



**Region 6 Regional Council Meeting**

**Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**12:00pm – 2:00pm**

**In-Person Location - 101 Court Cir, Warsaw, VA 22572**

**Virtual Meeting Location -**

<https://georgewashingtonregionalcommission.my.webex.com/georgewashingtonregionalcommission.my/j.php?MTID=m08c6f0d005619b36c8c82b4301fe28e1>

**Meeting Password:** GOVirginia6 (46847446 from phones and video systems)

**To Join by Phone:** +1-415-655-0001 US Toll | **Access code:** 182 483 0917

## MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON AND VOTING: Vice Chair** – Rob Quartel, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Sarah Calveric, Jan Erkurt, Val Foulds, Steve Goodall, Merthia Haynie, Lisa Hull, Shannon Kennedy, Ann Lewis, Kim McClellan, Morgan Quicke, Linda Worrell, and Kimberly Young

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY** - John Anzivino and John Wells

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair** - William Beale, Rene Daniels, Joel Griffin, and Jeff Szyperski

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: In Person:** Billy Gammel, DHCD; Sara Dunnigan, DHCD; Eric Pollitt, Town of Tappahannock; Frank Sanders, Town of Tappahannock | **Virtually:** Deborah Flippo, Draper Aden; Megan Bergen, Rappahannock Goodwill; Faith McClintic, Consultant; Mallory Tuttle, Virginia Tech; John Holden, Stafford Economic Development; Liz Povar, Riverlink

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Quartel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Quartel asked Ms. Morgan to call the roll.

### ROLL CALL

Ms. Morgan called roll and stated a quorum was present.

### APPROVAL OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Quartel stated pursuant to Code 2.2.-3708.2 during meetings held through electronic communication means, the Regional Council must approve members participating remotely. Their names, locations, and reasons for participating remotely must be included in the minutes. Mr. Quartel gave the floor to Ms. Morgan to read the names, locations, and reason for remote participation.

Ms. Morgan called the names of the members of participating remotely:

Name	Reason for Remote Participation	Location of Participation	Location Open to Public (Yes/No)
John Wells	Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence	Williamsburg, VA	No
John Anzivino	Unable to attend due to personal matter - limit 2 meetings per year	Work Trip, Nottoway, VA	No



Mr. Quartel asked for a motion to approve the members of the Council participating remotely. Mr. Quicke motioned to approve the members participating remotely and Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment was received.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Quartel introduced the consent agenda items, including the April 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The Council elected to vote on all of the items in the consent agenda as a block. Ms. Foulds motioned to accept all of the items on the consent agenda and Ms. Worrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Morgan called the role of members participating remotely and Mr. Anzivino and Mr. Wells both responded yes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND ACTIONS TAKEN**

Mr. Quartel summarized the Executive Committee meetings held between the last full council meeting and July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A copy of these meetings minutes were included in the Council's meeting packet.

#### **PRESENTATION ON CLOSED PROJECTS**

Ms. Morgan presented summaries of the outcomes and reports of two closed projects, the Fredericksburg Cyber and Smart Tech project and Middle Peninsula Seafood and Ag E-Market. Mr. John Holden, Stafford County Economic Development summarized the outcomes of the Fredericksburg Cyber and Smart Tech project. Ms. Morgan informed the Council that a vote would be needed to approve the final deliverable "Market Assessment Report", found in the Council's packet to allow the sub-grantee to enter into their contract for their implementation project "Establishing a RIoT Accelerator Program in the Rappahannock Regional Entrepreneur Ecosystem" that was approved by the Region 6 Council and the State Board contingent on the Region 6 Council approving the ECB final report. Mr. Davis motioned to approve the final deliverable "Market Assessment Report" and Ms. Hull seconded the motion. Ms. Morgan called the role of members participating remotely and Mr. Anzivino and Mr. Wells both responded yes. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Morgan informed the Council that Mr. Lewis Lawrence, Middle Peninsula PDC was unable to attend and Ms. Morgan summarized the outcomes of the Middle Peninsula Seafood and Ag E-Market.

#### **PRESENTATION ON GO VIRGINIA**

Ms. Sara Dunnigan, Deputy Director of GO Virginia and Economic Development, Department of Housing and Community Development and Mr. Billy Gammel, GO Virginia Policy Analyst, Department of Housing and Community Development presented to the Region 6 Council a summary of GO Virginia, the role of the Regional Council, Support Organization, and projects across the State. Mr. Quartel asked Ms. Dunnigan about site development in regards to hotels and rural tourism. Ms. Dunnigan stated that GO Virginia would not be able to fund those projects. Ms. Dunnigan suggested ERR funding for tourism related projects.



## OLD BUSINESS

### Growth and Diversification Plan

Ms. Morgan presented a summary on Growth and Diversification stakeholder engagement sessions. From May 25th through July 14th Region 6 held seven stakeholder engagement sessions with partners throughout the region to provide input and share views about the current and future state of the Region's economy. Ms. Morgan stated the FRA and Chapman Company held stakeholder engagement sessions, 1 on 1s, and sent a survey to stakeholders in the region. A final analysis plan will be submitted to Region 6 Staff on August 15. Draper Aden found preliminary results that the Regional Council members should initiate outreach to elected officials and local governments about GO Virginia and Site Development and the Regional Council and staff should meet with local governments and regional economic development organizations to discuss prioritized sites and begin characterizing and moving sites up the tier ranking scale. Virginia Tech found the region should focus on internship training programs that connect students with employers in the region; connect soft skills training into work-based learning opportunities; and develop career pathways programs with high schools and community colleges with employers in region.

summarized for the Council term limits, Executive Committee and Council members up for reappointment, and actions taken at the Nominating Committee meetings on April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Beale moved that the Mary Ball Washington Regional Council convene in Closed Meeting, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), for purposes of discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to the Mary Ball Washington Regional Council.

### Project Status Update

Ms. Morgan presented a summary on all projects in Region 6. Mr. Quartel asked how the Westmoreland Workforce Training Center Expansion project was tracking those who have been trained and hired. Ms. Hull responded that they are not able to track these people due to confidentiality issues. Ms. Kennedy stated that RCC did not have the manpower to track these participants. Ms. Davis suggested working with the Workforce Development Board on tracking these students. Mr. Quartel stated that a new tracking system needed to be developed.

## INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

### Project Pipeline Contracts

Ms. Morgan stated that on August 1, 2020, GO Virginia Region 6 approved and entered into individual contracts with the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance (FRA) and the Northern Neck Planning District Commission (NNPDC) for the purposes of developing a project pipeline and the submission of two projects per contract to the Region 6 Council. These contracts have ended and all work is completed.

### State Board Update

Ms. Morgan summarized the GO Virginia State Board meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Financial Report

Ms. Morgan presented a summary of the financials of the GO Virginia Region 6 Council. Currently, Region 6 has \$2,356,360.97 in available funding.



**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Morgan informed the Council that new COIA guidance has been issued.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.