

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on January 28, 2010

6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Starnes, Chair; City of Radford; Mrs. R. Moses, Vice-Chair, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. D. Langrehr, Town of Blacksburg; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; and Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg.

ABSENT: Mr. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mrs. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Vacant, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Vacant, Radford University; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER AND DECEMBER MINUTES

Mr. Starnes stated that due to the lack of a quorum in December, approval of the October minutes were tabled. He asked for a motion to accept the October minutes.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the October minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

Mr. Starnes asked for a motion to accept the December minutes.

Motion: Mrs. Moses moved that the minutes December minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried. 2 abstentions.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that he had nothing to report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Dr. Harvey stated that the Competitiveness Center is still evaluating its alternatives.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Mr. Starnes stated that without a quorum at the December meeting, approval of the Treasurer's Report were tabled. Mr. Starnes asked for a motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved that the October Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver then presented the November and December Treasurer's Reports, stating that the PDC was still solvent and he would answer any questions.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved that the November and December Treasurer's Reports be approved as presented. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried. 1 abstention.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Committee had no report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

- **Regional Accomplishments**
 - Public Transportation in the City of Radford
 - Tourism website initiative funded 50%
 - Crooked Road expanding participation area
 - Mobility Manager Phase 2 Application
 - Fine Arts Center of NRV ARC Grant for \$500,000
- **Transportation**
 - City of Radford/Radford University Public Transit
 - City voted to apply for DRPT grant funds for service
 - Potential service between City and RU
 - Christiansburg kicked-off transit on Nov. 23rd
 - Ridership continues to increase regularly
- **Mobility Manager**
 - Phase 1 Underway
 - Services Provider Resource Manual
 - Website development illustrate all services in the region
 - Phase 2 Application to DRPT
 - Implement Mobility Specialist
 - Help connect rider with correct service provider
 - Research Rural Provider Agreements for efficiency

- **Energy Grants**
 - \$42 million in requests for \$9.2 million available
 - Announcements should be in early February
 - Christiansburg, Giles County, Pulaski County, Town of Floyd, City of Radford, and PDC
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- **Tourism**
 - Informal working committee representing chambers and local governments
 - Asked PDC to prepare grant for regional tourism website to Virginia Tourism Corporation
 - Project received 50% funding from VTC
 - Meeting 2/2/10 to discuss revised scope
- **Regional Broadband**
 - Funding announcements scheduled for Jan. 30th
 - Will re-submit for Round 2 if not funded in 1st round
- **Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission**
 - Performing Cultural Heritage Inventory of all 19 counties in Southwest VA
 - Todd Christensen of DHCD serving as Director
 - Montgomery County meeting on 1/19/10
 - Preparing data sheets on top 7 assets in Montgomery County to include on Heartwood website
 - Other NRV counties/city inventory meetings forthcoming
 - Potential presentation at March PDC meeting
- **The Crooked Road**
 - Expanding the footprint to include 19 counties
 - Opportunities for localities to participate
 - Documented success through tourism and downtown improvements targeted by state and federal programs
- **Internal Staff Projects**
 - Completed Technology Inventory
 - All computers, software and naming scheme
 - Preparing Technology Plan
 - 5-year schedule for computer replacement
 - Cost estimates for file server
 - Annual GIS licensing schedule with ESRI
 - Starting regional library (final reports/grant applications)
- **Local Meetings**
 - Meeting with County Administrators and Town/City Managers
 - Presentations to Boards of Supervisors and Councils during new year
- **Next Month**
 - CDBG Project Prioritization
 - Jurisdictions should contact PDC with projects
 - Presentation by Ed Stoots, Regional Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry
 - Value of Virginia's Forests and Land Conservation

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Aric Bopp, New River Valley Economic Development Alliance

Mr. Bopp presented a slide show which outlined the make-up of the Alliance, their marketing process, and many of the projects/industries they were instrumental in bringing to the NRV.

Mr. Patton asked what is the Alliance transitioning towards. Mr. Bopp stated that there seems to be a need for hi-tech or bio-tech.

Dr. Harvey asked what are some of the reasons potential clients give for deciding not to locate in the NRV. Mr. Bopp stated mainly location, logistics, no rail, and no major customers or supplies.

B. Presentation by Jennifer Wilsie and Elisabeth Vogel on the HOME Consortium

Ms. Wilsie and Ms. Vogel presented a slide show of some of the finished projects that the HOME Consortium has completed. Ms. Wilsie stated that the HOME Consortium was established in 2007. Each member jurisdiction has to renew their membership every three years. Since 2007, funds have increased from \$827,000 to \$989,000 in 2009.

Ms. Vogel stated that the funds are rotated to a new jurisdiction each year. Some of the projects include: Dora Highway -Town of Pulaski; Baskerville - Pul. Co; Cedar Hill and Old Farm Village - Mont. Co.

C. Declaration of Surplus Items

Mr. Starnes stated that the dump truck had been offered to the localities for bid and Floyd County purchased it for \$11,000.

Items which need to be declared as surplus are: tire shredder, Dodge pick-up, and a small trailer. He asked for a motion to declare these items as surplus property. Staff will then place them on a website, www.Govdeals.com to be bid upon.

Motion: Mr. Gerald moved that the items be declared as surplus property for sale. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

D. Review and Approval of FY09 Audit

Mr. Weaver stated that the audit speaks for itself, honest and forthwith. He stated he was very pleased with it.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the FY09 Audit be accepted. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sheffey commended the staff for their work.

E. Update on Development Corporation/Competitiveness Center

Mr. Byrd stated that Christy Straight and Joe Morgan have been working with Virginia's First to create a Participation Committee to allow VA's 1st members the option of purchasing the Competitiveness Center.

Mr. Huber has contacted Mr. Boucher's office, and Becky Coleman from that office has met him to discuss how they might approach EDA to step away as the first lien holder and then contact Carter Bank.

Mr. Byrd provided a copy of the Competitiveness Center tenant log.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Participation in Go Green NRV

Mr. Byrd stated that the Go Green NRV is an organization focused on helping NRV businesses evaluate and institute green practices at their work sites. In order to participate with Go Green NRV, an environmental policy statement for each organization must be adopted. Staff has prepared a policy statement for the Commission to consider adopting. The policy statement was provided in the Commissioners packets. He stated that the staff already has in place recycling (aluminum cans, plastic bottles, office paper, newspaper), composting, and energy conservation; and will work to have a more comprehensive, formalized recycling process, sustainable purchasing, additional energy saving strategies, and distribute meeting materials electronically to reduce use of paper copies.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved that the Policy Statement be adopted in order to participate in Go Green NRV. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Resolution for Joe Gorman

Mr. Starnes stated that Joe Gorman, who had been a devoted member of the Commission, had passed away. He stated he would be sorely missed. A resolution had been prepared to give to his family. He read the resolution and asked for its approval.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Resolution for Joe Gorman be approved. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution for David Dehart

Mr. Starnes stated that David Dehart, who had served on the Alliance, had also passed away. A resolution had been prepared to give to his family. He read the resolution and asked for its approval.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Resolution for David Dehart be approved. Mrs. Janney seconded the motion

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

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C. Resolution in Support of Mobility Manager Grant Application

Mr. Byrd stated that the Commission is currently administering a mobility manager grant funded by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. There is an expressed need to continue this funding in order to implement the planning data and collection of the first phase by applying for an additional mobility management grant. The Commission will partner with an existing human service provider in the NRV to staff the Mobility Manager position. A critical component of the position is the ability to connect persons searching for transportation to the correct transportation provider.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved that the Resolution in support of a mobility manager grant application be approved. Mrs. Janney seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
None

B. Regular Project Review
None

C. Environmental Project Review
None

Mr. Starnes stated there were no projects for review.

