

**NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of the Commission Meeting**  
**held on**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Ms. S. Journell, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. W. Kantsios, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. C. Kiwus, Virginia Tech; 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 and Dr. D. Warren, Pulaski County.

**ABSENT:** Mr. H. Collins, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. G. East, Town of Pulaski; Mr. H. Johnson, Town of Christiansburg; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. K. Marshall, City of Radford; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech.

Staff Attendees: Kevin Byrd, Jennifer Wilsie, Michael Gottfredson, Patrick O'Brien and Julie Phillips.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes for May**

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 minutes. Mr. Bopp seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Approval of Treasurer's Report for May**

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

Motion: Mr. Bopp moved for the approval of the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Kantsios seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

**III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**

**A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)**

1. Virginia Tech Rural Road Expansion Project
2. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Park – Blacksburg, VA
3. VA Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services Pesticide Performance Partnership Grant Application FY18-21
4. FY 2017 EPA Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal

**B. Regular Project Review**

- C. Environmental Project Review  
None

**IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

None

**V. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

None

**VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Carpenter reported the executive committee met and discussed the FY18 budget. Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Byrd presented certificates of appreciation to Jennifer Wilsie for ten years of service and Julie Phillips for five years of service.

**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Byrd provided a summary report in the Commission agenda packet. Mr. Byrd reported the NRV members of the Go Virginia Regional Council will be meeting 6/23/2017 and the entire Regional Council will meet 6/30/2017 at the NRV Business Center. New River Community College will be receiving funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to support the Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program for graduates from Radford City Schools. Grant applications for FY18 ARC funds are due in September. The Regional Commission is providing technical support to the NRV Metropolitan Planning Organization to update and review the Traffic Analysis Zones for projections to 2045. The NRV Hazard Mitigation final plan is being developed and will be submitted to the VA Dept. of Emergency Management in July. The NRV Economic Development Alliance introduced a lifestyle brand for the New River Valley in June and an organizational brand for the Alliance is forthcoming. Lastly, he explained the audit engagement letter from Robinson, Farmer, Cox was distributed for the Board to review.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. VDOT – Arterial Preservation Program and Construction Projects Update  
Mr. Michael Gray, Salem District Planning Manager, explained the Arterial Preservation Program is intended to preserve the functionality of long-distance highways such as U.S. Route 11, serving as community and statewide connections for commerce. He overviewed the goals of the Arterial Preservation program. He then discussed some of the alternative intersections used throughout the country that help preserve the functionality of the arterial system. Lastly, Mr. Gray shared the next steps associated with the program including working with the development community in the Fall timeframe.

- B. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Project Package and Report  
Mr. Byrd explained the project package and report were included in the mailout and called for any questions. Mr. Harvey expressed his appreciation how Mr. O'Brien updated the employment data so university employees would be classified as educational services rather than government. He also noted that educational services is the largest industry in the region. Dr. Warren noted on P. 9 there is a typo, there are two State Parks in the region. He also asked if there is still a foreign trade zone at the NRV airport. Mr. Byrd explained there is still a foreign trade zone; however, there is not a local staff person, so a customs staff member must travel from another area to assist.

Motion: Mr. McCoy moved for the approval the CEDS report with the noted changes. Dr. Warren seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Consideration of the Proposed FY18 Budget  
Mr. Byrd explained the proposed budget was included in the mailout and provided an overview of the budget with highlights supported in the memo. Following the overview presentation, Mr. Byrd called for any questions.

Motion: Ms. Newcomb moved for the approval the FY18 budget. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Commission Officers for FY2018 – Slate Introduced at May Meeting  
Mr. Carpenter explained the nominations introduced at the May meeting are:

Chair: Joe Carpenter, Radford University  
Vice-Chair: Michael Harvey, Montgomery County  
Treasurer: Leon Law, Giles County  
At-Large: Michael Maslaney, Floyd County

Motion: Mr. Patton moved to approve the slate of officers as presented. Mr. Kantsios seconded the motion.

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

- E. July Commission meeting (Historically it is cancelled due to conflict with VAPDC)

Motion: Mr. McCoy moved to cancel the July 2017 meeting. Mr. Patton seconded the motion. Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Carpenter called to adjourn the meeting.

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L. J. Carpenter, Chair  
New River Valley Regional Commission