



Agenda  
May 28, 2026

6:00 p.m.— Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
  
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of Minutes for April
  - B. [Approval of Treasurer’s Report for April](#)
  
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
  - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
    - None
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - 1. [VPA02069 - Radford City Water Treatment Plant](#)
  
- IV. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
  
- V. **CHAIR’S REPORT**
  
- VI. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT](#)
  
- VII. **REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
  
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
  
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. [New River-Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board Overview](#)
    - Jenny Bolte, Executive Director
    - Commission Discussion
  
  - B. [Regional Commission Awards – Review Criteria and Process](#)
    - Commission Action
  
  - C. FY27 Nominating Committee Slate of Officers Presented
    - Nominating Committee
    - Action scheduled for June Meeting
  
  - D. Next Meeting: June 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: NRVRC Board Members**  
**From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director**  
**Date: May 20, 2026**  
**Re: April 2026 Financial Statements**

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The April 2026 Agencywide Revenue and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review. Financial reports are reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to inclusion in the meeting packet.

The Agencywide Revenue and Expense report compares actual year-to-date receipts and expenses to the FY25-26 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 26, 2025 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, Commission and Workforce Development Board activities are separated on the agencywide report.

As of month-end April 2026 (83% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 166% and expenses are 167% of adopted budget. The revenues and expenses exceed the budget due to transactions associated with Contractual Services for the broadband projects. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 83% and 93%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$847,891. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$334,618 (39%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days, and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$421,521) represent in process projects that have not been invoiced and posted to receivables.

### Counties

Floyd | Giles  
Montgomery | Pulaski

### City

Radford

### Towns

Blacksburg | Christiansburg | Dublin  
Floyd | Narrows | Pearisburg  
Pembroke | Pulaski | Rich Creek

### Higher Education

Virginia Tech | Radford University  
New River Community College

**New River Valley Regional Commission**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**4/30/2026**

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Operating Account	184,883	1,058,248
First Bank & Trust -Montgomery/Bland Broadband	1,859,090	1,399,946
First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,273,127	1,277,539
First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	1,041,143	954,785
First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	558,045	663,233
First Bank & Trust - Money Market	321,440	322,270
US Bank - Bond Proceeds	13,948	13,948
Accounts Receivable	552,227	848,161
Utility Deposits	2,945	2,945
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	0	0
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	109,563	109,563
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
Total Assets:	<u>7,962,537</u>	<u>8,696,764</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	147,235	167,037
Accrued Annual Leave	127,961	127,961
Accrued Unemployment	39,914	40,008
Expense Reimbursement	3,324	4,486
Funds Held for Others	8,000	40,650
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	1,329,139	1,329,139
Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,217,748	1,217,748
Funds on Hand - VMRI Craig-Botetourt	462,723	0
Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	558,045	721,664
Unearned Revenue	0	1,001,521
Loan Payable	1,885,000	1,885,000
Bond Premium	158,815	158,815
Total Liabilities:	<u>5,937,904</u>	<u>6,694,029</u>
<u>Projects:</u> (Equity Accounts)		
Net Projects	(463,697)	(421,521)
Current Year Unrestricted	202,416	221,760
Office Building Project	1,272,893	1,183,335
Unrestricted Net Assets	905,336	905,336
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	108,839	108,839
Total Projects (Equity)	<u>2,025,787</u>	<u>1,997,749</u>
Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>7,963,691</u>	<u>8,691,779</u>
Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>(1,153)</u>	<u>4,985</u>
Total Adjustments to Post*	(1,153)	4,985
Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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

**New River Valley Regional Commission  
Revenue and Expenditures - April 2026**

FY25-26 Budget		(83% of FY)			
		April 2026	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
<b>NRVRC Anticipated Revenues</b>					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	92,660	0	51,248	41,412	55.31%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	40,500	33,044	63,100	(22,600)	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	455,389	0	0	455,389	0.00%
ARC Helene Recovery	42,500	0	48,305	(5,805)	0.00%
ARC Inspire Ecosystem Recovery	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	244,023	0	244,023	0	100.00%
Office Project Member Contributions	153,159	(0)	133,706	19,454	87.30%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	28,743	114,971	0	100.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	11,354,803	7,528,635	22,169,134	(10,814,331)	195.24%
DHCD VATI 2022 VMRI	0	462,723	820,241	(820,241)	0.00%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	52,500	0	76,837	(24,337)	146.36%
DHCD Giles Co Disaster Recovery	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
DHCD VA Disaster Assistance Fund	0	128,010	128,010	(128,010)	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	80,340	0	58,332	22,008	72.61%
EDA	70,000	0	52,500	17,500	75.00%
EDA Tech Hub	159,195	0	198,303	(39,108)	124.57%
EDA Helene NRV Recovery Team	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Go Virginia Scale Up	85,497	0	6,859	78,638	8.02%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	56,250	18,750	75.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	11,250	0	11,250	0	100.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	10,000	0	10,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Agent	45,000	0	40,000	5,000	88.89%
VDOT	27,600	0	25,485	2,115	92.34%
Floyd County	51,541	10,803	40,598	10,943	78.77%
Floyd Town	80,000	0	3,045	76,955	3.81%
Giles County	19,250	0	4,099	15,151	21.29%
Giles County Broadband	35,000	0	13,064	21,936	37.32%
Narrows Town	15,000	0	10,529	4,471	70.19%
Pearisburg Town	12,550	0	5,175	7,375	41.23%
Rich Creek Town	4,500	0	2,012	2,488	44.71%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	663,225	0	2,514,813	(1,851,588)	379.18%
Montgomery County Opioid Abatement	720,000	48,631	484,968	235,032	67.36%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	1,500	15,000	3,000	83.33%
Christiansburg Town	18,597	0	4,725	13,872	25.41%
Pulaski County VATI	481,973	0	430,238	51,735	89.27%
Pulaski Town	32,500	0	14,500	18,000	44.62%
Dublin Town	40,000	0	21,370	18,630	53.42%
Wytheville Town	10,000	0	8,503	1,497	85.03%
Radford City	0	0	6,009	(6,009)	0.00%
MM Interest	5,000	830	9,015	(4,015)	180.30%
Interest Income	65,000	10,572	127,590	(62,590)	196.29%
Miscellaneous Income	0	270	270	(270)	0.00%
Misc. Income Meeting Registration	0	924	7,076	(7,076)	0.00%
Virginia's First	16,080	1,300	13,000	3,080	80.85%
NRV MPO	154,819	0	54,832	99,988	35.42%
Dept of Environmental Quality	78,006	6,103	27,371	50,635	35.09%
VHDA	999,306	0	19,146	980,161	1.92%
Citizens ARC Fiber Deployment	22,500	0	4,511	17,989	20.05%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	7,200	(200)	102.86%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	15,600	(600)	104.00%
GigaBeam Networks, LLC	60,000	5,000	50,000	10,000	83.33%
APB Partners Pulaski, LLC	30,000	2,500	25,000	5,000	83.33%
VAPDC	5,000	0	5,000	0	100.00%
Pentel	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	38,000	0	31,611	6,389	83.19%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	66,993	109,562	(33,062)	143.22%
New River Conservancy	30,000	0	12,225	17,775	40.75%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	0	744	656	53.14%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	0	289.92	(289.92)	0.00%
	<b>17,115,135</b>	<b>8,336,579</b>	<b>28,407,245</b>	<b>(11,292,110)</b>	<b>165.98%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries	1,601,612	131,479	1,331,982	269,630	83.17%
Fringe Benefits	468,239	42,094	438,086	30,153	93.56%
Travel	63,505	4,429	16,340	47,165	25.73%
Office Space	109,000	5,875	58,158	50,842	53.36%
Utilities	0	1,317	15,975	(15,975)	0.00%
Communications	21,350	1,701	19,258	2,092	90.20%
Office Supplies	66,931	5,664	53,186	13,745	79.46%
Postage	1,300	31	996	304	76.59%
Printing	8,000	367	8,117	(117)	101.46%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	90	1,075	326	76.75%
Outreach/Media Adv	26,571	2,317	11,840	14,731	44.56%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	2,234	766	74.46%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	29	1,533	67	95.83%
Dues/Publications	19,995	698	21,378	(1,383)	106.91%
Training/Staff Development	77,250	4,534	61,489	15,761	79.60%
Insurance	6,500	0	6,400	100	98.46%
Meeting Costs	24,120	3,755	24,312	(192)	100.80%
Capital Outlay	65,000	0	0	65,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	14,271,394	8,142,991	26,438,439	(12,167,045)	185.25%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	16,225	13,468	38,822	(22,597)	239.27%
Miscellaneous/Fees	108,999	308	3,881	105,118	3.56%
Reimbursed Expense	0	3,249	(79)	79	0.00%
Bond Interest Expense	153,144	0	93,144	60,000	60.82%
	<b>17,115,135</b>	<b>8,364,617</b>	<b>28,646,564</b>	<b>(11,531,429)</b>	<b>167.38%</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>(28,038)</b>	<b>(239,319)</b>		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board  
Revenue and Expenditures - April 2026**

				(83% of FY)	
	<b>NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues</b>	<b>April 2026</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Under/Over</b>	<b>% Budget</b>
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	158,499	1,568,492	2,725,945	36.52%
		<b>158,499</b>	<b>1,568,492</b>	<b>2,725,945</b>	
	<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries	766,620	68,959	634,524	132,096	82.77%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	20,294	198,575	77,408	71.95%
Travel	45,000	3,884	27,033	17,967	60.07%
Office Space	26,000	0	0	26,000	0.00%
Communications	16,000	0	0	16,000	0.00%
Office Supplies	34,000	201.62	23,574.45	10,426	69.34%
Postage	250	23	23	227	9.36%
Printing	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	0	5,500	0.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	0	0	88,000	0.00%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	0	0	1,700	0.00%
Dues/Publications	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	0	0	12,000	0.00%
Insurance	5,000	0	4,511	489	90.22%
Meeting Costs	61,000	0	0	61,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	0	26,600	2,872,194	0.92%
Contractual: Training & SS	0	42,607	350,023	(350,023)	0.00%
Contractual: Literacy NRV	0	0	20,619	(20,619)	0.00%
Contractual: MRRAP	0	1,770	6,689	(6,689)	0.00%
Contractual: NRCA	0	614	9,206	(9,206)	0.00%
Contractual: RACE1	0	393	16,754	(16,754)	0.00%
Contractual: Habitat for Humanity	0	0	75,000	(75,000)	0.00%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	0	12,200	0.00%
Business Services	0	0	19,942	(19,942)	0.00%
Sector Partnership Activities	0	0	4,988	(4,988)	0.00%
Professional Development	0	0	2,287	(2,287)	0.00%
Outreach	0	1,511	22,144	(22,144)	0.00%
Outreach Activities	0	0	9,356	(9,356)	0.00%
Virginia Tech	0	0	11,678	(11,678)	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Administrative Functions	0	0	5,218	(5,218)	0.00%
Occupancy	0	2,850	35,965	(35,965)	0.00%
Communications	0	3,703	23,410	(23,410)	0.00%
Copier Usage	0	226	2,228	(2,228)	0.00%
Meeting Expenses	0	225	5,557	(5,557)	0.00%
Professional Services Audit	0	10,100	10,100	(10,100)	0.00%
Dues/Publications	0	0	205	(205)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: NAWB	0	1,000	1,000	(1,000)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: VA Assoc of Workforce Directors	0	0	1,306	(1,306)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: Chambers of Commerce	0	140	140	(140)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: Other	0	0	947	(947)	0.00%
Platforms	0	0	18,891	(18,891)	0.00%
	<b>4,294,437</b>	<b>158,499</b>	<b>1,568,492</b>	<b>2,725,945</b>	<b>36.52%</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

		<b>April 2026</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
	21,409,572	8,494,808	29,975,467	140.01%
	21,409,572	8,523,116	30,215,056	141.13%
		<b>(28,308)</b>	<b>(239,589)</b>	



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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, B. Regular Projects, Item #1

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CIRP Review

May 20, 2026

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**PROJECT:** VPA02069 - Radford City Water Treatment Plant

**SUBMITTED BY:** DEQ

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on an application to renew a VPA permit.

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** Commission Board Members

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**City**  
Radford

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Pembroke | Pulaski  
Rich Creek

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From: **Morrison, Bradley (DEQ)** <[Bradley.S.Morrison@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Bradley.S.Morrison@deq.virginia.gov)>  
Date: Mon, May 18, 2026 at 5:20 PM  
Subject: VPA02069 - Radford City Water Treatment Plant  
To: Walters, Laura <[walters@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:walters@pulaskicounty.org)>, Sweet, Jonathan D. <[jsweet@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:jsweet@pulaskicounty.org)>, Kevin.Byrd <[kbyrd@nrvc.org](mailto:kbyrd@nrvc.org)>

Please find the attached application to renew a VPA permit, with additional fields.

In brief, the material are residuals from the water treatment process - alum based coagulants added to raw water to aid in sediment and particle settling. This material is then land applied as a fertilizer.

