

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on
April 25, 2019
6:00 p.m. – New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Mr. M. Maslaney, Floyd County, Vice-Chair; Mr. L. Law, Giles County, Treasurer; Ms. S. Anderson, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. J. Coleman, Floyd County; Ms. A. Covey, New River Community College; Mr. S. Fijalkowski, Montgomery County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. J. Herbein, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. H. Johnson, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. W. Kantsios, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. C. Kiwus, Virginia Tech; Mr. R. Lawson, Town of Pembroke; Ms. A. Schumaker, Radford University and Dr. D. Warren, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. M. Harvey, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. C. Bopp, Pulaski County; Mr. T. Clontz, Town of Pulaski; Mr. H. Collins, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. D. Horton, City of Radford; Ms. S. Journell, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Ms. C. Potter, Virginia Tech; and Mr. J. Radcliffe, Town of Pulaski.

Staff Attendees: Kevin Byrd, Janet McNew, Meghan Pfleiderer, Julie Phillips and Elijah Sharp.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes for March

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

Motion: Ms. Anderson moved for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Treasurer's Report for March

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

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

None

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0080837 Glen Creek WWTP
2. VADEQ- Shared CROMERR Services Implementation Grant Application
3. VA Tech Venture Out Building
4. 2019 Claytor Project No. 739 2019 Drawdown Plan

IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

V. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Lawson reported all the storefronts in Pembroke on Snidow Street where it intersects with US 460 are full. He also shared there will be a Kid's Fishing Day May 11th in Narrows. Mr. Law reported the Newport community received a \$500,000 grant from Mountain Valley Pipeline related to impacts associated with the pipeline construction project. Ms. Schumaker reported Radford University recently announced its Roanoke campus will be named Radford University Carilion. Mr. Maslaney reported Citizens Cooperative announced plans to build fiber internet to 97% of the homes in Floyd County over the next year and a half.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

None

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd provided a summary report in the Commission agenda packet. He reported the Montgomery County/Radford Broadband Assessment RFPs were due on April 25th and seven were submitted. NRV Rail 2020 will hold a meeting on April 30th at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center to review station concepts prepared by 3rd year architecture students at Virginia Tech. The regional training provided for local government Planning Commissioners in the New River Valley was held on April 11th at the Montgomery County Government Center. This year over 55 commissioners attended the training focused on best practices for meetings and conducting business of local Planning Commissions.

On April 9th Mr. Byrd testified before the US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development regarding the reauthorization of the US Economic Development Administration (EDA).

The Annual Dinner event will be on May 22nd at Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium.

Contract negotiations for the Giles County Broadband project took place between the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Giles County. Mr. Byrd will attend the NADO Executive Committee fly-in next week in DC which consists of three days of meetings with legislators, federal agency leadership and appropriations staff.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Smart Beginnings NRV Update – Early Childhood Needs Assessment

Ms. Pfleiderer gave an update on the recently completed Early Childhood Regional Assessment. She shared key findings and potential strategies going forward. Ms. Pfleiderer is seeking opportunities to share her presentation with local governments and civic groups in the coming months to spread the message on next steps for early childhood success in the region.

B. VDOT Rural Transportation Work Program

Mr. Sharp explained the Virginia Department of Transportation allocates funding each year to the Regional Commission to deliver transportation planning assistance for non-urbanized areas outside the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries. Mr. Sharp provided a brief presentation overviewing the proposed work program.

Motion: Dr. Warren moved to approve the Rural Transportation Work Program for FY20. Ms. Covey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Federal Funds Management Policy

Mr. Byrd overviewed a draft policy for the Commission to consider adopting that provides guidance to the agency when handling federal grants. This policy is a best practices recommendation from staff and is based on a template from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO).

Motion: Mr. Johnson moved for the approval of the policy. Mr. Law seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of FY20 Nominating Committee

Mr. Maslaney explained Mr. Harvey will be appointing the committee next month.

E. May Commission meeting, consider moving to May 30th at 6:00pm

Motion: Dr. Harvey made a motion to change the May meeting to Thursday, May 30, 2019.

Mr. Lawson seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

M. Harvey, Chair
New River Valley Regional Commission