

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MARY BALL WASHINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

August 14, 2017
Rappahannock Community College
Warsaw, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Chair** – William Beale, **Vice-Chair** – Carlton Revere, Wally Beauchamp, Lou Belcher, Elizabeth Crowther, Bruce Davis, Lisa Hull, Mike Jenkins, Kim McClellan, Leslye McDade Morrison, Troy Paino, Anne Richardson, Bryan Taliaferro, John Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Broz, Kent Farmer, Darryl Fisher, Jeron Hayes, Deirdre Powell-White

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Neal Barber, Jerry Davis, Steve Goodall, Lewie Lawrence, Fletcher Mangum, Curry Roberts

STAFF: GWRC – Kate Gibson, Tim Ware

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 11:00 am with a quorum present.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

No members of the public wished to speak.

JULY 24, 2017 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve the July 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes, and Mr. Revere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ECONOMIC GROWTH & DIVERSIFICATION PLAN PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

The consultants from Mangum Economics presented on the final draft of the Economic Growth & Diversification Plan.

Mr. Neal Barber reviewed the plan development process; growth sector analysis; and recommendations and investment strategies. The Regional Council then provided feedback on the proposed recommendations and investment strategies. Mr. Beale asked Council members to send any additional feedback to Ms. Gibson so that it may be shared with Mr. Barber and the rest of the Council. Mangum Economics will make all final changes to the plan so that Council can approve the final plan at its August 22 meeting.

Mr. Barber then presented items to consider when developing the project solicitation and review process. Mr. Beale asked that Mr. Barber make recommendations for this process to the Council at its August 22 meeting.

POTENTIAL OUTREACH EFFORTS

Mr. Beale asked Ms. Gibson to send an email to Regional Council members asking if any have personal relationships with members of the Virginia General Assembly, so that the Council can strategically reach out to these members in the future.

Mr. Beale reminded the Council of Mr. Beauchamp's suggestion from the last meeting that local elected officials be informed of the Council's work through the County Administrators/City Manager.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Regional Council will take place on August 22.

Ms. Gibson clarified that the list of upcoming meeting included in the meeting packet is correct and that calendar invites coming from someone other than herself should be disregarded.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Gibson, Senior Planner
George Washington Regional Commission