Prior issuing a permit, a notice will be posted in the legal section of the local newspaper of record for 2 consecutive weeks and there will be a 30 day comment period.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Respectfully,



**Brad Morrison, PSS, AOSE**

VPA Permit Specialist

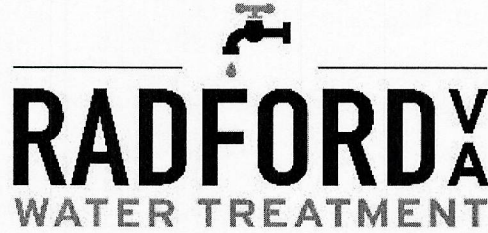
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February 13, 2026

Mr. Brad Morrison, PSS, AOSE  
 VPA Permit Specialist  
 Office of Land Application Programs / Water Division  
 Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1400  
 Richmond, VA 23219

**Re: Radford Water Treatment Plant VPA Permit Modification Request – Addition of Land Application Sites to an Existing Permit; VPA02069; CHA Project No. 026995**

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Enclosed is the signed Virginia Pollution Abatement (VPA) permit modification request for the City of Radford Water Treatment Plant (WTP). This modification request is made to add land application sites to the existing permit. The land application fields included in the current permit will also remain in use. This submittal includes Permit Application Form D Part II Worksheet and the Public Notice Billing Authorization Form. In addition, the site books for the proposed land application are attached and include topographical, aerial, and soil maps for the proposed additional sites and signed landowner agreements.

A copy of the Water Fee Form has been submitted under separate cover to the Receipts Control office, and the fee will be paid once the invoice is received by the City. A copy is included with the attached application.

The table below summarizes the current and proposed additional sites; this information is also located within the Permit Application Form D Part II Worksheet.

Site Book Name	Owner	Tax Map ID	Latitude/Longitude	Gross Acres	Permit Status
Field 2	New River Valley Airport	036-3-1	37.131981 / -80.689005	36.78	Permitted
Field 9	New River Valley Airport	036-3-1	37.135602 / -80.682932	20.69	Permitted
Field 10	New River Valley Airport	036-3-1	37.138551 / -80.684284	10.9	Permitted
Field 11	New River Valley Airport	036-3-1	37.140647 / -80.683646	19.97	Permitted
Field 6	New River Valley Airport	036-3-1	37.141616 / -80.672922	8.32	Proposed*

Mr. Brad Morrison

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Field 7	New River Valley Airport	036-3-1	37.139056 / -80.677044	11.52	Proposed*
Field 8	New River Valley Airport	036-3-1	37.139796 / -80.677738	15.27	Proposed*
Field 12	New River Valley Airport	036-3-1	37.136344 / -80.679452	20.33	Proposed
Moore Field	Jackie R. & Brenda S. Moore	076-1-85	37.04896 / -80.590172	13.6	Proposed
Bondurant Field	Benjamin & Brandy Bondurant	076-1-84	37.048672 / -80.5913	51.86	Proposed
VanDyke Field	Timothy M. VanDyke & Amber L Harman	076-1-84D	37.048654 / -80.593381	7.48	Proposed


\*Proposed fields at the New River Valley Airport were included in the VPA Permit previously but were not included in the current VPA permit.

The City will work with a certified nutrient management planner to develop Nutrient Management Plans for these sites this year once soil sampling is complete and in advance of any land application of water treatment plant residuals.

*I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is to the best of my knowledge and belief true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations. I further certify that I am an authorized signatory as specified in the VPA Permit Regulation (9VAC25-32).*

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at (540) 259-8742 or Brad Nester at (540) 731-3662 should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Todd Meredith  
City Manager

Enclosures

cc: Brad Nester, Chief Operator, City of Radford Water Treatment Plant (w/enclosure)  
Amanda Marsh, Project Manager, CHA Consulting, Inc.