Meeting adjourned.

Thomas L. Starnes, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on February 25, 2010

6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Starnes, Chair, City of Radford; Mrs. R. Moses, Vice-Chair, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Mrs. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Vacant, Giles County; Mr. D. Langrehr, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Vacant, Radford University; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; and Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg.

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had any questions or corrections concerning the January minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the January minutes.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the January minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried with 1 abstention.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Competitiveness Center

Mr. Starnes asked Dr. Harvey for an update on the Competitiveness Center. Dr. Harvey stated that in this era we are experiencing arguably the worst economy the country has seen since the depression. When we pull out of this recession the Competitiveness Center will stand alone as the provider of training, support, and funding to be used to grow regional small businesses. Through encouraging the growth of business, the Center is able to foster an increase for our regional economy. All across this country, communities are expressing a need for an operation such as ours. We have it, and the Center's board is trying every possible way to salvage its operation so that we will still have it when better times arrive. We desperately need your help.

The Development Corporation discussed four ways through which the regional governments could provide life sustaining assistance to ensure the center's continued operation:

1. Provide Moral Obligation - 1/8th of \$2.6 million debts = \$325,000
2. Provide a Lump-sum Contribution, or several smaller installment contributions
3. Provide In-kind Assistance for day-to-day operations

4. Provide Representation On The Board, two jurisdictions do not have representation on the board. The DC is looking into possibly selling their land adjacent to the Competitiveness Center. Mr. Sheffey stated that Pulaski County has changed the zoning of the land.

State Funding

Mr. Starnes stated that the State is proposing to completely cut PDC funding.

Mr. Byrd stated that reduction for FY11 was 15% (\$77,000 to \$66,000). The Senate wanted to take it to \$0; they didn't understand the PDC's functions; however the House does understand.

Mr. Starnes stated that he had called Senator Edwards and he indicated he had received numerous other calls. Mr. Sheffey stated he had also contacted Senator Edwards. Mr. Starnes asked that the Commissioners contact their representatives as soon as possible.

Surplus Property

Mr. Starnes noted that the surplus property items had been posted on the website *GovDeals.com*. The tire shredder bid is now up to \$8,000, the pick up has been sold, and the trailer is still available.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

NR Roundtable

Mr. Harvey stated that the NR Roundtable has launched a campaign for removing old or unused prescription drugs from medicine cabinets in order to keep them out of the wrong hands. To keep the groundwater clean, instead of flushing them, we're looking at setting up sites (possibly police stations) where the prescription drugs can be brought for disposal.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY

Mr. Weaver stated that over half the fiscal year has passed and everything is on schedule. Mr. Starnes asked for a motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved that the January Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Mrs. Lesko seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sullivan asked if we are on budget; he would like to see what percentage of the budget has been spent for each category. Mr. Starnes stated that could be arranged.

Mr. Starnes then stated that he would like to move up item A. under New Business in order for Mr. Stoots to make his presentation at this time.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ed Stoots, Regional Forester for Western Virginia

Mr. Stoots stated he was glad to be at the meeting to make his presentation. He stated that as regional forester, he covers 28 counties from Lexington to Lee County. He made a slide presentation and recapped the 2009 state of the forest. Although since 1940 the total volume of acreage has doubled to 26.5 billion cubic feet, it is estimated that 1 million acres will be lost due to catastrophes by 2030. His slide presentation included the different types of trees and the insects that can destroy them.

Mr. Sheffey stated that with the large amount of snow and rain over the winter months, hopefully there won't be as many fires. Mr. Stoots stated that 1999 through 2006 were really hectic years, mostly fire-fighting.

Mr. Starnes thanked Mr. Stoots for his presentation.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Committee had no report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

- **State Budget**
 - House proposed 15% reduction for PDCs
 - Senate proposed elimination of PDC funding
 - Call Representatives and explain PDC serves core function in state government
- **Energy Grants**
 - Governor to make formal announcement of grant recipients today or Friday
 - Informally, Radford City -\$23,000 for Feasibility Study for Bio-mass Project
- **Economic Development Administration Grant**
 - Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program
 - Auto industry: Volvo and supply chain
 - Potential application with VT Office of Economic Development
 - NRV PDC to be lead applicant
 - Partnering with Roanoke, Mt. Rogers, West Piedmont PDCs
 - Technical assistance from VT faculty
 - Marketing assistance from Economic Developers
- **Regional Broadband**
 - Announced VT Foundation received funding for "diversity line" from Bedford through Craig County
 - NRV Network Wireless Authority not funded, but working on an application for round 2. Revising pro-forma and potentially increasing service area.
- **Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission**
 - Performing Cultural Heritage Inventory of all 19 counties in Southwest VA
 - Floyd County two weeks ago

- Conducted inventory meetings in Giles County (20+) and Pulaski County/Radford City (30) on 2/24/10

10-24

- Shooting 1 video in each County telling the story of “My Southwest Virginia”. (\$3,500 match locally)
- Potential presentation at March PDC meeting

- **VAPDC Winter Conference**

- Secretary of Commerce, Honorable Jim Chang
- Double Governor’s Opportunity Fund (\$12 mil to \$24)
- Increase incentives for Film Industry
- Energy capital of east coast (off shore oil and wind turbines)
- Trade offices in China and India (\$1 mil for each office)
- Working to establish a Deputy Secretary for Rural VA

- **Local Meetings**

- Meeting with County Administrators and Town/City Managers, on-going
- Presentations to Boards of Supervisors and Councils

- **Next Month**

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
 - March: Project List Populated, Review Ranking Criteria
 - April: Goals & Objectives, Ranking Order of Projects
 - May: Adopt CEDS Update
- Presentation by Todd Christensen, SWVA Cultural Heritage Commission

