



Region 6 Regional Council Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023

10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Virginia Institute of Marine Science, 1370 Greate Road, Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Virtual Meeting Location -

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## MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** Chair - William Beale, Vice Chair – Rob Quartel, Derek Aday, John Anzivino, Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert, Joel Griffin (virtually), Kim McClellan (Virtually), Jeff Szyperski, Linda Worrell, Kimberly Young (virtually), Rene Daniels (virtually).

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:** Lisa Hull (Virtually)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Felicia Ainsa, Sarah Calveric, Bruce Davis, Val Foulds, Merthia Haynie, Shannon Kennedy.

**STAFF:** GWRC –Ian Ginger, Sarah Oldaker, Chip Boyles (Virtually)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Eleanor Smalley – JASON Learning; Annie Conte - DHCD; John Holden (Virtually), Dale Herndon (Virtually) – Stafford County Economic Development; Mason Bishop – WorkED Consulting, LLC.; Troy Hartley, Sabine Rogers – Virginia Sea Grant; Taryn Brice Rowland – Rogue Oysters; Lewie Lawrence – Middle Peninsula PDC; Todd Gillingham (Virtually) – FRA; Tate Rogers (virtually – Triangle Environmental Health Initiative; Curt Smith (Virtually) – Middle Peninsula PDC; Meredith Keppel (Virtually) – GWRC; Aaron Forbis-Stokes (Virtually); Lindsey Watson (Virtually) – REC; Paul Robinson (Virtually) – RISE; Alex Long (Virtually); Betsy Hnath (Virtually); Russell Burke (Virtually) – Biogenic Solutions Consulting, LLC; Leonard Nelson (Virtually) – NATRX; Jay Clark (Virtually)

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Mr. Beale asked Mr. Ginger to call the roll.

### MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY

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

Mr. Beale 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. Beale called the names of the members of participating remotely:

| Name | Reason for Remote Participation | Location of Participation | Location Open to Public (Yes/No) |
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| Kim McClellan  | Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence | Fredericksburg, VA      | No |
| Renee Daniels  | Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence | Spotsylvania County, VA | No |
| Joel Griffin   | Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence | Stafford County, VA     | No |
| Kimberly Young | Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence | Fredericksburg, VA      | No |

Mr. Ginger indicated there was a quorum with online members. Mr. Beale asked for a motion to approve the Council members participating remotely. Mr. Anzivino motioned for approval and Ms. Worrell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Oldaker called roll and stated a quorum was present. Mr. Beale indicated there was a council member out of compliance. Mr. Ginger gave a summary and stated that Merthia Haynie had not been to a meeting in a year and had not communicated or returned communication to the Chair or staff. Mr. Ginger also indicated that two other members had stepped down from the council due to a change in their employment: Morgan Quicke and Steve Goodall. Mr. Beale asked for a Motion to remove Merthia Haynie from the Council. Ms. Worrell Motioned for removal and Mr. Quartel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Beale introduced Dr. Derek Aday from VIMS and Taryn Brice Rowland from Rogue Oysters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Beale presented approval of Minutes from January 23, 2023. Mr. Quartel made a motion to approve minutes, and Mr. Szyperski seconded. Ms. Daniels indicated a change needed to be made to the Minutes. Ms. Daniels attended the January 23, 2023 meeting, just after roll call. Staff indicated they would make the change to the minutes. Mr. Quartel amended his motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Beale Introduced Todd Gillingham from the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance. He gave an update on the FRA’s work to receive a 501c3 status in order to move forward with the Regional Entrepreneurship Initiative (REI). The FRA is also working on private match funding. Mr. Ginger commented that the majority of the project is in place and once the 501c3 status is aquired, they can move forward. Mr. Quartel asked for a reminder of the program. Mr. Gillingham gave an overview of the REI, the Rivers Region

Entrepreneurship Council, and the private sector support. Mr. Gillingham took questions from the council and answered them accordingly.

Mr. Beale then introduced Jackie Davis from the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board and Mason Bishop from WorkED Consulting. Mr. Bishop was selected through an RFP process as the consultant to conduct the TPI research with the BCWDP. Mr. Bishop gave a presentation on how they will conduct the TPI and stated they are just starting the work. His presentation include a timeline and method. Mr. Bishop took questions from the council and answered accordingly. Mr. Ginger gave an overview of TPI and potential future TPI funds to the council.

Mr. Beale introduced Troy Hartley and Sabine Rogers from Virginia Sea Grant. Mr. Hartley gave an update on the Coastal Resilience and Adaptation Economy Project. Mr. Hartley presented on the work that the project has conducted thus far. Three of the RISE challenge winners spoke about the research and work their companies are doing in the coastal resiliency space, and how the collaboration between companies has been beneficial. The companies and speakers were Leonard Nelson from Natrx, Russ Burke from Biogenic Solutions Consulting, and Tate Rogers from Triangle Environmental Health Initiative. Mr. Hartley and the business winners took questions from the council and answered accordingly.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Nominating Committee Report

Ms. McClellan gave a report of the Nominating Committee meeting earlier in the day. She indicated that the following nominations were being brought to the council:

- Re-elect Jackie Davis to the Regional Council
- Elect Joel Griffin, Jackie Davis, & Jeff Szyperski to the Executive Committee
- Elect Taryn Brice-Rowland (Rogue Oysters – Northern Neck) & Lindsey Watson (REC – PD16) to the Regional Council

Ms. McClellan made a motion to the council to approve all the appointments from the Nominating Committee. Motion was seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McClellan thanked Lisa Hull and Morgan Quicke for serving on the Executive Committee for the last two years. She also tasked the Council with coming up with one person to recommend to the Nominating Committee by the next meeting in July.

Mr. Ginger then asked Lindsey Watson and Taryn Brice Rowland to introduce themselves as the newest members of the Regional Council. Mr. Beale also thanked Kim McClellan and Lisa Hull for serving on the Executive Committee.

### Application Discussion and Determination – Stafford County EDA Smart Technology Discovery ECB

Mr. Ginger gave a brief introduction of the project and the prior work that had been done. Dale Herndon presented the project application which included discovery sessions in order to identify the need in rural localities to expand the Virginia Smart Community Testbed. John Holden also spoke about the success of the Testbed in Stafford, VA and how this project would expand the opportunity to the rural communities. The project will include 3 discovery meetings to identify problems and possible entrepreneurs that could operate through the testbed in local communities to solve problems. Project planning meetings and a

planning report will be at the end of the project. Mr. Holden also discussed partnership with RIoT, the Testbed, VIPC, and the FRA.

Mr. Herndon and Mr. Holden took questions from the Council and the Council discussed the application. Mr. Beale asked for a Motion for approval. Mr. Quartel motioned for approval and Mr. Anzivino seconded. Mr. Griffin indicated he would need to abstain due to conflict. The motion carried unanimously with one abstention.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET**

Mr. Beale asked Mr. Ginger regarding the budget and confirming that there were sufficient funds on hand to pay staff for a short period of time if the budget is not approved by Richmond by the end of June. Mr. Ginger confirmed.

Mr. Ginger informed the council that the Growth and Diversification plan is due to be updated in 2023 and that staff would like to hold a council retreat with a consultant to get council members more involved and update the plan.

Mr. Ginger also updated the council on the two new implementation projects approved at the March 2023 GO Virginia State Board meeting. Mr. Ginger went through current projects and indicated all were in good standing and updated the council on the current project pipeline.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Mr. Beale adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm.