



Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, September 18, 2020

11:00am – 1:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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## MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** Chair - William Beale, Rob Quartel, Lisa Hull, Kim McClellan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Wally Beauchamp

**STAFF:** GWRC – Jennifer Morgan and Kate Gibson | **Community Features** – Neal Barber

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 11:00 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. Staff requested that all votes be taken with all yes's said together and then no's and abstentions said with the member's name.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was received.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beale asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items, August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes. Mr. Quartel motioned for approval and Ms. McClellan second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### DISCUSSION OF GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Morgan noted that this was a continuation from the previous meeting and that staff shared with the Executive Committee Regions 8 and 9's growth and diversification plans as example documents. Mr. Beale commented on how he liked both regions plans. Ms. McClellan and Mr. Quartel commented on how Region 6's plan was too wordy and undigestible. Mr. Beale opened the floor to members of local and regional economic development planning organizations from within Region 6 to add input to the discussion. The discussion summarized around needing specific analysis within the growth and diversification plan on industries; practical ideas for both rural and urban localities within the region; flexibility in grant requests; and specific direction on projects.

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

### ADJOURNMENT



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Being no further business, Mr. Quartel moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Ms. Hull seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.