

**New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority
Minutes**

June 22, 2023

11:30 a.m.

Pulaski County Innovation Center – New River Room

Attendees: Jonathan Sweet and Dirk Compton, Pulaski County; Sherri Blevins, Angie Hill and Craig Meadows, Montgomery County; Randy Wingfield and Mike Barber, Town of Christiansburg; Darlene Burcham and Shannon Collins, Town of Pulaski; C.B. Andrews, Giles County; Angela Joyner, Radford University; Chris Kiwus, Virginia Tech; Kevin Byrd and Chris Owens, New River Valley Regional Commission; Reid Broughton, Sands Anderson PC; and Ann Cassell, Blacksburg Partnership.

Absent: David Horton and David Ridpath, City of Radford; Jerry Ford and Larry Spencer, Town of Blacksburg; Ricky McCoy, Giles County; Laura Quesenberry, Radford University; and Lynsay Belshe, Virginia Tech.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Craig Meadows, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

a. Oath of office for any new appointees—Angie Hill sworn in as an alternate.

II. Minutes from February 23, 2023

Motion: Mr. Andrews moved for approval of the May 25th minutes.

Ms. Blevins seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. Update on the Status of the Request for Qualifications Process

Mr. Byrd reported that the Interview Committee conducted interviews with the four (4) top scoring A/E firms. The evaluation criteria and scores were presented to the board with a recommendation to pursue contract negotiations with the team of Wendel and Foresight Design.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved to approve Wendel and Foresight Design for the next step and initiate contract negotiations.

Ms. Burcham seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Station Authority Logo/Branding

a. Review updated Logo options—Mr. Byrd presented two new versions of the logo. The logo was revised to incorporate suggestions from the board. Board

preferred option #1 (with the river to the side of the railroad track) with the following two changes: 1) Use a thinner line for the horizon, 2) Use a thinner line at the bottom of the logo.

Motion: Mr. Sweet moved to approve option #1 graphic with the two suggested changes.

Ms. Blevins seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider selecting logo/brand for the Authority—Mr. Byrd presented two fonts for the logo. There was a discussion about potential uses of the logo and the differences between the two fonts. It was determined that Montserrat is the preferred font.

Motion: Mr. Kiwus moved to approve Montserrat as the official font for the logo.

Mr. Sweet seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

V. Project Update

- a. Opportunity for discussion—The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VRPA) is continuing to evaluate the final two sites. A final determination is anticipated in the coming months.

VI. Next Meeting Date—July 27, 2023 at 11:30

- a. Discuss whether July meeting is needed. If cancelled, next meeting date would be August 24th at 11:30.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved to cancel the July 27th meeting.

Mr. Sweet seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion carried unanimously.