Region 6 Regional Council Meeting
Monday, April 22nd, 2024
10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Virtual Meeting Location -
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair – John Anzivino, William Beale, Taryn Bryce-Rowland (arrived after roll call), Rene Daniels (arrived after roll call), Val Foulds, Joel Griffin, Lisa Hull, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Kim McClellan, Rob Quartel, Jeff Szyperski, Linda Worrell (arrived after roll call), Dr. Kimberly Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Derek Aday, Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert, Lindsey Watson.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sara Dunnigan, Billy Gammell, Shara Gibson – **DHCD**; Dr. Rebecca Towery – **ATI-UMW**; Ellen Koehler – **Rappahannock Community College**; Dr. April Morgan – **Germanna Community College**; John Bateman; Michael Hubbard

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. Mr. Anzivino 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. Anzivino presented approval of Minutes from January 22nd, 2024 MBWRC meeting. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the Consent Agneda, and Mr. Quartel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

GO Virginia Program Briefing
Sara Dunnigan from DHCD gave a presentation on the GO Virginia Program Briefing update. The presentation included information on Traded Industry Clusters, Region 6 Growth and Diversification Plan, and strategies for project development. Ms. Dunnigan also covered updates from the GO Virginia State Board's response to the JLARC recommendations, and the shift of focus on Traded Industry Clusters, and not specifically or only higher wage jobs. Council members asked questions about the new Regional Council liaison position on the State Board and the fund recapture.

FOIA Training
Due to time, Mr. Anzivino moved the FOIA training to Information Items of the agenda.

RCC/GCC Patient Care Technician ERR Project

Ellen Koehler and Dr. April Morgan gave a presentation on the outcomes of the Patient Care Technician ERR project that was with Rappahannock Community College and Germanna Community College. Ms. Koehler and Dr. Morgan spoke to job placement of students who participated in the program, and private industry support. Council members asked questions about the project activities, metrics, and future of the program.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (ACTION ITEM)

Kim McClellan, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave a report on the Nominating Committee meeting held on March 4th, 2024.

The Nominating Committee made a Motion to approve the slate of nominations which included:
Re-election of Jan Erkert and Linda Worrell to the Council for a second term
Election of Jan Erkert to the Executive Committee
Election of Dr. Janet Gullickson and Vernon Green Jr. to the Regional Council.

Mr. Quarter seconded the motions. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FY25 GO Virginia Region 6 Budget (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ginger presented the GY25 GO Virginia Region 6 budget, going over the budget narrative, DHCD budget template, and budget breakdown for the $250,000 Capacity Building funds to be received on July 1st, 2024. Mr. Ginger covered an increase on the salary, fringe, and indirect due to increased staff time contributed to the GO Virginia program and grant administration and the increase in the Meetings and Workshops line item due to the Economic Development Summit. Mr. Ginger reviewed the other line items of the budget. Mr. Quartel made a motion to approve the FY25 Go Virginia Region 6 budget. Mr. Szyperski seconded. Motions passed unanimously with a roll call vote with Taryn Brice-Rowland voting in the chat due to lack of audio and Dr. Kimberly Young not responding.

Amending Region 6 G&D Plan to Include Agriculture as a Priority Industry Cluster

Mr. Ginger introduced the topic of amending the Region 6 G&D plan to include Agriculture as a Priority Industry Cluster. The addition would encompass controlled agriculture. Staff will do more research in adding the industry cluster to Region 6 and report back to the Council. The item was not up for a vote at this meeting but will be revisited at a later meeting.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS – ACTION ITEMS

ATI-UMW: Virginia's AI Advantage Workforce Development Competitive Application

Mr. Ginger introduced the next item on the agenda by explaining that the application is Region 6's first application from the single region competitive fund. Dr. Rebecca Towery presented on the Competitive Application from the ATI-UMW (lab school) for the Virginia's AI Advantage Workforce Development project including career pathways, certifications, internships, and capstones. The Council had questions and concerns over community college partnerships, pathways to jobs, ROI calculations, and the budget.

There were also questions over private sector needs and support with Mr. Green Jr. expressing support from an industry sector representative. Ms. Towery went over the outcomes, metrics, and budget and answered council members' questions. Council members expressed concern over approving the application and requested the application approval be deferred. There was discussion over how deferring the application would affect the project and the Region 6 Council's per capita allocation. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to defer the application to the July 2024 meeting with some questions answered and more information from the subgrantee. Mr. Beale seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote and one abstention from Dr. Kimberly Young and Taryn Brice-Rowland giving an Aye vote via zoom chat.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Mr. Ginger gave the Council an update from the March 2024 GO Virginia State Board Meeting. The Financial Report and Project Pipeline Update is included in the packet.

Mr. Anzivino advised that the FOIA training would be deferred until the July 2024 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mr. Anzivino adjourned the meeting at 12:32 pm.