

**Economic Development Authority
of
Lancaster County, Virginia**

**Chesapeake Bank
Minutes – June 20, 2013**

Members Attending: Chairman Szyperski, Mr. Fleet, Mr. Pennell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Kyzer, Mr. Curry and Mr. Barrack.

Others Present: Mr. Frank Pleva, Executive Director.

Mr. Szyperski called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting Months

There was discussion about setting the regular meeting months to January and July each year.

Mr. Pennell moved and Mr. Fleet seconded the motion to have the regular meeting months of the Economic Development Authority in the months of January and July each year. VOTE: 7-0.

Mr. Pennell suggested a 10:00 a.m. time for the meeting on the third Thursday of the months of January and July. There was an unanimous consensus to do so.

Minutes

Mr. Pennell moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2013 with the following correction: the letters GSA be capitalized on page 2. He asked if a letter had been written to the Congressman and Senators requesting a raise of the GSA per diem. Mr. Pleva replied that he would write the letters. Mr. Curry seconded the motion. VOTE: 7-0.

Rural Virginia Annual Summit

Mr. Szyperski asked what the outcome was with the proposed Rural Virginia Annual Summit that was presented by Mr. Jimmie Carter at the May meeting.

Mr. Pennell replied that Mr. Carter did not know the last time they had a conversation, but he would speak with him and send everyone an e-mail.

Mr. Szyperski stated that their request was one of the EDA's potential appropriations decided upon at the May meeting. He stated that it probably was not going to happen if they had not heard anything to date.

Finance Report

Mr. Pleva stated that he would present the financial report at the next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Purpose and Role of the EDA

Mr. Szyperski stated that the EDA hears requests and presentations and tries to help organizations. He asked if that serves the EDA's purpose for the County.

Mr. Pennell stated that the County needs the Economic Development Authority. He stated that there are ways to help entities without always giving money. He stated that there are grants available that the EDA could obtain for things such as oyster production.

Mr. Curry stated that it seemed that small businesses have a harder time obtaining grants.

Mr. Pennell agreed. He stated that the EDA can be a "go-between" for the smaller operations.

There was discussion about how economic development in Lancaster County and the surrounding counties can help each other.

There was discussion on the decline of the County's workforce and what could be done about it.

Mr. Szyperski stated that the EDA members should see themselves as ambassadors for economic development in the County. He stated that each member should actively make connections outside of the group and then report back.

Approval of Authorized Signatures and Check Writing Authority

Mr. Pleva stated that the Bank of Lancaster wants a formal motion from the EDA.

Mr. Pennell made a motion to that it be resolved that the signatories on the Lancaster County Economic Development Authority's checking account be Mr. Fleet, Mr. Szyperski and Mr. Pleva. He stated that on checks that are \$500 or less, there needs to be only one signature. Mr. Kyzer seconded the motion. VOTE: 7-0.

Approval of Changing Name from IDA to EDA

Mr. Pleva asked about changing the by-laws in the ordinance to reflect the name change from the Industrial Development Authority to the Economic Development Authority.

Mr. Pennell moved and Mr. Kyzer seconded that every reference to the Industrial Development Authority be changed to the Economic Development Authority in the current by-laws. VOTE: 7-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Kyzer moved and Mr. Fleet seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. VOTE: 7-0.

Attest: _____
Frank A. Pleva,
Executive Director