



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

December 09, 2019

Rappahannock Community College  
Warsaw, Virginia

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** Chair– William Beale, Wally Beauchamp, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Val Foulds, Steve Goodall, Lisa Hull, Ann Lewis, Kim McClellan, Jason Perry, Bryan Taliaferro, John Wells, Kimberly Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lou Belcher, Stephanie Heinatz, Morgan Quicke, Anne Richardson

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jerry Davis, Northern Neck Planning District Commission; John Anzivino; Liz Povar, Middle Peninsula Alliance; Sabine Rodgers, Virginia Sea Grant; Troy Hartley, Virginia Sea Grant; John Holden, Stafford County Department of Economic Development and Tourism; Theo Zotos, Stafford County Department of Economic Development and Tourism; Martha O'Keefe, Germanna Community College; Todd Gillingham, Fredericksburg Regional Alliance; Gary Wilson, Caroline County.

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with a quorum present.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The Council introduced themselves to members of the public present and the public introduced themselves to the Council.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Liz Povar, Middle Peninsula Alliance, 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.

**OCTOBER 7, 2019 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

Mr. Beauchamp moved to approve the October 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes, and Mr. Goodall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Mr. Beale informed the Council that Ms. Anne Richardson and Mr. Carlton Revere have resigned from Council.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**APPLICATION DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATIONS**

Ms. Morgan summarized the proposal and presented the staff recommendation for the Stafford County Cyber and Smart Tech Entrepreneurship Initiative and the Northern Neck Workforce Training Feasibility Site Selection Study, and Mr. Beale led the resulting discussion. Mr. Beale presented to the Council the recommendation of the Interview Panel to defer the applications to the February meeting for improvement regarding:

- Stafford County's explanation of project activities and details surrounding project outcomes.
- Northern Neck's determination of Middle Peninsula localities involvement and creation of an advisory committee and technical committee and each committee's role in the project.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT & ACTIONS TAKEN**

Mr. Beale reported on business discussed and actions taken at the Executive Committee Meeting on November 15, 2019. The Executive Committee committed to support the ACT Work Ready Program, a Letter of Support for Gloucester County's application to become an ACT Work Ready certified locality, discussed regional collaboration with Region 5 around the water management economy, and how to improve Region 6 Council membership.

**LETTER TO GO VIRGINIA BOARD CHAIRMAN**

The Region 6 Council directed staff to write a letter to the GO Virginia Board Chairman detailing concerns around project pipeline development and hindering program requirements that have affected project development. Region 6 staff received a response from the GO Virginia State Board Chair, Tom Farrell, and presented the letter to the Council.

**DISCUSSION OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS**

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that herself, Ms. Kate Gibson, Ms. McClellan, and Mr. Beale would be attending GO Virginia State Board meetings on December 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss with State Board members concerns surrounding GO Virginia and ways to improve the program.

**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 are being held with each subcontractor as well as a monthly group call, to ensure project pipeline development efforts are on track.



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**CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS**

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. Ms. Morgan stated that current quarterly reports have been submitted and no "red-flags" have been raised with current projects.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Ms. Morgan informed the Council with the resignation of Ms. Richardson and Mr. Revere the Council's membership has dropped to 16. Ms. Morgan informed the Council that at current time there will be no vice-chair and that there are three potential members to be presented to the Nominating Committee in February.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next meeting of the Regional Council will take place on February 10, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

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