



Agenda

March 28, 2019

6:00 p.m.—New River Community College Mall Site, Christiansburg

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for February
 - B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for February](#)
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
None
 - B. Regular Project Review
None
 - C. Environmental Project Review
 1. [US Army's Proposed Chemical Grind and Caustic Cleaning Replacement Project at RAAP](#)
 2. [Application Number 18-0555 City of Radford Municipal Hydroelectric Project Notification](#)
- IV. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- V. **REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- VI. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
- VII. **[EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. [Access to Community College Education \(ACCE\) Program Update](#)
Presentation by: [Angie Covey, Executive Director NRCC Educational Foundation](#)
Commission Discussion
 - B. [Resolution of Support for the Valley to Valley Trail Funding Request to VDOT](#)
Commission Action
 - C. [2019 Regional Commission Awards](#)
Commission Action
 - D. Next meeting April 25th

All meeting materials posted on the Commission website www.nrvrc.org

The New River Valley Regional Commission provides area wide planning for the physical, social, and economic elements of the district; encourages and assists local governments in planning for their future; provides a means of coordinating federal, state, and local efforts to resolve area problems; provides a forum for review of mutual concerns; and implements services upon request of member local governments.



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MEMORANDUM

N R V R C . O R G

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Janet McNew, Finance Director
Date: March 19, 2019
Re: February 2019 Financial Statements

The February 2019 Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review. Financial reports are reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to inclusion in the meeting packet.

The Revenue and Expense report compares actual year to date receipts and expenses to the FY18-19 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 28, 2018 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid and projects, added and modified throughout the year, along with the high volume of Workforce program activities, impact the adopted budget. To provide clarity, separate revenue and expense reports are now provided for Commission and Workforce Development Board activities.

As of month-end February 2019 (67% of the fiscal year), Commission overall year to date revenues are 53% and expenses are 58% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with fiscal year at 66% and 69%, respectively. Revenue lags expense monthly (\$53K) and year to date (\$71K) due to expenses incurred on projects that are not yet invoiced. This amount is reflected in Net Projects on the balance sheet. Commission revenue fluctuates as most projects are not invoiced on a monthly fixed amount basis.

We have previously reported on heavy expenses year to date in several line items. Printing expense is related to annual report production. Overages in Advertising and Professional Services are due to unbudgeted, but reimbursable, project expenses. Expenses for Communications, Office Supplies, Postage, Dues/Pubs and Miscellaneous Fees are anticipated and budgeted.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable total is \$576,317. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$485,355 (84%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$168,171) represents current year project expenses, primarily quarterly and benchmark projects, that cannot be invoiced yet and posted to receivables.

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**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures - February 2019**