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

B. Community Development Block Grant Prioritization

Mr. Byrd stated that jurisdictions were asked to identify any projects which they were going to undertake now and in the future. The list of projects was at the bottom of the Priorities List provided in the packet. The suggested priorities should be reviewed as presented and determine if any changes need to be made.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved that the Priorities List be approved as presented. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. FY 2010 State Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Grant - Department of Environmental Quality

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Proposed Load and Pack Operation for PGU-14/B API Rounds-Radford Army Ammunition Plant

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone wished to comment on the proposed project.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies, and goals. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Thomas L. Starnes, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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held on March 25, 2010

6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Starnes, Chair, City of Radford; Mrs. R. Moses, Vice-Chair, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; D. Langrehr, Town of Blacksburg; Mrs. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; and Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Vacant, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Vacant, Radford University; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

Mr. Starnes requested that Item A. under New Business be moved up in order for Mr. Christensen to make his presentation and not have to stay for the full agenda.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Todd Christensen, Executive Director, Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Commission

Mr. Christensen presented slides showing the new Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway. The facility will serve as a focal point and portal to the heritage tourism efforts taking place in Southwest Virginia. The \$16 million facility is located alongside Interstate 81 next to the Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon. The facility will connect tourists to regional artisan studios, music venues, craft trails, outdoor recreation and more throughout the region, and is expected to draw more than 270,000 visitors and produce \$2.2 million in revenue each year from the sale of crafts, food, and beverages. He stated that a website is being developed and videos of artisans and their work will be available for viewing. The website will tell stories of coal camps, rivers and forests and outdoor recreation, walking and bike trails, as well as centers of arts and crafts.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Mr. Starnes stated due to the lack of a quorum, approval of minutes will be continued until the next meeting.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Mr. Starnes stated due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes will be continued until the next meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Committee had no report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

- **State Budget**
 - Conference Committee recommended 15% reduction in funds for PDCs (\$77,720 to \$66,062) down from 2007 funding of \$90,000
 - 27% reduction in 3 years
 - VAPDC Strategic Planning next week to address educating legislators on PDC roles/functions
- **Regional Partnerships**
 - County administrators/town managers/regional agency directors get together and discuss ways to work together to save funds, time and decrease duplication of resources
 - Next meeting will focus on IT services
- **Economic Development Administration Grant**
 - Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program
 - Auto industry: Volvo and supply chain
 - Potential application with VT Office of Economic Development, NRVPC to be lead applicant
 - Partnering with Roanoke & Mt. Rogers PDCs
 - Marketing assistance from economic developers
- **Regional Broadband**
 - NRV Network Wireless Authority (Pulaski/Giles) revised approach to application which is due 3/26
 - Citizen's Co-op lead applicant with Authority providing service commitment and matching funds
 - Counties in Authority will receive service for approximately 1/6 of current cost
 - Service to schools, gov't facilities, libraries, other public facilities.
- **NRV Tourism Website**
 - Grant from VA Tourism Corporation and local match
 - Regional website "without borders" highlighting the green/cultural heritage experiences in the NRV
 - RFP for website designer released on 3/23, sent to 5 local firms, bids are due April 19th
 - Thanks to Montgomery County staff for RFP review
- **Economic Development Administration (EDA) Conference**
 - Contacts discussing NRV Economic Development programs, currently funded by EDA and potential applications

- Participated in focus group with US Department of Commerce Assistant Secretary on EDA Relationship with Economic Development Districts (EDD) and the improvement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- **Local Planning Commissioner Training**
 - April 28th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 - Focus on alternative energy systems
 - Wind Turbines (small and large) and Solar
 - PDC staff working on developing large wind energy system ordinance for localities
- **Staff Training**
 - Group/Meeting Facilitation Training will be held on April 30th
 - Facilitation offered by Holly Lesko and Leslie Howard
- **Local Meetings**
 - Continuing to meet with jurisdictions. Town of Floyd is forthcoming
 - Making presentations to boards of supervisors and councils in Pearisburg and Christiansburg
- **Next Month's Meeting**
 - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
 - Project List populated, ranking order of projects

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

B. Setting Priorities for 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Mr. Byrd stated that the suggested priorities had been provided in the packet. He stated that the change from last year's priorities was: Tourism moved to Priority 1 and Interstate Connections moved to Priority 2. He asked if there were any other changes that need to be made.

Mrs. Lesko asked if Local School & Educational Facilities Programs needs to be moved to Priority Level 1 since education funds have been cut.

Mr. Starnes asked if the Executive Committee would approve this recommendation.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that this item be moved to Priority Level I. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

A new item was added to New Business

C. Transportation Work Program for FY 2011

Mr. Sharp presented three components for FY 11 Transportation Work Program:

716.1 - Program Administration

- Staff support and assistance to TAC and established subcommittees
- Provide fiscal accountability for SPR funds
- Regional travel and communication

28% of total budget

716.2 - Regional Projects & Core Program Requirements

- State planning assistance
- Regional technical planning assistance
- Project development & grant writing assistance

58% of total budget

716.3 - Regional Rural Long-Range Plan

- Completing unfinished tasks in previous phases
- Assistance to VDOT and consultant through the formal plan review
- Obtain formal adoption and approval from each jurisdiction

14% of total budget (with contingency to move any funding balance into 716.2)

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions. He asked if the Executive Committee would approve this item

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved that the Transportation Work Program for FY 2011 be approved as presented.
Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Byrd stated that since the surplus property had been posted on the *GovDeals.com* website, all of the items have been sold.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. Request for Funds from EPA for Chesapeake Bay Program Office FY 2010 - Chesapeake Media Service
2. Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program - Western VA Transportation Equipment Manufacturing Competitiveness Initiative
3. Request for Funds from Federal Aviation Administration for Rehabilitation Runway 6-24 Construction Project - New River Valley Airport Commission

4. VADEQ Technical and Scientific Support Services for Chesapeake Bay Water Quality & Living Resources Data Analysis & Interpretation - Department of Environmental Quality
5. FY 2010 Enhanced Monitoring to Improve the Assessment of Sediment & Nutrient Load Reduction to Support the Chesapeake Bay Program - Department of Environmental Quality

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

None

Mr. Starnes stated that projects in item A had been signed off by the staff.

Meeting adjourned.

Thomas L. Starnes, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH MINUTES

Mr. Starnes stated that due to the lack of a quorum at the March meeting, the February Minutes need to be approved.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the February Minutes be approved. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried with 1 abstention.

Mr. Starnes then asked if there were any questions or changes to the March Minutes.

Motion: Mr. Harvey moved that the March Minutes be approved. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried with 1 abstention.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Mr. Starnes stated due to the lack of a quorum, the February Treasurer's Report needs to be approved.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the February minutes be approved. Mrs. Lesko seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried with 1 abstention.

Mr. Starnes then asked Mr. Weaver to present the March Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Weaver stated the PDC is still solvent. He stated that the second page of the report details the expenses for the month.

