



Region 6 Regional Council Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2022

10:00am – 12:30pm

Virtual Meeting Location -

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Chair** - William Beale, **Vice Chair** – Rob Quartel, John Anzivino, Rene Daniels, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert, Val Foulds, Steve Goodall, Joel Griffin, Merthia Haynie, Lisa Hull, Shannon Kennedy, Kim McClellan, Jeff Szyperski, Morgan Quicke, Linda Worrell, and Kimberly Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Calveric

STAFF: **GWRC** – Chip Boyles, Kate Gibson, and Anne Marie Kluempfen

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Neal Barber, Community Features; Billy Gammel, DHCD; Jennifer Morgan, Rachael Newberry, and Tom Snyder, RIoT; Liz Povar, The RiverLink Group

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 Zoom. 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. Mr. Beale asked Ms. Gibson to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beale introduced the consent agenda item, July 26th Meeting Minutes. Mr. Quartel motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Mr. Quicke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND ACTIONS TAKEN

Mr. Beale summarized the Executive Committee meetings held between the last full council meeting and January 24th, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Growth and Diversification Plan

Mr. Boyles presented a summary of the Growth and Diversification Plan update. The Council discussed the economic and environmental impact of data centers in the region. GO Virginia Region 6 staff will reach out to regional economic development staff for feedback on the subject of data centers and bring any feedback to the next Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Kennedy motioned to approve the Plan and Mr. Anzivino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Quartel abstaining.

RIoT Pre-Accelerator Program

Ms. Gibson presented the RIoT Pre-Accelerator Program to the Council, noting that the project was approved by the Executive Committee and then by the GO Virginia State Board on December 15, 2021, conditional on approval by the Council. Mr. Quartel motioned to approve the RIoT Pre-Accelerator Program project and Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Young, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Griffin abstaining.

Nominating Committee Appointments

Mr. Beale noted that since Ann Lewis and John Wells have retired and resigned from the Council, the Nominating Committee was unable to meet. Ms. Davis motioned to approve the appointments of Felicia Ainsa and Dr. Derek Aday to the Regional Council and the reappointment of Steve Goodall and Mr. Quartel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Beale motioned to appoint John Anzivino and Linda Worrell to the Nominating Committee and Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Anzivino and Ms. Worrell abstaining.

Bylaws Update

Ms. Gibson reviewed the changes to the updated Bylaws. Mr. Davis motioned to approve the updated Bylaws and Mr. Quartel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

State Board Stakeholder Input Sessions

Ms. Gibson reviewed past suggestions sent to DHCD and the Council discussed adding further suggestions including allowing healthcare and tourism projects, considering administration of the program by VEDP instead of DHCD, streamlining the application process, and allowing a county and a town within that county to count as two participating localities. Staff will draft a letter including these suggestions in advance of the stakeholder input sessions that staff, Mr. Beale, and Mr. Quartel will attend.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Project Status Update

Ms. Gibson noted that the recent project status update was included in the packet.

COIA Training

Ms. Gibson stated that Ms. Kluempfen will reach out to the Council to update the record of their COIA training, which is a requirement of the Council.

Workforce Development Board

GO Virginia Region 6 has been approved to join the Workforce Development Board. Ms. Gibson will be attending the meetings to fill in until a staff person is hired to replace Ms. Morgan.

Financial Report



Ms. Gibson presented a summary of the financials of the GO Virginia Region 6 Council. Currently, Region 6 has about \$3.5 million dollars in project funding available.

Letters of Support

Ms. Gibson noted that two letters of support written by the Council in support of projects were included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17am.

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