



Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

11:00am – 1:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair - William Beale, Wally Beauchamp, Lisa Hull, Kim McClellan

STAFF: GWRC – Kate Gibson and Jennifer Morgan

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. with a quorum present. It was noted that due to the nature of the Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pursuant to Code § 2.2-3708.2 this meeting was held by electronic communications, via the web platform GoToMeeting. The catastrophic nature of this declared emergency made it impractical and unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and the purpose of this meeting was to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Beale gave the floor to Ms. Morgan to inform the Council of how the electronic meeting was to proceed. Ms. Morgan called roll and stated a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. McClellan motioned to approve the consent agenda containing the most recent financial report and minutes from the January 17th Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GO VIRGINIA REGION 6 FY21 CAPACITY BUILDING BUDGET

Ms. Gibson presented to the Executive Committee the proposed GO Virginia Region 6 FY21 Capacity Building Budget for approval. Ms. Gibson highlighted that salaries would maintain a contingency budget in case GO Virginia was not funded in FY22 and asked the Executive Committee to approve \$10,500 in funds to be used to purchase the Jobs EQ software for the region. Ms. McClellan motioned to approve the GO Virginia Region 6 FY21 Capacity Building Budget and Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Hull abstaining from the vote.

APPLICATION DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATIONS

Ms. Morgan summarized the King and Queen TeleHealth Program Needs Assessment proposal and presented staff concerns about the proposal and Mr. Beale led the resulting discussion.

Ms. Hull was concerned that this proposal did not have the right supporting partners. Mr. Beale felt that the proposal did not align with the strategies of GO Virginia, particularly in the area of creating higher paying jobs in Region 6's defined industry clusters. The applicant felt that their application aligned with these areas and that since healthcare was eligible under ERR guidance, their application should be



approved. Ms. McClellan motioned to approve the King and Queen TeleHealth Program Needs Assessment, seconded by Ms. Hull. Mr. Beale and Mr. Beauchamp voted no and Ms. McClellan and Ms. Hull voted yes. Mr. Beale instructed staff to schedule a meeting with DHCD to determine if this project was eligible for GO Virginia funding and notify the applicant and the Executive Committee of when this meeting would be held.

DISCUSSION OF ROLE OF COUNCIL VS STAFF

Ms. Morgan presented to the Executive Committee discussion questions surrounding what items should be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee and the Council verses remaining staff level issues. The Executive Committee discussed that ensuring the strategic direction of the Growth and Diversification plan is being met is the responsibility of the Council and that projects align with these goals. The Executive Committee requested a meeting with the regional economic development organizations and applicants to discuss better ways to meet the region's needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Beauchamp requested staff work to continue to have locality involvement on projects to meet the region's goal of interregional collaboration.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mr. Beale moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Hull seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.