

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

June 11, 2018
Bowling Green Town Hall
Bowling Green, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Vice-Chair – Carlton Revere, Lou Belcher, Steve Goodall, Lisa Hull, Mike Jenkins, Kim McClellan, John Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair – William Beale, Wally Beauchamp, Elizabeth Crowther, Bruce Davis, Kent Farmer, Darryl Fisher, Leslye McDade Morrison, Troy Paino, Anne Richardson, Bryan Taliaferro

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Davis, Courtney Dozier, Billy Gammel, Stephanie Heinatz, Chris Lloyd, Kris Parker, Jason Perry, Liz Povar, Jordan Snelling, Dubby Wynne, Kimberly Young

STAFF: GWRC – Kate Gibson, **Community Futures** – Neal Barber

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Revere called the meeting to order at 11:10 am without a quorum present.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

No members of the public wished to speak.

APRIL 9, 2018 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

The April 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes were not able to be approved, as there was not a quorum present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Gibson presented the financial report for April 2017-April 2018. The financial report was not able to be approved, as there was not a quorum present.

BUDGET UPDATES

FY19 & FY20 State Budget

Ms. Gibson provided an overview of GO Virginia funding included in the recently adopted State Budget. GO Virginia funding was increased by a total of \$15 million over the biennium. There is now budget language to allow the State Board to waive the match requirement for capacity building funds. The budget language also gives the State Board the authority to increase regional per capita funds to a floor of up to \$1 million for regions allocated less than that, which includes Region 6, who without the floor would receive about \$800,000 in per capita funds.

FY19 Draft Support Organization Budget

Ms. Gibson presented the draft FY19 Support Organization Budget. GWRC is requesting \$102,000 for staffing, consultants, legal, meetings, and travel. The Regional Council will be asked to approve the budget at the August meeting.

FY18 & FY19 Project Budget

Ms. Gibson presented the estimated funding available for projects based on FY18 funding levels, projected FY19 funding levels, projects awarded funding, and projects in the pipeline. Region 6's estimated funding available for projects in FY19 is about \$1.5 million.

APPLICATION TIMELINE DISCUSSION

Ms. Gibson presented a revised timeline for the project application process. The revised timeline is condensed and offers more opportunities to apply throughout the year, which will hopefully be less burdensome on applicants. Regional Council members were supportive of the new timeline, but it could not be approved, as there was not a quorum present. Staff will anticipate using this timeline, upon approval at the August meeting.

APPLICATION PACKET APPROVAL

Ms. Gibson presented the draft application packet for FY19 project applications, and overviewed policy decisions included in the packet. Policy decisions to be considered by the Regional Council include the amounts set aside for Enhanced Capacity Building Projects and Collaborative Projects, the maximum amount of GO Virginia funds that can be requested for each project type, whether or not to require projects to include funding for support organization grant administration in the project budget, the project application timeline, whether or not to require that an applicant submit a letter of intent in order to apply for funding, and the elements included in the threshold review. The application packet could not be approved, as there was not a quorum present.

DISCUSSION WITH STATE BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Wynne, Chair of the State GO Virginia Board, gave a presentation to the Regional Council about GO Virginia, including what has been accomplished so far, lessons learned, and what the Regional Council should focus on moving forward. After the presentation, Mr. Wynne and Regional Council members had a discussion about how to generate interest in GO Virginia and facilitate project ideas. Ideas included hiring additional support organization staff to focus on outreach and communication/marketing, creating a business roundtable, establishing Regional Council subcommittees to focus on specific areas, and tasking Regional Council members with a more active role as GO Virginia ambassadors.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Regional Council will take place on August 13, 2018. Staff will schedule meetings for 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

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