Mr. Sullivan stated he thought the added column of percent expended was very helpful.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved that the March Treasurer's be approved. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried with 1 abstention.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Committee had no report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

- **Economic Development Administration Grant**
 - Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program
 - Auto industry: Volvo and supply chain
 - Application with VT Office of Economic Development
 - NRVPDC to be lead applicant
 - Partnering with Roanoke & Mt. Rogers PDCs
 - Technical assistance from VT faculty
 - \$3.5 million over 3 years (\$204,000) to NRVPDC
- **VA Geologic Mapping Advisory Committee**
 - Public/private sector representation
 - Review geologic mapping proposals for VA
 - Localities need GIS files, not just pdf files
 - How geology relates to economy is important message
 - Receive updates on Division of Geology and Mineral Resources projects
 - Comprehensive Planning Resources (maps, mineral productions)
- **NRV Development Corporation**
 - Considering refinancing with NBB
 - NRVPDC application to RD for Rural Business Enterprise Grant

- 50% support for small business support/marketing at Competitiveness Center
 - 50% geared toward business development for value-added growers/producers, “green” business development (bio-mass, energy companies)
- **Workforce Investment Board**
 - Establishing independent agency
 - Previously PDC employees
 - PDC performed all payroll, human resource, and fiscal agent duties for WIB
 - WIB solicited proposals from local governments/PDCs in the service area to serve as fiscal agent
 - Proposals due April 26th
 - NRVPDC submitting proposal
 - Major undertaking to separate two agencies
- **VDOT**
 - Public hearing on draft Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP)
 - June 3rd at New River Community College
 - 5:00 pm Local Government Officials Meeting
 - 6:00 pm General Public
 - Draft SYIP not yet released
- **Regional Partnerships**
 - County administrators/town managers/regional agency directors get together and discuss ways to work together to save funds, time and decrease duplication of resources
 - Next meeting will focus on IT services
- **Heartwood**
 - “Topping out Ceremony”
 - April 30th - highest point of the building celebration
 - Website
 - “Plan a Visit” - mapping features, lodging, restaurants, etc.
 - “Plan a Lifetime” - links to VEDP, real estate, business incubators, local economic development offices
- **NRV Tourism Website**
 - RFP for website designer released on 3/23
 - Bids due April 19th
 - 9 bids received (4 local firms, 5 out of state firms)
 - Short list comprised of 2 local firms
 - Firm to be selected by May 7th
- **Local Planning Commissioner Training**
 - April 28th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Competitiveness Center
 - Focus on alternative energy systems
 - Wind Turbines (small and large)
 - Solar
 - PDC staff working on developing large wind energy system ordinance for localities
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- **Regional Partnerships**
 - Purchasing (Mont. Co staff support)
 - Signing up for Office Max State contract
 - Treatment chemicals (order placed = nearly 50% savings)
 - IT services next conversation
- **Staff Training**
 - Group/Meeting Facilitation Training will be held on April 30th
 - Facilitation offered by Holly Lesko and Lesley Howard
- **Six Month Reviews**
 - Conducting 360 degree reviews with all staff
 - Open-ended feedback
 - To be completed on Monday (4/26)

Annual performance reviews will be held in mid-June

- **CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**
 - Minor changes in project ranking
 - Project readiness moved several projects up the list
 - Biggest Change
 - Removed East-West Connector Road from Mont. Co. Line to Town of Pulaski
 - Added Rt. 114 widening frm Christiansburg Town limits to Radford Army Ammunition Plant
 - East-West Connector Road can be added at a future date when funding is gathered for Rt. 114

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), Project Prioritization

Mr. Byrd reviewed the Priority Levels and Project types and the 2011 Project Package. .

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved that the CEDS Project Prioritization be approved. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. Request for Funds from US EPA to Support Staffing and Operations of the Chesapeake Bay Program Communications Office and the Citizens Advisory Committee - Alliance for the Chesapeake
2. Request for Funds from USDA to Purchase Administrative and Direct Services Facilities - New River Community Action

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Chiller Plant, Phase I (Southwest Chiller Plant) - Virginia Tech

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had questions concerning the environmental review project from Virginia Tech. Mr. Sheffey asked if a response had been received from the Town of Blacksburg. He was informed that the Town had not responded.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that this project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies and goals.
Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Thomas L. Starnes, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on June 24, 2010

6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Starnes, Chair, City of Radford; Mrs. R. Moses, Vice-Chair, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. D. Langrehr, Town of Blacksburg; Mrs. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; and Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Vacant, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Vacant, Radford University; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL & MAY MINUTES

Mr. Starnes stated that due to the lack of a quorum at the May meeting, the April minutes were tabled. He asked for approval of the April minutes.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved that the April minutes be approved. Mrs Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions concerning the May minutes.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the May minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Sheffey stated that Mr. Starnes has been an outstanding member and certainly will be missed.

Mrs. Moses presented Mr. Starnes a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated years of service. Mr. Starnes stated he would certainly miss everyone.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL AND MAY

Mr. Starnes stated due to the lack of a quorum at the May meeting the Treasurer's Report was tabled until the June meeting.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver stated that the Commission is still solvent and funds are sufficient for the remainder of the year.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the May Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Mr. Politis seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed nominees for officers for FY11 & FY12. The Committee submits the following individuals for consideration as the slate of officers, but will accept any from the floor:

Chair	Becky Moses
V. Chair	Holly Larson Lesko
Treasurer	Scott Weaver

There were no other individuals nominated and the floor was closed. Mr. Starnes asked for approval of the slate of officers.

Motion: Mr. Politis moved to accept the Executive Committee's recommended slate of officers. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

- **EDA Community Trade Adjustment Grant**
 - Focus on Transportation Industry between Roanoke Region through NRV to Mont Rogers Region
 - Site visit with EDA for 6/25 to discuss grant details
 - Very positive to receive this much interest in project from EDA
 - Great collaboration between EDD's/PDC's, VT and Industry (Volvo)
- **Congressman Boucher Conference: Build Local Economy in Global Market**
 - July 19, 9:30-1:00, no charge
 - Southwest Higher Ed Center (Abingdon)
 - Focus on Small Business Development Resources
 - Register by July 15

- **Vision 2020/CEDS**
 - Drafting “Consumer” version of Vision 2020; 80+ page CEDS report sent to EDA
 - Consumer version will be distributed in draft for review at next meeting

- **Workforce Investment Board**
 - Establishing independent agency
 - Previously PDC employees
 - PDC performed all payroll, human resource, and fiscal agent duties for WIB
 - Decided on revised agreement
 - Provided clarity on WIB employees=consortium employees
 - Defined responsible parties and illustrated processes
 - Cost of fiscal agent service increased to pre-2009 level
 - Revised agreement to be executed before June 30, 2010

- **NRV Development Corporation**
 - Survey on employee origination:

Sorted by Locality	
Montgomery Co -	10
Blacksburg -	8
Christiansburg -	3
Pulaski Co. -	9
Pulaski Twn -	3
Dublin-	1
Giles County	
Pearisburg -	1
Pembroke -	1
Floyd -	4
Radford -	3
Wytheville -	2
Roanoke -	2
Salem -	2
Total	48
 - Christiansburg contribution: \$7,500
 - City of Radford: providing parking lot striping

- **Go Green NRV**
 - NRVPDC accepted as a Participating Business
 - Christy Straight serving on Exec. Comm. as Secretary
 - Current Green Practices at NRVPDC
 - Mixed paper recycling
 - Plastic recycling
 - Composting
 - Calculating carbon footprint
 - All recyclables are carried off site by staff volunteers

- **Green Infrastructure Planning**
 - New website, primarily a resource site
 - <http://www.nrvpdc.org/GreenInfrastructure/greeninfrastructure2.html>
 - To be launched on PDC website, Monday 6/28
 - August/September presentation on Green Infrastructure Planing in the NRV

- **Regional Partnership**
 - PDC website to host page dedicated to partnership
 - Offer surplus items to other governments/agencies
 - Host 5-year equipment purchase list, identify purchasing partners
 - Adding a widget for notification when items are added to site
 - www.nrvpdc.org

- **'Round the Mountain**
 - Total members = 493
 - 306 artisans
 - 72 agritourism businesses
 - 115 craft venues
 - 378 trail sites in 19 counties
 - Trail Brochures:
 - Floyd - complete
 - Pulaski/Radford - August
 - Montgomery - August
 - Giles - Fall

- **VAPDC Summer Conference**
 - July 19-31 (Thursday-Friday p.m.)
 - Virginia Beach, Cavalier Hotel
 - Key Topics:
 - Government Reform
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Port of VA Tour - focus statewide economic development
 - Governor McDonnell (Keynote Speaker - invited)
 - Secretary of Commerce (Keynote Speaker - confirmed)
 - Secretary of Transportation (Keynote Speaker - confirmed)
 - Nominated to VAPDC Board of Directors

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of FY11 Budget

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions concerning the FY11 Budget. Mr. Garrett stated that the travel amount went up from last year. Mr. Byrd stated that several new projects may have attributed to an increase.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved that the FY11 Budget be approved as presented. Mr. Politis seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Resolution

Mr. Byrd explained that the Virginia Retirement System requires a resolution from the Commission acknowledging what portion they will pick up for the member contribution. This year, VRS has added a Plan 2 that affects new employees.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved for approval of the Resolution to pick up the employee's contribution to VRS for Plan 2 employees. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Starnes stated that in the past the month of July has been busy due to meetings or vacation. Therefore, if everyone is in agreement, the July meeting will not be held. By consensus it was agreed to skip the July meeting.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. FY 11-12 Virginia Development of Wetland Program Plan, Database Improvement and Continuing Monitoring Strategy for Virginia - DEQ
2. VADEQ F10 Chesapeake Bay Monitoring - DEQ

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Issuance of VPDES Permit for Claytor Hydroelectric Project in Pulaski & Montgomery Counties - DEQ

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had questions concerning the environmental review project.

Mr. Sheffey stated his concern that Claytor Lake has not lowered the water in order for residents to clean up debris. He felt this concern should be added to the Commission's comment on the project.

Mr. Harvey stated that a comment should also be added concerning putting in a portage trail near the dam.

Mr. Starnes asked for approval of the project.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the projects be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies and goals, and that the stated concern and comment be forwarded with approval. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Thomas L. Starnes, Chair
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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on August 26, 2010

6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mrs. Lesko stated that Executive Committee had asked her to assume the Chair position and she agreed. Mrs. Lesko then called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. H. Lesko, Chair, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Cox, City of Radford; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. D. Langrehr, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Mr. Doug Warren, Pulaski County; and Mr. M. Welker, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Mr. D. Langrehr, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Vacant, Giles County; Vacant, Town of Rich Creek; and Vacant, Radford University.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

Mrs. Lesko asked for approval of the June minutes if there were no questions or changes.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the June minutes be approved. Mr. Politis seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mrs. Lesko stated that three new members were present for the meeting. She asked that everyone introduce themselves, and then asked the new members to share some information about themselves.

Tim Cox, representing the City of Radford - A lifetime resident of Radford, married with 3 sons.

Morgan Welker, representing the Town of Pulaski - On Pulaski Town Council, VA Tech graduate, works at Motion Controls.

Doug Warren, representing Pulaski County - On Pulaski County Planning Commission, Chair of the PC PSA, grew up in Blacksburg, and glad to be working with the PDC.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mrs. Lesko stated that Mrs. Janney will give a report when she arrives.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE AND JULY

Mrs. Lesko stated that since there was no meeting in July, the June Treasurer's Report is being submitted along with July's. There will need to be a separate motion of approval for each. Mr. Weaver stated that the PDC is still solvent.

Motion: Mr. Politis moved for approval of the June Treasurer's Report. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Cox moved that the July Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Garrett questioned why the percent of printing budget was so high. Mr. Byrd stated there was an extra expense for one of the projects that had not been budgeted and that will change.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lesko stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the Chair position. Usually the Vice-Chair becomes Chair when the position is available. With the unexpected passing of Becky Moses, Mrs. Lesko will assume the duties of Chair. The Vice-Chair position is now open. She asked if anyone was interested to let her or Mr. Byrd know. Mrs. Perkins has agreed to continue to serve as past Chair.

The Committee also discussed the Annual Dinner Meeting which will be hosted by the Town of Blacksburg. The dinner meeting is scheduled for October 28th and Mr. Byrd is in contact with Town staff. Don't forget to mark you calendar.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

- **EDA Community Trade Adjustment Grant**
 - Site visit with EDA on 7/21 to discuss grant details
 - Received non-binding letter of commitment - \$1,499,000
 - \$175,000 match provided by Volvo (industrial engineer time)
 - Volvo hosted dynamic site visit and plant tour
 - Great collaboration between EDD's/PDC's, VT and Industry (Volvo)
- **New River Valley Network Wireless Authority (NRVNWA)**
 - \$9.2 million in grant funds announced
 - Citizens lead with NRVNWA support
 - \$800,000+ matching funds from NRVNWA
 - Open access points for private sector ISPs to further develop last mile service for residents
- **Pulaski County Wind Energy Ordinance**
 - PDC assisted the County in preparing an ordinance for small, medium and large size wind energy facilities
 - Small = residential, Medium = community system or industrial, and Large = major industrial or wind farm
 - First large wind energy system ordinance in VA