FY18-19 Budget Adopted 6/28/2018		February 2019	YTD	Under/Over	(67% of FY) % Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
ARC	68,666.00	0.00	34,334.00	34,332.00	50.00%
ARC - Prices Fork	369,552.13	0.00	135,104.76	234,447.37	36.56%
LOCAL ASSESSMENT	233,866.68	0.00	228,960.99	4,905.69	97.90%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	75,971.00	0.00	56,978.00	18,993.00	75.00%
EDA	70,000.00	17,500.00	52,500.00	17,500.00	75.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	65,000.00	15,000.00	55,000.00	10,000.00	84.62%
Workforce Pathways Fiscal Agent	50,000.00	12,500.00	37,500.00	12,500.00	75.00%
VDOT	58,000.00	0.00	34,371.09	23,628.91	59.26%
VDOT - Rocky Knob Project	73,000.00	0.00	2,490.21	70,509.79	3.41%
Floyd County	10,000.00	0.00	574.37	9,425.63	5.74%
Floyd Town	6,750.00	613.95	3,530.85	3,219.15	52.31%
Giles County	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Narrows Town	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00%
Rich Creek Town	3,000.00	0.00	2,987.91	12.09	99.60%
Montgomery County	40,745.12	0.00	21,040.53	19,704.59	51.64%
Blacksburg Town	13,000.00	1,166.67	9,333.36	3,666.64	71.80%
Christiansburg Town	35,000.00	0.00	1,841.09	33,158.91	5.26%
Pulaski County	35,000.00	0.00	17,677.00	17,323.00	50.51%
Pulaski Town	41,500.00	0.00	1,499.52	40,000.48	3.61%
Radford City	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.00%
Radford University	55,500.00	0.00	0.00	55,500.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous (Meetings/Interest/Recovered Costs)	0.00	253.87	451.53	-451.53	0.00%
Virginia's First RIFA	27,500.00	2,291.66	18,333.28	9,166.72	66.67%
New River Community College	1,500.00	0.00	2,574.20	-1,074.20	171.61%
NRV MPO	35,000.00	0.00	18,036.04	16,963.96	51.53%
Pembroke Town	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
RV-ARC RideSolutions	33,680.00	0.00	19,780.92	13,899.08	58.73%
VHDA Regional Housing Local Support	30,000.00	13,900.00	15,837.41	14,162.59	52.79%
Dept of Environmental Quality	10,000.00	0.00	7,026.67	2,973.33	70.27%
VECF - Smart Beginnings	102,343.00	0.00	50,658.19	51,684.81	49.50%
VECF - Innovative Partnership	0.00	0.00	8,386.71	-8,386.71	0.00%
VA Housing Development Authority	55,312.50	8,765.75	32,446.90	22,865.60	58.66%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%
New River Health District	25,000.00	0.00	3,561.00	21,439.00	14.24%
New River Valley Development Corporation	25,000.00	1,808.33	14,466.64	10,533.36	57.87%
Friends of Southwest Virginia	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00%
One Care Southwest Virginia	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%
United Way Southwest Virginia	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00%
Backsburg Partnership (for Rail Study)	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00%
ReNew the New	3,444.57	0.00	727.95	2,716.62	21.13%
Region I Planning & Development (WV)	10,500.00	0.00	9,882.67	617.33	94.12%
Smart Beginnings Fund Raising	790.00	0.00	0.00	790.00	0.00%
Unprogrammed ARC Jan-Jun 2019	9,750.00	0.00	0.00	9,750.00	0.00%
Sub Total Revenues	1,742,871.00	80,800.23	922,893.79	819,977.21	52.95%
Expenses					
Salaries	760,103.00	56,955.41	498,913.71	261,189.29	65.64%
Fringe Benefits	198,032.00	16,609.84	136,580.80	61,451.20	68.97%
Travel	17,650.00	1,088.51	10,550.45	7,099.55	59.78%
Office Space	49,968.00	4,164.00	33,312.00	16,656.00	66.67%
Communications	9,789.00	700.22	7,763.29	2,025.71	79.31%
Office Supplies	29,355.00	1,896.39	26,664.56	2,690.44	90.83%
Postage	1,775.00	73.27	1,493.87	281.13	84.16%
Printing	4,400.00	0.00	4,341.66	58.34	98.67%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,800.00	157.30	1,272.32	527.68	70.68%
Outreach/Media Adv	900.00	29.90	1,266.86	-366.86	140.76%
Equipment Rent/Copier	4,219.00	351.52	2,812.16	1,406.84	66.65%
Fleet Vehicles	8,471.00	163.82	1,038.85	7,432.15	12.26%
Dues/Publications	15,807.00	0.00	13,936.80	1,870.20	88.17%
Training/Staff Development	15,250.00	665.00	5,875.86	9,374.14	38.53%
Insurance	3,200.00	246.33	1,970.64	1,229.36	61.58%
Meeting Costs	10,850.00	667.31	4,592.41	6,257.59	42.33%
Capital Outlay	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00%
Contractual Services	559,274.00	46,571.68	229,517.25	329,756.75	41.04%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	4,700.00	0.00	5,365.50	-665.50	114.16%
Miscellaneous/Fees	4,150.00	392.56	3,226.57	923.43	77.75%
Reimbursed Expenses	0.00	3,648.22	3,648.22	-3,648.22	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	1,719,693.00	134,381.28	994,143.78	725,549.22	57.81%
NRVRC Balance	23,178.00	-53,581.05	-71,249.99		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - February 2019**