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**May 22, 2026**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Economic Development:**

- The AM2 Tech Hub statewide competitive GO Virginia grant was approved by the state board in late March. A contract meeting with DHCD is scheduled for 4/28. The \$40M application to the US Economic Development Administration is still under review.
- The Regional Commission submitted a separate GO Virginia grant last month for expansion of the GO TEC program in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools and the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville. It was recommended for approval by the Region 2 Board. Leo Priddy led the state pitch call this month. The state board responded with follow-up questions pertaining to long-term operations of the program and maintenance of grant-funded purchased equipment.
- The Opportunity Zones 2.0 program state nominating process for preferred tracts will open on July 1 and will close 120 days later. DHCD will circulate a survey to gather input on preferred tracts. The survey will be due September 30<sup>th</sup>. Zones will take effect January 1, 2027.
- The FY26 Regional Economic Strategy update will be brought to the Commission at its meeting next month for review and approval.
- Friends of SWVA is kicking-off Destination SWVA, an updated strategic plan for the creative and outdoor economy of the greater region. County-specific focus groups will be held this summer and into the fall. Regional input meetings will be held this winter. PDCs are assisting with the focus groups and regional input meetings.
- Governor Spanberger's administration is in the process of developing the State Comprehensive Economic Development policy. This is required within the first year of each administration. Regional input meetings are being held by GO Virginia geography. Region 2 has not been scheduled. It will likely take place in late July. Information will be sent out once received.

### **Broadband:**

- The Pulaski County and Montgomery/Bland counties broadband projects are closely examining their project schedules to determine whether extension requests will be needed beyond June 30<sup>th</sup>. Both are likely to extend to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Transportation:**

- The VDOT Salem District office held its Six-Year Improvement Program public hearing last week in Roanoke. This was Secretary Donahue's first round of public hearings in his new role. I shared remarks on behalf of the Commission expressing appreciation for the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program including PDC representation on the I-81 committee, and the NRV Passenger Rail extension investment.
- Staff is finalizing the Valley to Valley trail connection report. The NRV MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has guided the project with extensive public engagement facilitated by the Commission.
- VDOT recently opened a new Park and Ride lot at I-81 Exit 114 on Route 8.

**Housing:**

- The Regional Commission submitted two grants to assist with preparing the updated Regional + Local Housing Study. Proposal were submitted to Virginia Housing and the Appalachian Regional Commission at the end of April.
- The first two investments of the Regional Housing Fund have progressed well through construction. The Claremont School redevelopment in Pulaski has initial occupancy underway. The Legacy on Main in Blacksburg is anticipating construction completion the second week of July.

**Natural Resources:**

- The first round of Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund projects are receiving approval letters. To date, the Commission has received letters for eight property owners equating to approximately \$275,000.
- The New River Valley is currently in a Drought Warning designated by the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality. Hopefully the forecasted rain will provide relief, but it has already had a significant impact on the agricultural industry in the region. The NRV Water Supply Plan contains drought response plans if a Drought Emergency is declared.

**Regional:**

- Governor Spanberger's administration is holding Regional Readiness Summits across the Commonwealth this spring and summer. The NRV communities were invited to a summit being held on 5/29 at Roanoke College. I plan to attend with an eye toward the role PDCs play in recovery and regional coordination of resources.

**Commission:**

- Congratulations to Dr. Angela Joyner with Radford University for receiving the Ruby Award from the Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council (RBTC) and President Sands being inducted into the RBTC Hall of Fame at its Tech Nite event earlier this month.
- The office construction project continues to make good progress following the project schedule. Interior and exterior framing is complete. A site visit was held recently to select exterior materials for the addition to include brick and stone. Updated photos of the construction progress will be shared at the meeting this month.



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** NRVRC Board Members

**From:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**Date:** May 22, 2026

**Re:** New River-Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board Overview

At the May Regional Commission meeting Jenny Bolte, executive director of the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board (NRMRWDB), will provide an overview presentation on the organization. The NRMRWDB is an important partner of the Regional Commission. The two organizations often collaborate on economic development and workforce projects. Currently, there is a collaboration on providing a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Employer Workshop for companies hiring people in substance use recovery. An important component of the partnership has been the mutually beneficial fiscal agent services agreement whereas the Regional Commission provides finance team support to the operations of NRMRWDB.

The NRMRWDB is one of fourteen workforce boards in Virginia and serves as the workforce development entity for the 13-locality New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area. Through strategic partnerships with employers, educational institutions, economic development organizations, community agencies, and training providers, NRMRWDB works to strengthen the regional workforce system by connecting individuals to employment, training, education, and supportive services that lead to sustainable career pathways and economic mobility.

NRMRWDB administers a wide range of workforce initiatives designed to address both immediate workforce needs and long-term economic growth. Programs and services include workforce training and credential attainment, youth and young adult career development, apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities, business services, incumbent worker training, digital skills development, reentry and recovery-to-work initiatives, and targeted support for individuals facing barriers to employment. The organization works closely with industry partners across sectors including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, construction, information technology, transportation, and skilled trades to align workforce strategies with regional labor market demands.

