



Mary Ball Washington Regional Council

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Interview Panel Meeting

December 9, 2019

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Woodford, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Billy Beale, Chair; Bruce Davis; Steve Goodall; Ann Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kate Gibson, GWRC; Jennifer Morgan, GWRC; Neal Barber, Community Features

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Liz Povar, Middle Peninsula Alliance; Jerry Davis, Northern Neck PDC; Lisa Hull, Northern Neck PDC; Jackie Davis, Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board; John Holden, Stafford County Department of Economic Development and Tourism; Theo Zotos, Stafford County Department of Economic Development and Tourism

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Liz Povar, Middle Peninsula Alliance (MPA), entered a letter on behalf of the MPA's Chairman, Travis Moskalski, to the Council to be submitted to the record in regards to the Northern Neck Workforce Training Feasibility Site Selection Study. Ms. Povar wanted to inform the Interview Panel that the application language does not include the Middle Peninsula, there are no business support or letters of support from Middle Peninsula localities, and recommends bringing in letters of support from businesses and Middle Peninsula localities if this project is going to explore the entire Rappahannock Community College region.

PROJECT INTERVIEWS

The Interview Panel met with Stafford County Department of Economic Development and Tourism, who presented on behalf of the project applicant, the Industrial Development Authority of Stafford County Virginia (dba Stafford Economic Development Authority) and developed a recommendation for the full Regional Council. Staff presented to the Interview Panel their comments and concerns on the project application and Mr. Beale asked questions of the applicant about what the specifics that their project would complete.

The Interview Panel met with the Northern Neck PDC, who presented on behalf of the project applicants, Northern Neck PDC, Rappahannock Community College, and the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board. Staff presented to the Interview Panel their comments and concerns on the project application and Mr. Beale asked questions of the applicant about how the applicant would include the Middle Peninsula in their project, what current workforce training is being done at the community college and how this would build on that, and expanding performance metrics.

DISCUSSION

After conducting the interview, the Interview Panel discussed the recommendation to the Regional Council.

The Interview Panel recommended deferment of the Stafford County Cyber & Smart Tech Entrepreneurial Development Program until the February meeting for applicant changes to be made.



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Mr. Beale motioned to accept this recommendation and Mr. Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor and none opposed.

The Interview Panel recommended deferment of the Northern Neck Workforce Training Feasibility Site Selection Study until the February meeting for applicant changes to be made. Mr. Beale motioned to accept this recommendation. Mr. Goodall recused himself from the vote due to his involvement on the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Mr. Goodall abstaining.

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

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