mr. Seybolt, the Economic Development Authority voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

A. Mr. LeCato

Mr. LeCato reported that neither Marshalls nor Coastal Ag has yet submitted plans to the County as they are in the middle of their busy season.

B. Ms. Rohde

Ms. Rohde reported that she spoke with someone who is interested in purchasing land in the Industrial Park and informed them that there are several things that would need to be done.

The EDA briefly discussed the Route 13/Airport Drive intersection traffic light.

C. Mr. Bloxom

Mr. Bloxom has nothing to report at this time.

D. Mr. Seybolt

Mr. Seybolt has nothing to report at this time.

E. Ms. Ashby-Hope

Ms. Ashby-Hope reported that she just sent pictures to Mr. Edwards for the website.

F. Chairman Edwards

Mr. Edwards reported that ANEC has placed a temporary office trailer on the ANEC headquarters site without a permit. Discussion ensued.

The EDA discussed the lease agreement with Marshalls. Ms. Tremblay stated that she would email the agreement out to the EDA if available.

Mr. LeCato stated that Mr. Bill Parr of the Northampton Joint Industrial Development Authority would need to be contacted by Mr. Edwards regarding the upcoming joint meeting.

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9. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Tremblay reported that the Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning position is now available.

10. MARKETING STRATEGIES

Ms. Ashby-Hope stated that she would take more pictures of the County depending on Mr. Edwards' opinion on the ones already taken.

The EDA briefly discussed the upcoming Airport Trade Show in September.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Economic Development Authority meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Accomack County Airport Conference Room, in Melfa, Virginia.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Rohde and seconded by Ms. Ashby-Hope, the Economic Development Authority voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Mr. Wesley Edwards, Chairman

Kristen M. Tremblay, Assistant Planner