A significant focus of NRMRWDB's recent work has centered on expanding equitable access to workforce opportunities in rural communities while helping employers address critical talent shortages. The Board has

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#### Higher Education

Virginia Tech  
Radford University  
New River Community College

led and partnered on initiatives that strengthen workforce participation, improve economic resilience, and create sustainable opportunities for both businesses and job seekers throughout the region.

Additional information about the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board, current initiatives, labor market resources, and workforce services can be found at [vcwnewrivermtrogers.com](http://vcwnewrivermtrogers.com).



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** NRVRC Commissioners

**From:** Kevin Byrd, Executive Director

**Date:** May 22, 2026

**Re:** Annual Commission Awards Process and Criterial for Review/Discussion

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In 2014 the Commission initiated an awards program. The Commission identified three award categories, established criteria and solicits nominees each year. The previous award recipients are listed at the end of the memo. Below are the award criteria and the process anticipated for the 2026 awards for review and discussion before launching the call for nominees which will be due by August 17th.

**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 have regional impact, improve communities through their dedication, and collaborative approach.

**Citizen of the Valley:** an individual or organization within the New River Valley that has made significant contributions toward the betterment of the region. Focus will be on candidates that improve communities through their dedication, collaborative approach, and overall impact.

**Friend of the Valley:** an individual or organization outside of 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 regional impact, dedication, and collaborative approach.

Please tell us why you think your nominee should be recognized as exemplifying one of the award categories in 750 words or less. This input will be the primary document used to select award recipients. Nominations should include examples of how the candidate contributes within the context of the proposed award category. In addition, you may want to include how the candidate impressed you or has influenced your work, what projects, positions and/or volunteer activities the candidate has been engaged with, and/or why the candidate stands out and should be recognized. Previous nominees may be resubmitted for consideration. Nominees may be subject to a background check. The Regional Commission Board of Directors will select the 2026 award recipients by ballot at its meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Process:**

May – Commission review award criteria and process

June – Release call for award nominees, due August 17<sup>th</sup>

August – Commission review and select award recipients

September – Contact award recipients to ensure schedule availability for October award presentation

October – Present awards at annual dinner event

**Past Award Winners****Champion of the Valley**

2014 – Joseph Sheffey (Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, retired)

2015 – Congressman Rick Boucher (9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, retired)

2016 – Delegate Joseph Yost and William Brown (12<sup>th</sup> House District in Virginia; Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, retired)

2017 – Chris McKlarney (Giles County Administrator)

2018 – Susan Kidd (Director of Strategic Development – Town of Narrows)

2019 – Delegate Nick Rush (7<sup>th</sup> House District in Virginia)

2020 – Chris Tuck (Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, retired)

2021 – Lydeana Martin (Floyd County) and Craig Meadows (Montgomery County Administrator)

2022 – Penny Franklin (Montgomery County School Board)

2023 – Delegate Jason Ballard (12<sup>th</sup> House District in Virginia)

2023 – Robert Graham (Superintendent Pulaski County Schools)

2024 – Jonathan Sweet (Pulaski County Administrator)

2025 – Judge H. Lee Harrell (27<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Virginia)

**Citizen of the Valley**

2014 – Dr. Charles Steger (Virginia Tech President, retired)

2015 – Ken Anderson (Anderson and Associates, retired)

2016 – Penelope Kyle, JD (Radford University President, 2005-2016)

2017 – Woody Crenshaw (Floyd Entrepreneur)

2018 – P. Buckley Moss (Artist/Philanthropist) and David Hagan (Business Owner/Community Investor)

2019 – Raymond Smoot (Community Leader)

2020 – Bill Ellenbogen (Community Advocate)

2021 – Shelley Fortier (Habitat for Humanity of the NRV, retired) and John Dooley (VT Foundation, retired)

2022 – Janaka Casper (Community Housing Partners)

2023 – Cathy Hanks (Friends of Peak Creek & New River Conservancy)

2024 – Dr. Pat Huber (New River Community College) and Sandy Davis (Community Leader)

2025 – Angie Covey (New River Community College)

**Friend of the Valley**

2016 – Mary Moody Northen Foundation (Mountain Lake Lodge)

2017 – Bill Shelton (Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development)

2019 – John Smolak, III (Appalachian Power)

2022 – New River Conservancy

2025 – Dr. Tamarah Holmes (Director of Broadband VA Department of Housing and Community Development)