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		February 2019	YTD	Under/Over	(67% of fiscal year) % Budget
Workforce Development Area	2,241,650.00	284,957.35	1,472,042.08	769,607.92	65.67%
Sub Total Revenues	2,241,650.00	284,957.35	1,472,042.08	769,607.92	
Expenses					
Salaries	464,696.00	39,236.28	316,366.69	148,329.31	68.08%
Fringe Benefits	135,070.00	11,032.04	87,669.30	47,400.70	64.91%
Travel	28,000.00	2,024.55	13,878.00	14,122.00	49.56%
Office Space	52,000.00	2,274.37	35,488.97	16,511.03	68.25%
Communications	11,000.00	815.52	6,456.04	4,543.96	58.69%
Office Supplies	15,000.00	79.94	4,425.34	10,574.66	29.50%
Postage	250.00	0.00	121.28	128.72	48.51%
Printing	1,500.00	227.06	487.61	1,012.39	32.51%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,500.00	31.30	220.28	1,279.72	14.69%
Outreach/Media Adv	46,000.00	505.44	32,161.95	13,838.05	69.92%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,600.00	93.89	875.37	724.63	54.71%
Dues/Publications	3,500.00	0.00	3,217.00	283.00	91.91%
Training/Staff Development	14,500.00	0.00	1,317.82	13,182.18	9.09%
Insurance	2,500.00	0.00	2,237.00	263.00	89.48%
Meeting Costs	8,000.00	295.73	5,065.14	2,934.86	63.31%
Contractual Services	1,444,984.00	228,341.23	954,814.59	490,169.41	66.08%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	10,200.00	0.00	6,180.00	4,020.00	60.59%
Miscellaneous/Fees	1,350.00	0.00	1,059.70	290.30	78.50%
Sub Total Expenses	2,241,650.00	284,957.35	1,472,042.08	769,607.92	65.67%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total Agency R&E		February 2019	YTD		
Anticipated Revenue	3,984,521.00	365,757.58	2,394,935.87	60.11%	
Anticipated Expense	3,961,343.00	419,338.63	2,466,185.86	62.26%	
Balance	23,178.00	-53,581.05	-71,249.99		

New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
Period From : 07/01/2018 to 02/28/2019

Assets:

Operating Account	277,068.24
Certificate of Deposit	103,070.16
Money Market Account	84,713.18
Accounts Receivable	576,317.84
Prepaid Item	2,319.18
Total Assets:	<u><u>\$1,043,488.60</u></u>

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	245,138.75
Accrued Annual Leave	73,071.22
Accrued Unemployment	25,636.07
Unearned Revenue	18,687.50
Expense Reimbursement	635.32
Total Liabilities:	<u><u>\$363,168.86</u></u>

Projects:

(Equity Accounts)	Net Projects	(168,171.49)
	Current Year Unrestricted	104,566.94
	Unrestricted Net Assets	740,485.78
	Total Projects (Equity)	<u><u>\$676,881.23</u></u>
	Total Liabilities and Projects	<u><u>\$1,040,050.09</u></u>
	Net Difference to be Reconciled*	<u><u>\$3,438.51</u></u>
	Total Adjustments to Post*	\$3,438.51
	Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

*YTD adjustment to Accrued Leave. Final adjustment will be posted to general ledger at fiscal year end closeout.



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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

CIRP Review

March 21, 2019

PROJECT: U.S. Army's Proposed Chemical Grind and Caustic Cleaning Replacement Project at RAAAP
VA190225-03000400155

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting scoping comments on the above referenced project.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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February 25, 2019

Mr. Len Diloia
Department of the Army
Radford Army Ammunition Plant
P.O. Box 2
Radford, Virginia 24143-0002
Via email: leonard.l.diloia.civ@mail.mil

RE: U.S. Army's Proposed Chemical Grind and Caustic Cleaning Replacement Project at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Radford, Virginia

Dear Mr. Diloia:

This letter is in response to the scoping request for the above-referenced project.

As you may know, the Department of Environmental Quality, through its Office of Environmental Impact Review (DEQ-OEIR), is responsible for coordinating Virginia's review of federal environmental documents prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and responding to appropriate federal officials on behalf of the Commonwealth.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSIONS

In order to ensure an effective coordinated review of the NEPA document, notification of the NEPA document and federal consistency documentation should be sent directly to OEIR. We request that you submit one electronic to eir@deq.virginia.gov (25 MB maximum) or make the documents available for download at a website, file transfer protocol (ftp) site or the VITA LFT file share system (Requires an "invitation" for access. An invitation request should be sent to eir@deq.virginia.gov).

The NEPA document should include U.S. Geological Survey topographic. We strongly encourage you to issue shape files with the NEPA document. In addition, project details should be adequately described for the benefit of the reviewers.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT: PROJECT SCOPING AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

As you may know, NEPA (PL 91-190, 1969) and its implementing regulations (Title 40, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Parts 1500-1508) requires a draft and final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for federal activities or undertakings that are federally licensed or federally funded which will or may give rise to significant impacts upon the human environment. An EIS carries more stringent public

participation requirements than an Environmental Assessment (EA) and provides more time and detail for comments and public decision-making. The possibility that an EIS may be required for the proposed project should not be overlooked in your planning for this project. Accordingly, we refer to “NEPA document” in the remainder of this letter.

