



Region 6 Regional Council Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2023

10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: [Fredericksburg Nationals Clubhouse, Virginia Credit Union Stadium, 42 Jackie Robinson Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22401](#)

Virtual Meeting Location -

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## MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** Chair - William Beale, Vice Chair – Rob Quartel, Dr. Derek Aday, Taryn Bryce-Rowland, Dr. Sarah Calveric (Virtually), Rene Daniels, Bruce Davis, Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert (Virtually – after roll call), Joel Griffin, Lisa Hull, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Jeff Szyperski, Linda Worrell.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Anzivino, Val Foulds, Kim McClellan, Lindsey Watson, Kimberly Young

**STAFF:** GWRC –lan Ginger, Sarah Oldaker, Chip Boyles, Kate Gibson

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Annie Conte, Billy Gammel (virtually) - DHCD; John Hagwood, Bill Donohue (Genedge); Bob Dixon – Germanna; Amy Peregoy – City of Fredericksburg; Todd Gillingham – Fredericksburg Regional Alliance; Kerry Wiersma - RCC; Mallory Tuttle (virtually) – VA Tech; Sara Chaves Beam (virtually) – Chesapeake Governor’s School; Neal Barber (virtually); Marc Gibbon (virtually) – JLARC; Afroze Mohamed (virtually); Zachary Sheperd (virtually);

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Mr. Beale asked Ms. Oldaker to call the roll. Ms. Oldaker indicated there was a quorum present.

### 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)
Lindsey Watson	Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence	Richmond, VA	No
Val Foulds	Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence	Westmoreland County, VA	No



Sarah Calveric	Personal matter	Caroline County, VA	No
Jan Erkert	Personal matter	Idaho	No

Mr. Beale asked for a motion to approve the Council members participating remotely. Mr. Quartel motioned for approval and Ms. Worrell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Beale presented approval of Minutes from April 24, 2023. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve minutes, and Mr. Quartel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Beale Introduced John Hagwood Genedge. Mr. Hagwood gave a presentation on Genedge and the work they have done around the Commonwealth, as well as Region 6. He also discussed current and prior GO Virginia projects involving Genedge. Mr. Hagwood took questions from the council and answered them accordingly.

Mr. Beale then introduced Kerry Wiersma from Rappahannock Community College and Mallory Tuttle from Virginia Tech Center Economic and Community Engagement to present on the “Promoting Careers in Aquaculture” project. Ms. Wiersma presented a slide with updated metrics and a video of the students in action. Ms. Wiersma, Ms. Tuttle, and Ms. Chaves Beam took questions from the council and indicated they are hoping to do a larger implementation project in the future. The council discussed the project.

Mr. Beale introduced Annie Conte with DHCD to present on the updated match guidance that will be presented at the September State Board meeting. The current 2:1 match requirement will go back to 1:1 and Ms. Conte presented slides regarding match waivers for fiscal distress and extraordinary economic opportunity. Ms. Conte took questions and comments from the Council. She answered their questions and stated she would relay their feedback to DHCD.

**NEW BUSINESS**

GWRC and GO Virginia Region 6 Support Org Agreement

Mr. Beale presented the bi-annual Support Org Agreement between the Mary Ball Washington Region 6 Council and the George Washington Regional Commission as the fiscal agent. No discussion was heard. Mr. Beale asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the Support Org Agreement. Mr. Quartel Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

GO Virginia Region 6 FY 2024 Budget

Mr. Ginger presented the FY 2024 Go Virginia Region 6 budget to the council along with the budget memo and DHCD budget narrative and template. The council asked questions regarding carryover and what could be done with the additional money. Mr. Ginger and Ms. Gibson from GWRC answered their questions. Mr. Beale asked for a motion to approve the FY 2024 Go Virginia Region 6 budget. A motion was made, Mr. Quartel seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws Update – Change in Quorum requirements Discussion

Mr. Ginger brought before the council a potential change in the bylaws that would allow for 1/3 attendance in order to constitute a quorum. Staff commented that given the geographic size of the region, it had been difficult to get an in-person quorum at meetings. Mr. Ginger indicated that it would be brought back to the council for a vote at the October 2023 meeting.

**APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS**

Selection of Fredericksburg Regional Alliance as Convening Entity for REI

Mr. Ginger informed the council that in order to vote on the application from the FRA to conduct the Regional Entrepreneurship Initiative, the Council would first have to vote to choose the FRA as the convening entity. Mr. Beale asked for a motion. Ms. Worrell made a motion to select the FRA as the convening entity for REI. Mr. Quartel seconded. The Motion passed with Mr. Griffin and Mr. Davis abstaining.

Regional Entrepreneurial Initiative – River’s Region Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

Mr. Gillingham from the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance presented to the council on the River’s Region Entrepreneurial Ecosystem and their application for the Regional Entrepreneurial Initiative. He indicated that they had formed a 501c3 and council consisting of members from across Region 6. The application is for the full \$300,000 of the planning grant. Mr. Gillingham took questions from the Council. With no further discussion, Mr. Beale asked for a motion to approve the application. Mr. Quartel made a motion to approve the application and Ms. Worrell seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Griffin and Mr. Davis abstaining.

**INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET**

Mr. Ginger updated the council on the January Region 6 Economic Development Summit and that more information would be coming soon.

Mr. Ginger then updated the council on the current project pipeline, status of open projects, and the financial report. The council asked questions about Per Capita funds for FY 24 and noted that if all projects are approved under the Per Capita budget, we would not have enough money to fund the projects. Mr. Ginger stated that some of the projects are likely to be state-wide.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Mr. Beale adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am.