

New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority

Minutes

April 24, 2025

12:00 p.m.

Christiansburg Aquatics Center

Attendees: Angie Hill and Mary Biggs, Montgomery County; Randy Wingfield and Mike Barber, Town of Christiansburg; C.B. Andrews, Giles County; Melissa Skelton, City of Radford; Todd Day, Town of Pulaski; Larry Spencer, Town of Blacksburg; Angela Joyner and Chris Stafford, Radford University; Lynsay Belshe and Dwyn Taylor, Virginia Tech; Jonathan Sweet and Dirk Compton, Pulaski County; Kevin Byrd and Chris Owens, New River Valley Regional Commission; and Reid Broughton, Sands Anderson PC.

Others Present: Ann Cassell, NRV Passenger Rail; and Chris Robinson, Alyson Gregorowicz, and Robert Natale, Wendel.

Absent: David Horton and Craig Meadows, City of Radford; Ricky McCoy, Giles County; Shannon Collins, Town of Pulaski; and Jerry Ford, Town of Blacksburg.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mike Barber, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 pm.

a. Oath of office for any new appointees—None present.

II. Minutes from February 27, 2025

Motion: C.B. Andrews moved for approval of the February 27th minutes.

Mary Biggs seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. Cost Sharing for NEPA Environmental Document—Kevin Byrd

Mr. Byrd presented a table with NEPA Cost-Sharing Scenarios which included the anticipated fees for a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Review (\$52,000), the funds available from the Appalachian Regional Commission grant for preliminary A/E service to include environmental analysis (\$15,000), and the delta of \$37,000 to be cost-shared by the Authority members using Option #3 weighted based on population, proximity to the station, and potential ridership.

Motion: Angie Hill moved to accept cost sharing option #3 as submitted with an option to pay in either FY25 or FY26.

Jonathan Sweet seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Next Meeting Date—May 22, 2025

V. Adjourn