



TALBOT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Talbot County Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 2, 2017

Members Present: Ted Bautz, Scott Beatty, Walter Chase, Ron Engle, Tim Jones, Andrea Lev, Gerald O'Mara, Dr. Clay Railey, Al Silverstein, Craig Wanner, Jacqueline Wilson

Members Not Present: Shannon Dill, Peter Dunbar, Jennifer Shull, Terenda Thomas, Jean Weisman

Ex-Officio Members Present: Mike Henry, R. Andrew Hollis, Sam Shoge, Ryan Snow, Cassandra Vanhooser, Jennifer Williams

Attendees: Debbie Bowden, Scott Warner

Recording Secretary: Candace Harris

Call to Order: Chairman Tim Jones called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m. after the Listening Session had ended.

Recommendation from the Board for Margaret Enloe: Ms. Vanhooser recommended Margaret Enloe for replacing Al Bond as the Arts representative on the Board. Dr. Railey moved to accept Ms. Enloe and Mr. Chase seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A letter will be submitted on behalf of the EDC to the County Council making the recommendation.

Feedback from Listening Session: Mr. Jones asked for feedback from the listening session. Board members commented that the economic development team did a great job of marketing the listening session. Ron Engle said it was a great turn out and that it was refreshing to see that not only problems but opportunities came up in the discussion. Board members commented that there was diversity in attendance.

Mr. Jones suggested that the team develop a strategy for delivering the results to the community when all of the sessions are completed. "We can't come in and listen and not get back to the towns," he said. "We are going to put together a recommendation for the County Council, but the business community has to buy into it." Mr. Beatty suggested asking APG Chesapeake Publisher David Fike to print the results in the newspaper. Mr. Chase suggested an interview on the local radio station. Ms. Vanhooser said that Mr. Shoge will be featured in the County's radio spot in February and that she is doing an interview with Talbot Spy. Ms. Williams suggested doing a press release in the Star Democrat about this meeting and list the rest of the meetings to encourage people to come out. Ms. Vanhooser said there was a reporter present.



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Mr. Jones stated that this is a great opportunity to communicate to the community, and many EDC members agreed. Ms. Vanhooser said the economic development team is working on a comprehensive communications plan that will address many of these issues.

Ms. Vanhooser specifically asked Mr. Walter Chase to spread the word and bring people out to the town of Trappe listening session.

There being no further business, Tim moved to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting

Town of Trappe Listening Session, March 2, 8 a.m. at the Trappe Fire Hall

Town of Oxford Listening Session, April 6, 8 a.m. at the Oxford Community Center

Town of St. Michaels Listening Session, May 4, 8 a.m. at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's Van Lennup Auditorium