



Region 6 Regional Council Meeting

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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## MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** Chair - William Beale, John Anzivino, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Val Foulds, Stephanie Heinatz, Lisa Hull, Shannon Kennedy, Ann Lewis, Kim McClellan, Rob Quartel, Morgan Quicke, John Wells, Linda Worrell, and Kimberly Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Wally Beauchamp, Lou Belcher, Jan Eckert, Steve Goodall, Bryan Taliaferro, Evan Van Leeuwen

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. 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

Mr. Beale introduced the consent agenda items, including the October 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes and a summary of Executive Committee actions taken. The Council elected to vote on all of the items in the consent agenda as a block. Mr. Quartel motioned to accept all of the items on the consent agenda and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### PRESENTATION ON MODIFIED TIMELINE GCC TECH TALENT PROJECT (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that during contract negotiations Germanna Community College informed staff that they would like to change who the sub-grantee would be from the Germanna Community College Foundation to Germanna Community College. Ms. Morgan informed the Council that this was allowable and presented a modified timeline due to potential procurement issues and the negotiations delay. Mr. Quartel motioned to approve the modification in project applicant and the updated timeline. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### PRESENTATION ON MODIFIED UMW CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATION CONTRACT (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that due to issues related to holding classes due to COVID-19, the University of Mary Washington is requesting a modification in their project deliverables and project

timeline. Ms. Kimberly Young, representing UMW, stated that the first cohort began in person but ended online and the second cohort was all online but saw a significant drop in enrollment. Mr. Beale asked for clarification in the drop of the ROI due to the reduced number of students. Ms. Young clarified that the job demand will still be high but they are unsure if they will be able to enroll the number of students originally agreed upon. Mr. Quartel inquired about why students would not want to take the class online in such a high demand industry. Ms. Kennedy stated that at Rappahannock Community College they frequently see that adult learners do not want to take classes online. Mr. Quartel and Mr. Beale agreed that they would like to see UMW not remove tracking compensation increases due to the training. Ms. Worrell motioned to approve the contract modifications as presented with the agreement that UMW would track compensation changes in students. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATION ON STATE WORKING GROUPS**

Mr. Curry Roberts, Executive Director, Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, presented to the Council his summary of actions taken as the Region 6 representative on the Center for Innovation and Technology, Entrepreneurial Ecosystems Division, Advisory Committee on Entrepreneurial Ecosystems, and the DHCD/GO Virginia State Workgroup for Site Development. Mr. Roberts stated that CIT has funding available for each of the GO Virginia regions, but projects must come through the regional councils and the entrepreneurial ecosystem quarterback agencies of each region. Mr. Roberts stated that since Region 6 does not have an entrepreneurial ecosystem quarterback agency, the Council needs to begin prioritizing characterizing the entrepreneurial ecosystem of the region. Mr. Roberts discussed modifications in the State's site development policy. Mr. Beale added that during a project review call regarding the Essex County LaGrange Industrial Park Master Planning project, the State Board asked how the region prioritized this project in the larger site development context.

#### **PRESENTATION ON PROJECT PIPELINE UPDATES**

Mr. John Holden, Stafford Economic Development and Tourism and Ms. Lisa Hull, Northern Neck Planning District Commission summarized their projects in the pipeline for Region 6. Ms. Morgan summarized projects by the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance. There are four projects in the Region 6 pipeline.

#### **APPLICATION DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATIONS**

Ms. Morgan summarized the Virginia Economic Development Partnership's (VEDP) Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) site tiering levels and the VEDP Site Characterization Study that was completed in 2019 on all sites above 25 acres in Virginia for the Council. Ms. Morgan then summarized the proposal and presented the staff concerns for the Richmond County Commerce Center Expansion.

#### **Richmond County Commerce Center Expansion**

Mr. Morgan Quicke, representing Richmond County, stated that Richmond was seeking fund to create turn lanes from Route 3 into the site and make the site ready for development by a business. Mr. Beale noted the lack of regional collaboration on the project and Mr. Quicke stated that they are working diligently on creating regional collaboration. Mr. Anzivino stated this project is a great idea for the Northern Neck. Mr. Anzivino motioned to approve the project. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Lisa Hull and Mr. Morgan Quicke abstaining from the vote.



**PRESENTATION OF MODIFIED BYLAWS**

Ms. Morgan presented modified bylaws to the Regional Council. Mr. Beale noted these changes came out of discussions at the Executive Committee to help encourage participation by the Council. Ms. Morgan noted the major change to the bylaws was membership; Council members must attend three out of four meetings. Ms. Morgan noted that bylaws shall not be amended, modified, or replaced except by a majority action of the Regional Council in an official meeting. Action on amended bylaws may not take place at the meeting in which they are introduced. Action on amended bylaws shall take place a minimum of thirty days after their introduction. The bylaws shall be amended to conform to statutory requirements as required. The bylaws amendments will be adopted at the next full Council meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

Ms. Morgan presented the Council an overview of all approved, underway, and closed projects. Three projects are under contract negotiations, ten projects are underway, and six projects have closed out.

**APPROVAL OF GO VIRGINIA REGION 6 ANNUAL REPORT (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Morgan presented the first GO Virginia Region 6 Annual Report to the Council. Mr. Davis motioned to approve the Annual Report. Ms. Worrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PROJECT REVIEW PROCESS (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Morgan presented to the Council a modified project review process. Mr. Beale stated that this project review process was originally approved by the Executive Committee and therefore needed a second. Mr. Wells seconded the motion. The motion to approve the modified project review process passed unanimously.

**GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION**

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that she and the Executive Committee are working on updating the Growth and Diversification plan for Region 6. Ms. Morgan presented the Council a timeline and stated that meeting would begin in February.

**STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Morgan summarized the items listed in the staff report, including the reminding the Council to update their COIA training and new items presented by the State Board.

**INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET**

Ms. Morgan summarized the items listed as information items including one project in Region 6 approved by the GENEDGE Retooling Virginia Manufacturers for Strategic Industries statewide GO Virginia project, the Financial Report, and the 2021 Meeting Schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.