- **Sustainable Communities Grant Application**
 - Submitted August 23rd
 - Significant regional undertaking
 - Proposal to create NRV Regional Plan for Sustainable Development
 - “Sustainability Hubs” focus on affordable housing
 - Integrate: Transportation, Food Systems, Infrastructure, Information Technology, Cultural Heritage, Energy, Natural Resources, Economic Development
 - Requested \$1,000,000 in grant funds
 - Match from ARC, EDA, HOME Consortium (B’burg)
 - MOU Signatories: Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski counties/City of Radford, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Virginia Tech, Community Foundation for the New River, Community Housing Partners, New River Community Action, MPO and National Committee for the New River

- **VAPDC Summer Conference**
 - Smart Beginnings - Richmond Regional Collaborative
 - Early Childhood Education - prenatal to 5 years old
 - Preparing children for Kindergarten
 - Public/Private Initiative
 - Alarming statistics document need for early childhood education
 - New River Valley Smart Beginnings taking shape
 - Business Leaders Breakfast - NRV Kick-off of sorts
 - September 30th, 7:30 a.m., Inn at VT
 - Port of Virginia Tour
 - Highlighted importance of Port to statewide economy
 - Potential to become the most significant port on east coast
 - 350,000 jobs associated with port industries
 - Average \$70,000 wage
 - Port acquired 20 year lease on APM facility
 - Newest shipping facility in western hemisphere
 - Will allow for equal footing with Port of NY
 - Could surpass NY because of channel depth
 - Working on Legislative Focus for VAPDC
 - New leadership on VAPDC legislative committee
 - May engage services to fully develop VAPDC legislative strategy
 - Secretary of Transportation - Shawn Connaughton
 - Passenger rail adding train at Lynchburg
 - Discussed funding scenarios
 - NRV visit on September 1 at 1:30, VTTI host
 - EDA Meeting
 - Issues with PDC Board composition
 - CEDS Committee to be established
 - Need to engage private sector/universities in NRV

Mr. Sheffey congratulated Mr. Byrd for being elected to the VAPDC Board of Directors. Mr. Byrd thanked Mr. Sheffey for attending the conference with him.

- **Afghani Planner Visit**
 - Mike Harvey coordinator
 - Met with 3 PDC planners (Christy Straight, Regina Elsner, Jennifer Wilsie)
 - Discussed planning projects underway in the NRV

- **Floyd County Comprehensive Plan**
 - Finishing Public Input Process
 - 4 public meetings - over 230 people participated
 - Indian Valley, Willis, Floyd Town, Check
 - Community concerns
 - land development patterns
 - population growth - fastest growing County in NRV
 - solid waste disposal
 - agricultural transitions
 - protection of water resources

Reviewed NRV population, Floyd County Employment Data, and parcel and acreage trends.

Mr. Gerald stated they really appreciate the hard work the PDC staff has done along with Lydeana Martin at the County office.

- **The Crooked Road/'Round the Mountain**
 - Crooked Road hired new Executive Director, Jack Hinshelwood, on August 2nd
 - From Shawsville and grew up in Christiansburg
 - 'Round the Mountain
 - Trail celebration set for October 22nd at West Wind Winery
 - Off Route 52/I-77 near Foster Falls
 - 500th member, which surpasses Handcrafted in America

- **NRV Development Corporation**
 - Financially operating in the black currently
 - Upcoming winter months most difficult because of heating costs
 - Researching existing revolving loan funds to re-start loan process
 - Radford performed parking lot striping in July
 - Pulaski County invested \$14,000 in materials alone since November 2009

- **Water Supply Plan**
 - NRV Water Supply Plan final review nearing completion
 - Local government adoption in fall/early winter
 - Adopt Water Supply Plan
 - Adopt Drought Ordinance
 - Mr. Byrd was appointed to the Statewide Water Supply Plan Advisory Committee

Mrs. Lesko went back to the Mutual Concern portion of the agenda and asked Mrs. Janney if she wanted to talk about the last Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee meeting. Mrs. Janney stated that there was discussion about an agreement that the water coming out of Lake Gaston and the Kerr Dam would have to come back in as good a shape as it went out. North Carolina representatives have finally come to the table concerned with the Corps of Engineers and who gets the water first. There is a Senate Bill which is geared toward controlling the Bay. The Chesapeake Bay is going to be used as a model for all states. If the EPA takes control, we'll choke.. DEQ has appointed new

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorial Resolution for Becky Moses

Mrs. Lesko read the Memorial Resolution honoring Becky Moses which will be given to her family.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Resolution be approved and presented to her family on behalf of the PDC. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Election of Officers for FY 11-12

Mrs. Lesko stated, as previously mentioned, she would assume the Chair position. She asked any volunteers for the Vice Chair position to contact her or Mr. Byrd.

C. Presentation on Pulaski County/City of Radford Water and Sewer Project

Ms. Christy Straight, PDC Regional Planner, made a slide presentation concerning the water and sewer pipe lines that will be constructed from the City of Radford and end at the Commerce Park in Dublin. The lines will not only benefit the Park but residents along the way. There will be a 1.19 million gallon pump station and the City has the capacity to supply the water needed.

D. Review and Approval of Annual Report for DHCD

Mrs. Lesko asked for approval of the Annual Report prepared for DHCD.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Annual Report for DHCD be approved as presented. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

E. Review of Consumer Version of CEDS Document

Mrs. Lesko asked if there were any comments. Dr. Harvey stated she was afraid of the impact of presenting this because it documents lost jobs, and it is not a good marketing piece. Mr. Byrd stated that EDA wants to see what is occurring and can be used to show a need for future projects.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the CEDS Report be approved as presented. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

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F. New Commissioner Orientation Date Selection

Mr. Byrd stated that he would like to set a date for an orientation meeting and would like to see the new members after the meeting to set up a day and time.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. Water & Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, Request for Funds from Rural Development Community Facilities Loans and Grants Program Funds -Town of Pearisburg
2. Stockpen Mountain Water Line Extension Project, Request for Funds from DHCD Construction Ready Program - Giles County
3. Christiansburg Sewage Treatment Plant Pretreatment Program Modification for VPDES Permit VA61751 - DEQ
4. Multimedia Communications Functions for FY 10-11 - Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
5. FY 11-13 Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program Grant - DEQ
6. FY 11-13 Leaking Underground Storage Tank Prevention - DEQ
7. FY 11-13 Performance Partnership Grant - DEQ
8. Water Quality Management Plan - DEQ

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Rocky Knob Sustainable Tourism Project - Blue Ridge Heritage, Inc
2. Reissuance of Permit VA0061751 for Christiansburg Wastewater Treatment Facility - DEQ
3. Claytor Hydroelectric Public Hearing, October 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Pulaski County High School (Informational)

Mrs. Lesko asked if anyone had questions concerning the environmental review projects. Mr. Byrd stated that the Claytor Hydro Project is for informational purposes.

Mr. Patton stated that the CEDS document talks about a lodge for the Rocky Knob project, however it is no longer being considered and this portion should be omitted from the document.

