

New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority

Minutes

October 23, 2025

11:30 a.m.

Pulaski County Innovation Center

Attendees: Angie Hill, Mary Biggs, Steve Fijalkowski, Montgomery County; Randy Wingfield and Mike Barber, Town of Christiansburg; C.B. Andrews and Ricky McCoy, Giles County; Jonathan Sweet, Pulaski County; David Horton and Todd Meredith, City of Radford; Jerry Ford and Larry Spencer, Town of Blacksburg; Shannon Collins and Todd Day, Town of Pulaski; Angela Joyner and Chris Stafford, Radford University; Lynsay Belshe and Dwyn Taylor, Virginia Tech; Kevin Byrd and Chris Owens, New River Valley Regional Commission; and Reid Broughton, Sands Anderson PC.

Others Present: Colin Burch, Jenna Friedberg and Rob Pinckney, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority; Ann Cassell, NRV Passenger Rail; Robert Natale, Wendel; John Neel, Foresight Design Services; and Chris Robinson, and Alyson Gregorowicz, Wendel (via Zoom).

Absent: Dirk Compton, Pulaski County.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
Mike Barber, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:50 pm.
 - a. Oath of office for any new appointees—None present.
- II. Minutes from August 28, 2025
Motion: Mary Biggs moved for approval of the August 28th minutes.
Jerry Ford seconded the motion.
Discussion: None
Action: Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Update—Colin Burch reported that construction by Norfolk Southern contractors at the Cambria station and the overnight location in Radford is progressing on schedule. Public outreach is ongoing and several events are planned around the VPRA October visit to include a briefing with the NRV Passenger Rail Organization, tabling prior to the Virginia Tech football game, and presentations to classes at Virginia Tech. Mr. Burch also reported coordination meetings with Amtrak will resume in November.
- IV. Architecture/Engineering Building Update—Chris Robinson, Robert Natale, and Alyson Gregorowicz (Wendel) presented the 30% design drawings of the station building for review and discussion. There were discussions about the location of an ADA compliant ramp for access to the former baggage area portion of the station building, selections for windows and doors, location of air handling equipment, roofing materials for consideration, research that was conducted to determine the historical exterior color of the building, flooring options, and the height of the

wainscoting in the waiting room. Since there are numerous decisions to be made in the design phase, the board discussed the merit of an Architectural Committee to provide direction to the A/E team. The intent of the committee is to meet with the A/E team between Station Authority board meetings so progress can be made and any items the committee reviews will be brought to the board at its next meeting date.

Motion: Mary Biggs moved to establish an Architectural Committee to include Angie Hill, Dwyn Taylor, Jonathan Sweet, and Kevin Byrd.

Jerry Ford seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

V. Grants Update

- a. ARC for preliminary Architecture/Engineering costs—Grant funds and matching funds are being drawn as the consultant team provides invoices as benchmarks are met. The next quarterly report and remittance for ARC is due in February.
- b. CRISI grant for construction—VPRA and Kevin Byrd met with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to discuss the subgrantee agreement. A statement of work is required to establish the subgrantee agreement and it will include the required Amtrak digital technology, environmental remediation, and construction. A draft was submitted to FRA for its review in October.

VI. NRV Passenger Rail Organization Update (Ann Cassell)—

VPRA is providing an update in the afternoon to the NRV Passenger Rail Organization at 3:00pm at Radford University.

VII. Next Meeting Date—January 22, 2026

VIII. Adjourn