

Northumberland County Economic Development
Commission

Meeting of June 19, 2012 MINUTES

1. Roll call. In attendance: Commissioners Hendrickson, Kling, Bunns-Carter, Allain and Wilkins. Also attending were County Administrator Eades and Executive Director Saxer.
2. The minutes of the May 15th meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Allain, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. Passed 5-0
3. A presentation was given by Lisa Hull, Tourism Co-ordinator for the Northern Neck Tourism Commission regarding tourism initiatives by the Tourism Commission in the Northern Neck and Northumberland County in particular. The presentation was quite comprehensive. Ms. Hull also handed out several pamphlets to be placed throughout the county.
4. The building permits for May were reviewed and discussed. We are down quite a bit from last year, which was not a good year for permits.
5. Unemployment figures for April were reviewed. Figure are slightly better than last month.

6. Our small business incubator initiative was discussed. Commissioner Allain will give Commissioner Kling information with which Commissioner Kling will prepare a press release which hopefully, will help jump start the incubator. Our descriptive pamphlets has been distributed throughout the county and more will be printed. Dr. Jackson will be contacted to see if there are any notes regarding his lecture he was to give to start off the incubation participants, since he will not be able to do it because of his new position in Florida.
7. Commissioner Allain and Director Saxer reported on the Oyster-Culture's field trip to the Rappahannock River Oyster company at Locklies Creek.
8. Executive Director Saxer's remarks:
 - New businesses in the county
 - NAPS meeting "Is There Hope For The Bay In A Down Economy ?"
 - a joint N.N. Planning District/Bay Partnership/ N.N. Tourism Comm./area B.O.S./county Administrator meeting MC'd by Mr. Sink. Nothing new.
 - The B.O.S. meeting of 6/14 where the Board reappointed R. Saxer as Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission and Monte Deihl, general manager of Omega, gave a good report on the status of Omega and the latest goings-ons of the Atlantic Fisheries Commission.. The B.O.S. has not yet approved a 2012-2013 school

budget.

9. Commissioner's comments:

Commissioner Kling: saw Joe Madej, past Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission. Joe still has some trouble speaking but gets around using a cane.

Commissioner Allain: NAPS is considering sponsoring a local company regarding a solar energy installation course. Would like the Commission to pass a resolution in support of the idea. He will write a resolution for the Commission to consider at the July meeting.

10. No public in attendance.

11. Upon a motion by Comm. Kling, seconded by Comm. Wilkins, a closed meeting was called for as permitted by Va. Code 2.2-3711.(A)(4). Voting aye were; Commissioners Hendrickson, aye; Kling, aye; Wilkins, aye, Bunns-Carter, aye; and Allain, aye.

Commissioner Kling moved to certify that there was nothing discussed in the closed meeting just concluded, except for matters lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act cited in the motion, specifically, protection of an individual's right to privacy. The motion was seconded by Comm. Hendrickson. Kling-aye. Hendrickson, aye.

Bunns-Carter, aye. Allain. Aye. Wilkins, aye.

Upon a motion by Comm. Wilkins, seconded by Comm. Allain, the Commission returned to open session. Passed 5-0

12. Upon a motion by Comm. Allain, seconded by Comm. Wilkins, Luna Restaurant was awarded a Beautification Grant of \$500.00 for its project. Passed 5-0.
13. Upon a motion by Commissioner Kling, seconded by Commissioner Bunns-Carter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15. Passed 5-0