Mrs. Lesko asked for approval of the projects.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that environmental projects 1 and 2 be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies and goals. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Holly Larson Lesko, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on September 23, 2010
6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mrs. H. Lesko, Chair, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Cox, City of Radford; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Mr. D. Langrehr, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. Doug Warren, Pulaski County; and Mr. M. Welker, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Vacant, Giles County; Vacant, Radford University; and Vacant, Town of Rich Creek.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

Mrs. Lesko asked for approval of the August minutes if there were no questions or changes.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the August minutes be approved. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

No Report

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Harvey expressed his appreciation for PDC planners, Jennifer Wilsie, Regina Elsner and Christy Straight for meeting with a female planner from Afghanistan. Mr. Harvey explained he coordinated a meeting between the PDC planners and the Afghani planner who was an exchange student with a professional background in planning attending a summer program at Virginia Tech. He indicated the meeting was very positive and the foreign planner appreciated the experience.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

Mrs. Lesko asked if there were any questions concerning the Treasurer's Report provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Weaver stated that the PDC is still solvent.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved for approval of the August Treasurer's Report. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lesko stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the vacant Vice-Chair position. The Executive Committee nominated Mr. Patton as a candidate for the position. Mr. Patton has accepted the nomination and is willing to serve.

Motion: Mr. Gerald moved that Mr. Patton be elected to serve as Vice-Chair. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Committee discussed the term for the rotating member currently held by Mr. Politis of Montgomery County. Mr. Politis's term is expiring and Pulaski County will need to make an appointment effective November 2010 through June 2012. The Committee also reported that Mr. Byrd is researching financial systems for implementation at the Commission. He will be observing other PDC financial systems over the next few months.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

- **New Commissioner Orientation**
 - Held September 20th
 - Attended by: Tim Cox, City of Radford; Doug Warren, Pulaski County; Morgan Welker, Pulaski Town
 - Overview of PDC purpose and Commissioner Roles
 - Discussed communication between PDC and localities
 - Encouraged taking advantage of regional forum offered by Commission meetings
- **Secretary of Transportation Visit**
 - September 1, hosted by VTTI
 - Open Forum: Secretary shared the Administration's perspectives, attendees offered suggestions
 - Detailed discussion during visit on how VDOT receives feedback for programming Six-Year Plan
 - PDCs are currently being surveyed by JLARC to understand role in state programming

- **Rural Transportation Program Updates**
 - Rural Long Range Plan currently being reviewed by staff at local governments in the region
 - Public input anticipated in November
 - VDOT is determining local government endorsement level
 - Desire a direct connection between Plan and programming decisions
 - Bikeway-Walkway Committee working to notify everyone Bike Virginia is coming to NRV in 2011
 - Future of Passenger Rail Presentation by DRPT: October 27, 5:30-7:00, Winston O. Link Museum, Roanoke
 - Governor's Transportation Conference, December 8-10, Hotel Roanoke, "Reforming and Revitalizing Transportation in Virginia"

- **NewVa Corridor Technology Council**
 - Organization focused on attracting and retaining knowledge based, technology industry in NRV and Roanoke
 - Video Project-Supported by Economic Development entities, targeted to young adult recruitment
 - Video can be found at: <http://thetechnologycouncil.com/region>

- **Smart Beginnings**
 - Business Leaders Breakfast - NRV Kick-off
 - September 30th, 7:30 a.m., Inn at VT
 - Engaging the business community in early childhood development

- **Virginia Tech CRC Phase II**
 - Groundbreaking Ceremony September 20
 - Funded by EDA and VT Foundation (\$4 million total project)
 - Project was in regional CEDS document
 - Eligible for EDA funding due to NRVPC Economic Development District status

- **The Crooked Road/'Round the Mountain**
 - Meeting with Crooked Road Executive Director on September 27
 - 'Round the Mountain: trail celebration set for October 22nd at West Wind Winery
 - Celebrated Montgomery County Trail Brochure September 9 at Sinkland Farms
 - Business of Craft Institute-Entrepreneurial Training coming up

- **NRV Hazard Mitigation Plan**
 - Public Input Dates: Sept. 15, Pearisburg; Sept. 16, Montgomery Co.; September 20, NRCC-Dublin; Sept. 21 Radford Rec. Center; Sept. 22, Floyd County Library

- **Local Government Presentations**
 - Town of Blacksburg, August 31, Joint Town Council/Planning Commission Meeting
 - City of Radford, September 27

Mr. Patton and Mr. Cox inquired about the dates for Bike Virginia coming to the region. The Commission discussed the importance of educating residents of the region about the presence of cyclist prior to the event. Mr. Garrett asked if the cyclists would be making a large group ride that could potentially impede traffic on local roadways. Mr. Byrd will contact project organizers to determine dates and likely group ride scenarios. Dr. Harvey added she noticed the Virginia Creeper Trail was utilizing stimulus funding to improve their trail and it is a significant economic asset for their area.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Joint Planning Commission Meeting on October 28th

Mrs. Lesko announced that the Town of Blacksburg will host the event at the German Club. Denise Barrett with Appalachian Sustainable Development will give a presentation on Local/Regional Food Systems Planning. A Commission meeting will be held prior to the Annual Dinner. The Commission will set the local assessment at that meeting.

Mrs. Lesko indicated a meeting in December is not set, but the Executive Committee is discussing potential format change from inviting legislators to inviting Mayors of Town/City Councils and Chairs of Boards of Supervisors in the region. Mr. Langrehr suggested one regional topic for that meeting could be a presentation on the Regional Bikeway-Walkway-Blueway Plan.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of NRVPDC Annual Report

Mrs. Lesko provided an overview of the document and asked Commissioners if they had any questions.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the Annual Report be approved. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Review and Approval of FY 11 Work Program

Mrs. Lesko encouraged Commissioners to review the Work Program to learn the day-to-day operations of the NRVPDC and indicated this document does a good job capturing all the work performed by Commission staff. Dr. Harvey asked about the intended audience for the Work Program. Mr. Byrd replied that the funding agencies, local governments, legislators and selected parties receive a hard copy in the mail. Mr. Welker pointed out the Town of Pulaski representative roles need to be switched between citizen and elected official. Mr. Langhrer asked about project number 718 titled, MPO Bike Master Plan. Mr. Byrd clarified the project title was from last fiscal year and the project did not materialize. The MPO Bike Master Plan is a project on the horizon, but not likely this fiscal year.

Motion: Mr. Cox moved that the FY 11 Work Program be approved. Mr. Welker seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Equipment Manufacturing Initiative Presentation

Mr. Byrd provided a brief presentation on the upcoming EDA funded project. The project is funded by EDA at \$1,499,000 and a \$175,000 match is provided by Volvo. Transportation equipment firms will have the opportunity to apply for technical assistance grants to work with Virginia Tech faculty. Mr. Langhrer asked who will serve on the committee reviewing applications. Mr. Byrd replied the committee would be comprised of faculty members in Industrial Systems Engineering, Office of Economic Development and PDC.

