



Region 6 Regional Council Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2023

10:00am – 12:30pm

Virtual Meeting Location -

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair - William Beale, Dr. Derek Aday, John Anzivino, Taryn Bryce-Rowland, Rene Daniels, Jackie Davis, Val Foulds, Joel Griffin, Lisa Hull, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Kim McClellan, Jeff Szyperski, Lindsey Watson, Linda Worrell, Kimberly Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair – Rob Quartel, Sarah Calveric, Bruce Davis, Jan Erkert

STAFF: GWRC – Ian Ginger, Sarah Oldaker, Chip Boyles

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Bolling, Abby Wicker – **Stafford County Public Schools**; Annie Conte, Billy Gammel - **DHCD**; Michelle Coe, Miles Freidman – **Phoenix Advantage**; Jenna Davis, Eleanor Smalley – **Jason Learning**; Kelly Evko – **Town of Colonial Beach**; Trenton Funkhouser – **Middlesex County EDA**; Ernisha Hall – **Virginia Black Business Chamber of Commerce**; Lisa Glenn Nobles; Michelle Riddick; Mallory Tuttle – **Virginia Tech Center for Economic and Community Engagement**; Liz Povar – **Riverlink Group**; Kerry Wiersma – **Rappahannock Community College**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Mr. Beale asked Ms. Oldaker to call the roll. Ms. Oldaker indicated there was a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Beale presented approval of Minutes from July 24, 2023 and the MBWRC and DHCD FY 24 Contract. Mr. Anzivino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Ms. Hull seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. McClellan presented a report from the Nominating committee to re-elect Dr. Shannon Kennedy to the Regional Council for her second term, and to elect John Anzivino as Chair and Jeff Szyperski as Vice-Chair for CY 2024. Ms. McClellan indicated that Mr. Beale and Mr. Quartel would be stepping down in their rolls. Mr. Beale indicated that since this was from the Nominating Committee, no motion was needed, but there would need to be a second. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Anzivino, and Mr. Szyperski abstaining.

Ms. McClellan then tasked the Council members to have one new Council member to recommend at the next Council meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Change in Administrative Fee Policy - Discussion

Mr. Ginger presented to the board that support organization staff were planning on implementing the 8% administrative fee on all projects going forward. Mr. Ginger state that Region 6 was the only region in the Commonwealth that did not utilize this fee, and with more projects to administer, it was becoming necessary. The Council discussed the administrative fee. No vote was needed at this time.

2023 G&D Update (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ginger presented the 2023 Growth and Diversification Plan Update indicating that this was based off of a template from DHCD. Mr. Ginger asked the Council to review the document and make any suggestions before the October 31 deadline. Council members made suggestions for formatting and slight changes in the Targeted Industry Clusters. Mr. Ginger thanked the Council for their review and state they could send any other updates. Mr. Beale asked for a vote to approve the 2023 G&D Plan Update with suggested changes. Mr. Anzivino made a Motion to approve the 2023 G&D Plan Update with suggested changes, Mr. Szyperski Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – Information Item

Mr. Ginger presented the current financial report that included Per Capita funds available if the project pipeline is approved.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS – ACTION ITEMS

VABCC Empowering Black Entrepreneurs Accelerator Pilot Program (Planning Grant)

Ernisha Hall from the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce’s application for the Empowering Black Entrepreneurs Accelerator Pilot Program. Ms. Hall presented an overview of the project activities and budget. Ms. Hall took questions from Council members and answered accordingly. Mr. Beale asked for a Motion for approval. Ms. Worrell motions for approval of the Empowering Black Entrepreneurs Accelerator Pilot Program Project, Ms. Daniels seconded. The Motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Stafford County Public Schools Igniting Entrepreneurship (Planning Grant)

Michael Bolling and Eleanor Smalley presented the Stafford County Public Schools Igniting Entrepreneurship project. Their presentation hit the high points of the application including curriculum development, budget, and project partners. They took questions from the Council and answered accordingly. Mr. Beale asked for a Motion. Ms. Daniels motioned for approval of the Igniting Entrepreneurship Project, Ms. McClellan seconded. Motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote with Mr. Beale Abstaining.

RCC Expanding Dual Enrolled HVAC and Diesel Training (Implementation)

Dr. Shanonn Kennedy presented the application from Rappahannock Community College to expand their HVAC and Diesel Training programs at their Glens campus. Dr. Kennedy went over the use of GO Virginia funds and metrics. She indicated that there may possibly be a change in match with a Federal award that the college received. Mr. Beale asked for a motion. Jeff Szyperski made a Motion to approve the Expanding Dual Enrolled HVAC and Diesel Training project, Ms. Davis seconded. The Motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote with Dr. Kennedy Abstaining.

Middlesex County EDA Young Entrepreneurs Program (Implementation)

Trenton Funkhouser and Miles Freidman presented the application for the Young Entrepreneurs Implementation project. They discussed the purpose of the project, the budget, and activities. The Council asked questions and had discussion regarding the pilot project that is currently running and ROI calculations. Mr. Friedman and Ms. Coe answered the Council's questions. Mr. Beale asked for a Motion. Ms. McClellan made a motion to approval of the Young Entrepreneurs Program, Ms. Daniels Seconded the Motion. The Motion passed after roll call vote of 7 to 4 with Mr. Anzivino and Dr. Kennedy abstaining.

VTCECE Promoting Careers in Aquaculture 2.0 (Competitive)

Mallory Tuttle presented the Promoting Careers in Aquaculture 2.0 project as a statewide competitive with Region 5, and as a continuation of the current pilot program. Ms. Tuttle presented on the project activities, metrics, budget, and the new component of the program to train teachers. The Council asked questions regarding metrics and match. Ms. Tuttle answered accordingly. Mr. Beale asked for a Motion. Ms. Hull motioned for approval of the Promoting Careers in Aquaculture 2.0 project, Mr. Griffin seconded. The Motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote with Ms. Brice-Rowland and Dr. Kennedy abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Mr. Beale indicated he would have to step out of the meeting and turned it over to John Anzivino to step in as Chair for remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Ginger updated the council on the January Region 6 Economic Development Summit in King George and Colonial Beach. He also gave updates from the September 2023 GO Virginia State Board meeting including a health care task force to study the possibility of GO Virginia funding healthcare initiatives.

Mr. Ginger then updated the council on the current project pipeline, status of open projects, and the presented the FY23 Annual Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Kennedy Motioned for adjournment and Ms. Daniels Seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.