



Accomack-Northampton Economic Development Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 2:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Robie Marsh, ANEC
Dr. Mark Reiter, Virginia Tech
Ava Gabrielle-Wise, New Road Community
Evelyn Shotwell, Chincoteague Chamber of
Commerce
Elaine Meil, A-NPDC
Terry Malarkey, Shore U
Robert Sabatini, ESVA COC and ESVA
Tourism
Joseph Betit, Tech Entrepreneur
Alternate for Jacqueline Chatmon, Citizen
Kerry (Koby) Binard, theGIG

Members Absent

Chris Bott, Vice Mayor Chincoteague
Ira von Ashby-Hope, Acc. Co. EDA
Michael Hitch, NASA
Peter Bale, Sentinel Robotic Solutions
Dr. Richard Snyder, VIMS
Ron Matthews, Matthews & Company, CPAs
Andy Mason, Weichert, Realtors Mason-Davis
Karyn Belknap, Ten Good Sheep
Elizabeth Lankford, Blue Crab Bay Co.

Phillip Hickman, Dublin Farms Potatoes
Sara Baldwin, Entrepreneur
Mike Mason, Acc. Co.
Charles Kolakowski, North. Co.
Hon. Rob Bloxom, VA General Assembly
Hon. Lynwood Lewis, VA General Assembly

Others present

Jessica Steelman, A-NPDC
Estefan Abogabir, A-NPDC
Lindsay Bloos, TPMA
Adriana Sudimack, TPMA
Bill Payne
Clara Vaughn
Dave Zamorski
Gabe McFadden, TPMA
Indigenous Accawmacke
Paul Grossman, Citizen North. Co.
Karen Zamorski
Katherine Miller
Kristopher Subler, TPMA
Naomi Cypress
Patrick Coady
Sarah Fullman
Staci Martin, VTC

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Marsh called the Economic Development Committee meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

2. **Public Participation** – Marsh provided members of the public the opportunity to comment.

A representative from ANEC updated the Committee about the efforts to install electric car charging systems across the Eastern Shore for tourists. A grant is being developed and due July 12, 2021 to the Department of Energy.

Committee Member Malarkey commented these charging stations should be placed where users have the opportunity to spend money, such as restaurants.

3. **December Draft Meeting Minutes** – The draft meeting minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting were presented.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Malarkey, seconded by Reiter, and carried unanimously. No discussion followed.

4. **Organizational Business**

- a. **Attendance Record** – The attendance record for the previous year was presented. No discussion followed.
- b. **Member Nominations** – The Nominating Committee nominated Robert Sabbatini for Private Sector 2, Accomack. A motion to approve the nomination was made by Shotwell, seconded by Malarkey, and carried unanimously. No discussion followed. Private Sector 14 (Chincoteague) remains vacant. Chairman Marsh requested members of the Committee notify him of any nominees via email.
- c. **Member Renewals** – Chairman Marsh updated the Committee that the following Committee members are up for member renewal this year (2021): R. Marsh and J. Chatmon. A motion to approve both member renewals was made by Sabbatini, seconded by Shotwell, and carried unanimously. No discussion followed.

1. **Thomas P. Miller & Associates (TPMA) Presentation**

- a. TPMA – contracted to assist in the development of the CEDS Plan update – facilitated an interactive presentation to identify strategies for issues that were addressed in a previous SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis work group.
- b. Presentation included a review of Best Practices across business sectors for economic development; Review of the SWOT Analysis and key themes; and Breakout Sessions to discuss in further detail strategies for addressing the areas of critical concern across business sectors.

6. **Next Meeting** – The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM. The Committee will be engaged prior to that time during meetings to update the CEDS Plan. A reminder will be sent ahead of the meeting.

7. **Adjourn** – A motion to adjourn was made by Malarkey, seconded by Shotwell, and carried unanimously. Chairman Marsh adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.