D. New River Valley Network Wireless Authority Broadband Presentation

Mr. Byrd provided a brief presentation on the upcoming broadband funded project. He highlighted the fiber routes added in Montgomery County that were not included in the Round 1 application. Mr. Langhrer asked about the need for local governments to work with Citizens Co-op, who is installing the fiber, on easements. He also asked how local governments could be more involved in the ownership of fiber in their communities. Mr. Byrd encouraged the communities to have this discussion with Citizens Co-op and consider joining the NRV Network Wireless Authority in order to receive the most benefit of the project coming to the area.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Lesko announced ARC applications are due in October and PDC staff is busy working with several applicants on their grant submissions.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
None
- B. Regular Project Review
None
- C. Environmental Project Review
None

Meeting adjourned.

Holly Larson Lesko, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on October 28, 2010
5:30 p.m.– German Club, Blacksburg

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mrs. H. Lesko, Chair, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Cox, City of Radford; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. D. Langrehr, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Mr. Doug Warren, Pulaski County; and Mr. M. Welker, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Vacant, Giles County; Vacant, Radford University; and Vacant, Town of Rich Creek.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Mrs. Lesko asked for approval of the September minutes if there were no questions or changes.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the September minutes be approved. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

It was requested that Agenda Item XII be moved to this portion of the agenda.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

None

B. Regular Project Review

1. Forest Hills at Belview - Lancaster Pollard Mortgage Company

Mr. Nick Rush with Lancaster Pollard Mortgage Company gave a brief description of the project. He stated there will be 70 townhouses with a club house located on 17 acres across from the Belview Elementary School off Peppers Ferry Road. Montgomery County has approved water and sewer on the property. He stated the townhouses will be rented to moderate income individuals/families.

Dr. Harvey stated that she is concerned with low-moderate income housing because it becomes a hub of bad things, i.e. drugs. She stated the PDC needs look at these large developments more closely, one solution is not to approve them.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the project was not in conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

2. Regional Approach to Increasing Food Waste Composting - Institute for Local Self-Reliance

There was no discussion of this project.

Motion: Mr. Harvey moved that the project was not in conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

C. Environmental Project Review

None

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

No Report

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No Report

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Mrs. Lesko asked if there were any questions concerning the Treasurer's Report provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Weaver stated that the PDC is still solvent.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lesko stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the agenda for the December meeting. The meeting would be a session of discussions with mayors and chairs to gather information/questions for a forum next year with congressional officials. Mr. Sheffey asked if town managers and administrators could be invited to the December meeting. Mr. Byrd stated they can also be included. The meeting will be December 16 at 6:30. There will be a reception at 6:00 prior to the meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

- **Draper Mercantile Project**
 - Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling visited on 10/25
 - Coordinated by Senator Puckett
 - Highlighted corridor development for Draper
 - Revitalize Mercantile
 - Offer Outdoor Recreation: New River Trail and the New River
 - Winery Tours
 - Fresh food through Pulaski Fresh
 - Need for portage around 3 dams (Buck, Billsby, Claytor)
 - PDC focus on project is model for rural economic development hubs

Mr. Sheffey stated that Senator Warner had visited earlier in the month.

- **New River Valley Network Wireless Authority**
 - Authority sent official invitation to Montgomery County and City of Radford to join
 - Requires a 20% match for length of fiber in County
 - Pulaski County and Giles County IDA Authority members
 - Citizens provide match for Mont. Co and City
 - Response to invitation due 2/1/2011
 - PDC to perform Environmental Assessment
 - Construction to start Spring 2011 - complete 2013
- **Rt. 114 Bridge and Rt. 61 Bridge**
 - PDC to coordinate meeting between:
 - VDOT
 - Pulaski Co., City of Radford, Montgomery Co., Giles Co, and Town of Narrows
 - Outdoor Recreation Businesses
 - Discuss river access issues during construction
- **Passenger Train Service Expansion**
 - Meeting with DRPT 10/27 in Roanoke
 - Infrastructure limitations in expanding service south
 - \$103 million project
 - Norfolk Southern pledged \$23 million
 - State/localities will need to fund a balance of project
 - State funding for rail may compete with transit funding in the future
- **VAPDC**
 - State Agency Heads meeting 10/27
 - Facilitated session on how PDCs can partner with State agencies
 - Look for opportunities coming out of General Assembly and offer services of VAPDC
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- Suggested any definition of region coincides with PDC boundaries rather than other geographies
 - Winter conference Feb. 3-4, 2011
 - Partnering with VML/VACO
- **Water Supply Plan Adoption**
 - PDC sent memo to 13 of 15 local governments in region working on NRV Water Supply Plan
 - Notified Plan is ready for adoption and approved by DEQ
 - Regina Elsner (PDC) and Tammy Stephenson (DEQ) available for presentations or information prior to adoption
 - Localities must adopt plan by November, 2011
 - PDC has funds to assist adoption through winter
- **Smart Beginnings**
 - Business Leaders Breakfast Meeting
 - September 30th, 7:30 a.m., Inn at VT
 - Engaging business community in early childhood development
 - Presentations by:
 - Smart Beginnings Foundation
 - Past rector of VT Board of Visitors
 - Local Program
- **The Crooked Road/'Round the Mountain**
 - Crooked Road expanded footprint to all 19 counties
 - Benefits to locality-joint marketing
 - 4 jurisdictions yet to join - the counties of Montgomery, Giles, Bland, and Wythe
 - Crooked Road/RTM available for presentations to Boards
- **Blue Ridge Business Journal Panel**
 - Panel Discussion on Roanoke Valley/New River Valley working together, 10/13
 - Panelist: Dr. Ray Smoot, Beth Doughty, Jay Foster, Elmer Hodge, Dr. Ralph Whatley
 - Look for opportunities that make sense, don't force issue
 - Consider joint chapter in CEDS with NRV/Roanoke

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Per Capita Requirement

Mrs. Lesko stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the process for setting the per capita rate for local assessment; whether or not to increase on a yearly or every other year basis. When you've not increased it for several years, it makes it hard to ask jurisdictions for a larger increase all at once. The Executive Committee is proposing a 2 cent per capita increase for 2012.

Motion: Mr. Warren moved to accept the Executive Committee's proposal for a 2 cent per capita increase for 2012. Mr. Welker seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Setting of December Commission Meeting

Discussed under Executive Committee Report

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Lesko announced that Pulaski County has donated a server to the Commission and will be working with PDC staff for installation in the coming months.

Mr. Charles Bopp, representing Pulaski County as the revolving member, will be coming on board in December.

Meeting adjourned.

Holly Larson Lesko, Chair
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