



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

August 12, 2019

Rappahannock Community College
Glenns, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Chair**– William Beale, **Vice Chair**– Carlton Revere, Wally Beauchamp, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Val Foulds, Stephanie Heintz, Lisa Hull, Ann Lewis, Kim McClellan, Morgan Quicke, Bryan Taliaferro, John Wells, Kimberly Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lou Belcher, Steve Goodall, Jason Perry, Anne Richardson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Davis, Northern Neck Planning District Commission

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 11:03 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.

June 10, 2019 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Quicke moved to approve the June 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes, and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND PROJECT FUNDING PLACEHOLDERS

Ms. Gibson presented the financial report for April 2017-May 2019. Furthermore, the Council directed staff to draft a policy regarding placeholder funds within the budget. Council asked the funds be held no more than six months after the Council has approved a project, but the project was not approved at the State level, unless the Council is made aware of active work to resubmit the project to the Council for reapproval. Ms. Foulds moved to approve the financial report, and Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT & ACTIONS TAKEN



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Mr. Beale reported on business discussed and actions taken at the Executive Committee Meeting on July 23, 2019. The Executive Committee approved the Region 6 Growth and Diversification Plan that was submitted to DHCD for review and comments, discussed current projects status, approved changes to the GO Virginia Region 6 website, and discussed creating affirmative statements on types of projects the Council would like to see be presented for approval in the region.

FY20 CAPACITY BUILDING CONTRACT APPROVAL

Mr. Beale presented to the Council the FY20 Capacity Building Contract to continue to allow the George Washington Regional Commission to serve as the staffing agency for Region 6. Ms. Hull moved to approve the contract for signature, and Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PROJECT PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Ms. Morgan informed Council that the three project pipeline development contracts were underway as of July 1, 2019. Ms. Morgan stated that she held a meeting with the subcontractors to discuss their efforts thus far, and that monthly individual check-in calls will be held with each subcontractor as well as a monthly group call, to ensure project pipeline development efforts are on track.

CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS

Ms. Morgan introduced to Council a new method for showing progress of current projects. Ms. Morgan reported that all projects are currently on track with a few projects needing additional staff oversight and assistance to ensure all deliverables are met within the current grant guidelines.

GROWTH & DIVERSIFICATION PLAN UPDATE FINAL APPROVAL

Neal Barber, Community Futures informed the Council on changes DHCD has requested be made to the updated Growth and Diversification Plan. Ms. Young suggested edits to the section on the University of Mary Washington. Mr. Taliaferro requested staff focus on creating a regional entrepreneurial coordinating function. The Council directed staff to include a 25th investment strategy and recommendation on developing a multi-regional plan on coastal resiliency to commercialize resiliency products and services across coastal Virginia. Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve the Growth and Diversification Plan Update with the addition of the 25th investment strategy and recommendation, an updated section on the University of Mary Washington, additional edits by Fletcher Magnum, Magnum Economics relating to the empirical assessment,



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and direction of the Council to leverage the financial resources of the Community Foundations within the region. Ms. Heinatz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Regional Council will take place on October 7, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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