While this Office does not participate in scoping efforts beyond the advice given herein, other agencies are free to provide scoping comments concerning the preparation of the NEPA document. Accordingly, we are providing notice of your scoping request to several state agencies and those localities and Planning District Commissions, including but not limited to:

Department of Environmental Quality:

- DEQ Regional Office
- Air Division
- Office of Wetlands and Stream Protection
- Office of Local Government Programs
- Division of Land Protection and Revitalization
- Office of Stormwater Management

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Department of Health

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Department of Historic Resources

Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy

Department of Forestry

Department of Transportation

DATA BASE ASSISTANCE

Below is a list of databases that may assist you in the preparation of a NEPA document:

- DEQ Online Database: Virginia Environmental Geographic Information Systems

Information on Permitted Solid Waste Management Facilities, Impaired Waters, Petroleum Releases, Registered Petroleum Facilities, Permitted Discharge (Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permits) Facilities, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Sites, Water Monitoring Stations, National Wetlands Inventory:

- www.deq.virginia.gov/ConnectWithDEQ/VEGIS.aspx

- DEQ Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System (GEMS)

Virginia’s coastal resource data and maps; coastal laws and policies; facts on coastal resource values; and direct links to collaborating agencies responsible for current data:

- <http://128.172.160.131/gems2/>

- MARCO Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal

The Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal is a publicly available online toolkit and resource center that consolidates available data and enables users to visualize and analyze ocean resources and human



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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #2

CIRP Review

March 21, 2019

PROJECT: Permit Application Number 18-0555 City of Radford Municipal Hydroelectric Project
VA190301-03100400750

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on the draft permit.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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March 1, 2019

Mr. Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director
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VIA EMAIL

RE: Joint Permit Application Number 18-0555
City of Radford Municipal Hydroelectric Project
Notification of Public Notice of Draft Permit

Dear Mr. Byrd:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received an application for a Virginia Water Protection (VWP) individual permit near your locality. Attached is a copy of the Public Notice for the proposed permit action for your review pursuant to Section 62.1-44.15:01 of the Code of Virginia. Notice of the proposed action will also be published in a newspaper circulated in the vicinity of the project site. The publication establishes a 30-calendar day public comment period for this proposal. If you wish to comment on this proposed action, please respond to DEQ at the above address.

If no response is received within the 30-day public comment period, DEQ will assume that you have no objections to the proposed action. If you have any questions, please contact me at 804-698-4180 or Brian.McGurk@deq.virginia.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian McGurk".

Brian McGurk
Water Withdrawal Permit Writer

Enclosure: 18-0555 Public Notice

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow continuation of an existing surface water diversion for hydroelectric power generation from the Little River in Montgomery and Pulaski counties, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **March 3, 2019** to **April 1, 2019** at 5:00 p.m.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: The City of Radford, Virginia, 701 Seventeenth Street, Radford, Virginia 24141; VWPP No. **18-0555**.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Radford, Virginia has applied for a Virginia Water Protection (VWP) Permit for the City of Radford Municipal Hydroelectric Project. The application requested authorization of an existing surface water diversion at the Little River Dam and Reservoir, located along the boundaries of Montgomery and Pulaski counties, Virginia. The City produces hydroelectric power from a diversion of water from the Little River Reservoir. No impacts to surface waters are proposed. The continued diversion affects the Little River in the New River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: **Brian McGurk**; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: **804-698-4180**; E-mail: Brian.McGurk@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above (by appointment) or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.



March 22, 2019

Executive Director's Report

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Economic Development:

- The towns of Rich Creek and Pearisburg will hold their contract negotiation meetings with the Dept. of Housing and Community Development for their significant downtown block grant projects on 3/25.
- On 3/21 Montgomery County issued the RFP for a Broadband Infrastructure Assessment to include the county and the City of Radford. Proposals are due 4/25. A management team of stakeholders is being developed currently. The RFP can be found on the county website.

Transportation:

- NRV Rail 2020 will hold a meeting on 4/30 2:00-4:00 at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. The focus of the meeting will be presentations from an architecture studio at Virginia Tech that spent the semester working on station designs under the leadership of professor Jack Davis. I worked with the class on two occasions assisting with the technical guidelines.
- The NRVMPPO is seeking a resolution of support from the Regional Commission at the March meeting to pursue a funding request to VDOT for planning funds to evaluate the Valley to Valley trail corridor.

Regional:

- The NRV Livability in Action Regional Exchange was held on March 7th at the German Club in Blacksburg. The event had the highest attendance to date with approximately 160+ participants. The day started with a fun trivia game based on NRV progress on livability goals utilizing cell phones to access an online platform. There were 12 lightning round presentations covering numerous topics such as the roamNRV bikeshare, early childhood education and the Calfee School project in Pulaski. We held a panel discussion with agency leaders from Richmond and concluded the day with a performance by the JAM musicians, an afterschool traditional music program for elementary school children.

