

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

August 13, 2018
Rappahannock Community College
Glenns, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Chair** – William Beale, **Vice-Chair** – Carlton Revere, Wally Beauchamp, Lou Belcher, Elizabeth Crowther, Steve Goodall, Stephanie Heinatz, Lisa Hull, Kim McClellan, John Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Davis, Kent Farmer, Mike Jenkins, Anne Richardson, Bryan Taliaferro, Kimberly Young

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Davis, Lewie Lawrence, Ann Lewis, Stephen Moret, Christy Morton, David Pere, Jason Perry, Becky Purcell, Scott Randall, Scott Rodgers

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

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.

WATER RESILIENCY PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION

Stephen Moret, President & CEO of Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), gave a presentation on how the work of VEDP and GO Virginia complement each other and where they intersect, as well as on the work related to water resiliency in Louisiana during his tenure with Louisiana Economic Development. Lewie Lawrence, Executive Director of Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, presented on behalf of Troy Hartley of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) on the Virginia Sea Grant (VASG) Planning Grant funded through GO Virginia.

APRIL 9, 2018 AND JUNE 11, 2018 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve the April 9, 2018 and June 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes, and Dr. Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Gibson presented the financial report for April 2017-June 2018. Dr. Crowther moved to approve the financial report, and Dr. Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES APPROVAL

The Nominating Committee determined the following recommendation at their meeting:

- Accept Val Foulds
- Remove Kent Farmer and accept Ann Lewis

The Nominating Committee's recommendation was accepted as a motion. Mr. Revere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY19 CONTRACT APPROVAL

Mr. Revere moved to approve the FY19 contract between the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD), the Regional Council, and GWRC, and Dr. Crowther seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY19 SUPPORT ORGANIZATION BUDGET APPROVAL

Ms. Gibson presented the draft FY19 Support Organization Budget. GWRC is requesting \$55,482.30 for staffing, meetings, travel, and legal and \$194,517.70 for contract services, including funds for the existing contract with Community Future, funds for project development work, and funds set aside for future consulting needs. Ms. McClellan moved to approve the FY19 budget and Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Dr. Wells moved to approve the application packet, with the changes recommended by staff since the last Council meeting, and Mr. Revere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT APPLICATION DISCUSSION & DETERMINATIONS

Germanna Apprenticeship Network

Ms. Gibson summarized the proposal and presented the staff recommendation, and Mr. Beale led the resulting discussion. Mr. Beauchamp moved that the Apprenticeship Network application be approved for submission to the State Board with the following conditions:

- GCC confirms how local cash match will support the project
- GCC revises the project proposal based on feedback from subject matter expert(s) and/or DHCD, if applicable
- GCC submits any additional information and attachments required for the state application, including evidence of demand from businesses within the Region 6 priority clusters

- The State Board may require letters from each locality stating that they approve the redirection of locality contributions to support this project.

Mr. Goodall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GROWTH & DIVERSIFICATION PLAN STRATEGIES REVIEW

Mr. Barber gave a brief presentation on the priority clusters and strategies outlined in the Region 6 Economic Growth & Diversification Plan.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Regional Council will take place on October 15, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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