

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on
May 25th, 2017
6:00 p.m. – New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Mr. J. Carpenter, Radford University, Chair; Mr. M. Harvey, Vice-Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. L. Law, Giles County, Treasurer; Mr. C. Bopp, Pulaski County; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. H. Collins, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. G. East, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. H. Johnson, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. C. Kiwus, Virginia Tech; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. K. Marshall, City of Radford; Mr. M. Maslaney, Floyd County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Ms. C. Newcomb, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Ms. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech and Dr. D. Warren, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. W. Kantsios, Town of Rich Creek and Ms. S. Journell, Town of Pearisburg.

Staff Attendees: Kevin Byrd, Janet McNew, Michael Gottfredson, Anna Harbom and Julie Phillips.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes for April

Mr. Carpenter called for approval of the consent agenda item if there were no questions or changes.

Motion: Mr. McCoy moved for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Bopp seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Treasurer's Report for April

Mr. Carpenter called for approval of the consent agenda item if there were no questions or changes.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved for the approval of the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Collins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0024040-Riner WTP
2. VA Tech Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center Renovations
3. AEP 2017 Proposed Claytor Lake Drawdown Plan

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Reissuance of Permit No. VA0054780 Radford WTP
No comments from the Commission.

IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

V. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Carpenter reported Radford University had 1,800 graduates this spring and Coach Frank Beamer gave the commencement address. Both Frank Beamer and George Harvey were conveyed honorary degrees from the university during the ceremony. Mr. Collins reported Pulaski had many areas flood this week including stormwater damage at the Pulaski Yankees baseball stadium.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Carpenter reported the executive committee met via conference call before the annual dinner and discussed final preparatory items for the event as well as setting the agenda for the May meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd provided a summary report in the Commission agenda packet. Mr. Byrd reported the Go Virginia Regional Council will hold a meeting at the New River Valley Business Center on June 29th and explained anyone interested in participating in the working groups can sign up online until 5/29. Mr. Byrd explained the Federal FY 17 budget included additional POWER funds for both ARC and the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Staff will be reaching out to Giles and Pulaski Counties to discuss project opportunities since they are the only two eligible coal-impacted counties in the region. Smart Beginnings NRV submitted an Innovation grant application to the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation in partnership with the school superintendents to prepare information regarding kindergarten readiness in the region. Mr. Byrd introduced Anna Harbom, the recently hired Smart Beginnings NRV Coordinator, to the Board. Ms. Harbom provided an overview of her staffing activities during the past two months in the position. The NRV Hazard Mitigation Plan update is wrapping up and counties are currently hosting open houses to receive public input on the strategies identified by the working groups. Lastly, Mr. Byrd discussed possible FY18 budget impacts to the Commission and the region if the President's budget is passed as proposed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

Mr. Byrd gave an overview of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and progress made on the annual update. He also provided an update on the top ten projects identified in 2016. Eight of the ten projects are advancing whether through implementation or study efforts. Next fiscal year the CEDS will be moving to an online format.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Overview of Drug Courts and Day Reporting in the NRV
Mr. James Pritchett, Executive Director of New River Valley Community Services, began with a background on the agency and services they deliver in the community. He then introduced Ms. Lori Trail, Drug Court Coordinator, who gave a presentation overviewing the Drug Court program. Ms. Trail explained the purpose, mission, roles, and eligibility requirements for the program. She also detailed five phases of the program. Lastly, Ms. Trail shared the estimated cost savings Drug Court programs can provide a local government when comparing the cost of incarceration against a tax-paying citizen.
- B. Recap/Debrief Commission Annual Dinner for 2017
Mr. Byrd reported the 2017 annual dinner was held at Doe Creek Fam on May 22nd. There were 110 attendees and 1/3 of the attendees participated in one of the three mobile workshops offered during the day. Numerous positive comments were shared regarding the venue and the attendees' experiences in Giles County.
- C. Commission Officers for FY2018 – Slate to be Introduced
Mr. Garrett delivered the Nominating Committee report for the officers for Fiscal Year 2017-18, specifically: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Member at-Large. The nominations are for terms beginning July 1, 2017, for a one-year duration, and voted upon during the Commission's regularly scheduled June meeting.
The nominations are:
Chair: Joe Carpenter, Radford University
Vice-Chair: Mike Harvey, Montgomery County
Treasurer: Leon Law, Giles County
At-Large: Michael Maslaney, Floyd County

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Garrett called for any nominations from the floor for the officer positions.

Hearing none, he called for a motion to close the floor to nominations.

Motion: Ms. Lesko moved to close nominations. Mr. Collins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Garrett moved to nominate the following as the slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2017-18:

Chair: Joe Carpenter, Radford University

Vice Chair: Mike Harvey, Montgomery County

Treasurer: Leon Law, Giles County

At-Large: Michael Maslaney, Floyd County

Mr. Collins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried, four abstentions, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Law, and Mr. Maslaney.

Mr. Carpenter called to adjourn the meeting.

L. J. Carpenter, Chair

