



Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2020

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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MINUTES

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m. with a quorum present.

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. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Todd Gillingham issued public comment that the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance's project pipeline process is on track. Mr. Gillingham also noted that there are continued issues on signing the Germanna Community College, Region 6, and DHCD contract.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beale asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items, September 18th meeting minutes. Mr. Quartel motioned for approval and Mr. Beauchamp 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. Ms. Morgan stated that staff recommended that the Council move forward with convening strategic workgroups and prioritize projects. Mr. Quartel asked staff to provide a list of regional projects for comparison.

Discussion of Project Prep Calls

Ms. Morgan and Mr. Beale discussed with the Executive Committee the option of holding calls optional to the Regional Council prior to meetings to explain projects in depth and/or offer to host calls with Regional Council members on an individual basis prior to meetings to discuss any potential questions. Staff will inform the Council at their December meeting a course of action.



2021 Meeting and Project Calendar

Staff had provided a meeting scheduled for 2021 but due to new information, changes need to be made. Staff will issue a new calendar to all members.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Beale discussed with the Executive Committee attendance at the Regional Council meetings. Mr. Beale stated that there is no formal attendance policy and proposed amending the Bylaws to reflect attending meetings. Mr. Beale asked staff to update the Bylaws and bring a draft to the December meeting. Ms. Morgan discussed with the Executive Committee the statewide GENEDGE project. At the November 16th meeting it was noted that no company within Region 6 had submitted an application. Mr. Quartel offered suggestions and Ms. McClellan suggested reaching out to the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mr. Quartel moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.