



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

June 10, 2019

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
Bowling Green, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Vice-Chair – Carlton Revere, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Val Foulds, Steve Goodall, Lisa Hull, Ann Lewis, Kim McClellan, Morgan Quicke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair – William Beale, Wally Beauchamp, Lou Belcher, Elizabeth Crowther, Stephanie Heinatz, Anne Richardson, Bryan Taliaferro, John Wells, Kimberly Young

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Davis, Liz Povar, Angela Freeman

STAFF/CONSULTANTS: GWRC – Kate Gibson, Jennifer Morgan, **Community Futures** – Neal Barber, **Mangum Economics** – Fletcher Magnum

CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Gibson introduced Jennifer Morgan to the Council as the new GO Virginia Program Coordinator for Region 6.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

No members of the public wished to speak.

GROWTH & DIVERSIFICATION PLAN UPDATE

Fletcher Magnum, Magnum Economics updated Council on the current economic profile of the region. Dr. Magnum explained that overall trends have not changed significantly since the original Growth and Diversification Plan analysis in 2017.

Neal Barber, Community Futures updated Council on regional stakeholder meetings and highlighted common themes from each meeting, including stopping out-commuting,



improving broadband, and focusing on regional collaboration. Furthermore, Mr. Barber explained that many who attended the meetings emphasized that workforce training/education programs do not align with employer needs and see an opportunity for Council here.

APRIL 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Quicke moved to approve the April 8 2019 Meeting Minutes, and Mr. Goodall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Gibson presented the financial report for April 2017-April 2019. Mr. Davis moved to approve the financial report, and Ms. Foulds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET REVISION DISCUSSION & APPROVAL

Ms. Gibson presented a draft Capacity Building Budget revision. The Region 6 Capacity Building Budget includes funding from FY17, FY19, and FY20. The oldest money must be spent first. The revision shifts line item amounts between fiscal years, but keeps the sum of each line item across the three years the same, to better reflect the order in which funds will be spent. Ms. McClellan moved to approve the budget revision as presented, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT & ACTIONS TAKEN

Ms. McClellan reported on the business discussed and actions taken at the Executive Committee Meeting on May 17, 2019. The Executive Committee approved the continuation of the George Washington Regional Commission as the support organization for GO Virginia Region 6, approved the FY20 Capacity Building Budget, and approved the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance and the Middle Peninsula Alliance to develop a pipeline of projects in their respective subregions. Due to conflicts of interest, only one Executive Committee member present could vote to approve the Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Region Partnership for project pipeline development in the Northern Neck sub region, therefore this proposal must come before the Council. Mr. Davis moved to approve all Executive Committee actions, and Mr. Goodall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT DETERMINATIONS APPROVAL



Mr. Davis moved to approved the Northern Neck Chesapeake Bay Region Partnership as the agency to develop a pipeline of projects for the Northern Neck sub region, and Mr. Quicke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Hull abstaining.

CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS

Ms. Povar provided updates on the PamunkeyNet Business Plan project, the Middle Peninsula Alliance Business Site Readiness Planning project, and the Middle Peninsula Project Pipeline Development effort. Mr. Jerry Davis provided updates on the Flexible Office Space Due Diligence, Welding Training Program, and Northern Neck Region-Wide Site, Building & Infrastructure Study projects. Ms. Gibson provided updates on the Virginia Sea Grant Planning Grant, Good Jobs Here, and Cybersecurity Certification Program projects.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Regional Council will take place on August 12, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator
George Washington Regional Commission