Commission:

- The Commission recently hired Nicole Hersch for our vacant Regional Planner/Community Designer position. Nicole has a BA in Communications, AS in Landscape Design, MS in Natural Resources and MS in Landscape Architecture. She will start part-time in April and full-time in mid-May. She will support the Watershed Roundtable and many planning design projects.
- Following the last Commission meeting, Chair Harvey appointed an office space committee to advise the board on office space decisions. Since the renovation prices came in quite high, the Commission decided to evaluate other office locations in the region over the next couple of months to get an apples-to-apples comparison for the board. The committee is comprised of Michael Harvey, Michael Maslaney, Leon Law, Michael Patton, Catherine Potter, Jamie Radcliffe, Hil Johnson, and Helen Harvey.
- NADO held our annual policy conference in Washington, DC earlier this week. In conjunction with the conference, the VAPDC hosted a congressional briefing with Hill staff on 3/19. Nine Executive Directors delivered a presentation and held a roundtable conversation with the legislative directors for many of the Virginia congressional offices.
- The Annual Dinner event will be on 5/22 at Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium. Save the date!



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: March 22, 2019

Re: New River Community College Site Visit/ACCE Program Update

The March 28, 2019 Commission meeting will be held at the New River Community College Mall Site in Room 149 for the purposes of visiting their growing academic institution, touring the 3-D Printing/Drone Lab and receiving an update on the Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program. Soon after the meeting is called to order at 6:00pm, the Commission will receive a tour of the 3-D Printing/Drone lab in order to learn about the program developing a workforce ready for in-demand jobs. Following the tour, the Commission will reconvene in Room 149 for the remainder of regular business. An item under New Business is a presentation from Angie Covey, Executive Director of NRCC Educational Foundation, on the Access to Community College Education program. The ACCE program is available to graduating high school seniors in the counties of Montgomery, Giles and Floyd along with the City of Radford.



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The 28th day of March 2019

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF VALLEY TO VALLEY TRAIL PLANNING FUNDS FROM VDOT

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission supports the concept of connecting communities through multiple transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the Valley to Valley Trail concept would connect the New River Valley to the Roanoke Valley along with points further southwest; and,

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (NRVMPO) has support from their Technical Advisory Committee and their Policy Board to request planning funds from VDOT for the purposes of evaluating the potential trail corridor to connect the two valleys; and,

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission has partnered with the NRVMPO to accomplish many significant regional projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Valley to Valley Trail would provide many positive economic, health and quality of life benefits to the region; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the New River Valley Regional Commission fully supports the NRVMPO requesting planning funds from VDOT for the Valley to Valley Trail evaluation. The Regional Commission will also offer any necessary staff time to support the planning process through our Rural Transportation Work Program.

M. Harvey, Chair
New River Valley Regional Commission

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Montgomery | Pulaski

City

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Blacksburg | Christiansburg
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Re: Annual Awards Program for 2019 Dinner Event

In February, the Commission began soliciting nominations for the awards program. The awards solicitation was sent to all Commissioners, local government managers and numerous community partner organizations via constant contact email. The program was also promoted on Commission social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). The nominations closed on March 20th with numerous highly qualified nominations received.

The names of the nominees, and the statements submitted on their behalf, are attached to this memo. *This information is for Regional Commission Board Members review only and not to be shared or distributed.* Commissioners will receive ballots at the meeting on March 28th to select the award recipients.

The three award categories are as follows:

Champion of the Valley – An elected or appointed official (past or present) from within or representing the New River Valley that has made significant contributions for the betterment of the region. Focus will be on candidates that improve communities through their dedication, collaborative approach and impact.

Citizen of the Valley – A citizen or organization in the New River Valley that has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region. Focus will be on candidates that improve communities through their dedication, collaborative approach and impact.

Friend of the Valley – An individual or organization outside the New River Valley that has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region.

Past Award Winners:

Champion of the Valley

2014 – Mr. Joseph Sheffey

2015 – Mr. Rick Boucher

2016 – Del. Joseph Yost

2016 – Mr. Bill Brown

2017 – Mr. Chris McKlarney

2018 – Ms. Susan Kidd

Citizen of the Valley

2014 – Dr. Charles Steger

2015 – Mr. Ken Anderson

2016 – Ms. Penelope Kyle

2017 – Mr. Woody Crenshaw

2018 – Mr. David Hagan

2018 – Ms. P. Buckley Moss

Friend of the Valley

2016 – Mary Moody Northen Foundation

2017 – Mr. Bill Shelton