Region 6 Regional Council Meeting
Monday, July 22nd, 2024
10:00 am – 12:30 pm
In Person Location: Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Bowling Green Office
Virtual Meeting Location -
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair – John Anzivino, Taryn Brice-Rowland (Virtually), Rene Daniels, Val Foulds (Virtually), Vernon Green Jr., Joel Griffin, Dr. Janet Gullickson (virtually – left early), Lisa Hull, Dr. Shannon Kennedy (Virtually), Kim McClellan (left early), Jeff Szyperski, Lindsey Watson Dr. Kimberly Young.

MEMBERS PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: Rob Quartel (virtually)

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

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cody Anderson, Billy Gammel – **DHCD;** Bruce Samuelson – **Greater Reedville Association;** Jen Morgan – **RioT;** Mike Purello -**Rivers Region Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Council;** Jason Satterwhite – **Rappahannock Electric Cooperative**

PRESENTATIONS
At 10:12 Mr. Anzivino indicated there were members running late so we would move Presentations up on the Agenda in order to allow for those members to arrive before taking Roll Call for a quorum.

Jenn Morgan from RIoT presented the Stafford County Expanding Smart Tech Project and its findings to the Council. Ms. Morgan went over the project activities including seeking problems from Region 6 localities and then putting out a call for solutions to tech companies. The final project report was provided in the packet.

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. Mr. Anzivino asked Ms. Oldaker to take roll. Ms. Oldaker took roll and indicated that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY- APPROVAL OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Anzivino 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. Anzivino called the names of the members of participating remotely:

Name	Reason for Remote Participation	Location of Participation	Location Open to Public (Yes/No)
Dr. Shannon Kennedy	Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence	Port Haywood, VA	No
Val Foulds	Meeting location is more than 60 miles from principal residence	Irvington, VA	No
Dr. Janet Gullickson	Unable to attend due to a personal matter (another meeting)	Fredericksburg, VA	No
Taryn Brice-Rowland	The member has a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance.	Lancaster, VA	No

Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the Council members participating remotely. Ms. McClellan motioned for approval and Dr. Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment was received.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Anzivino presented approval of Minutes from the April 22nd, 2024 MBWRC meeting, the FY25 DHCD Capacity Building Contract, and the Update to the Electronic Meetings Policy as part of the Consent Agenda. Ms. McClellan made a motion to approve the Consent Agneda, and Mr. Szyperski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Amending Region 6 G&D Plan to Include Agriculture as a Priority Industry Cluster (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Ginger presented to the Council a Memo that would add Agriculture to the GO Virginia Region 6 Growth and Diversification Plan. Mr. Ginger brought up prior discussions to add Agriculture in order to leverage assets to capitalize on Controlled Environment Agriculture. Mr. Anzivino opened the floor up to questions from Council Members. Mr. Ginger took questions from Council Members. Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion. Mr. Szyperski made a motion for approval and Ms. Hull seconded. Mr. Quartel had questions about the focus of the Agriculture Industry Cluster. Mr. Ginger and Ms. Hull answered Mr. Quartel's questions. Mr. Quartel asked to amend the language in the plan to better define what is included as "Agriculture." Ms. McClellan made a motion, Ms. Brice-Rowland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Amending Bylaws to Allow for Proxy (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Anzivino introduced staff memo from Mr. Ginger on amending the GO Virginia Region 6 Bylaws to allow a Proxy for the five standing organization members. The members from those organizations could allow a Proxy for specific meetings for up to an 11-month period. Mr. Ginger took questions from Council members. The Memo in the packet had an error and left off University of Mary Washington, though the amended Bylaws included them as a organization member that could allow for Proxies. Ms. McClellan made a Motion, Dr. Gullickson seconded the motion. Council members asked clarifying questions including adding University of Mary Washington to the list of organizations. Motion Carried unanimously.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS – ACTION ITEMS

Festival Halle Restoration Teaching Commercial Kitchen Implementation Application

Mr. Samuelson from the Greater Reedville Association presented the application for the Festival Halle Restoration Teaching Commercial Kitchen Application. He covered the kitchen installation and then programming around an incubator for the Aquaculture companies in the Region. Council Members asked questions and discussed the program and budget, private industry participation and support, and the need from the Aquaculture Farms. Council Members expressed concern over the timeline and budget on repairing Festival Halle, specifically the floors. Mr. Samuelson said they almost have the money to repair the floors. After extensive discussion from the Council regarding deferring the application until the money for the floor repair is in hand versus the funds needed now for the kitchen equipment and installation, Mr. Szyperski made a motion to defer the application to the October 2024 Region 6 Council meeting to confirm other funds have been leveraged to repair the floors of Festival Halle, Ms. Brice-Rowland seconded. After the motion was made, the Council discussed further what would happen if the State Board deferred the application. Ms. Brice-Rowland requested to withdraw her second. Mr. Anzivino stated that since the motion had been made and seconded, it was open to a roll call vote. The Motion carried with 7 Ayes (John Anzivino, Rene Daniels, Val Foulds, Lisa Hull, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Kim McClellan, Jeff Szyperski), 4 Nays (Taryn Brice-Rowland, Vernon Green Jr., Joel Griffin, Dr. Kimberly Young).

BCWDB Regional Talent Strategy Implementation Application

Mr. Steven Golas from the Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board presented their Regional Talent Strategy Implementation Application. Mr. Golas presented the main actions and goals of the project building upon the TPI that the BCWDB completed in December of 2023. The application will strengthen sector partnerships through a consortium of companies in targeted industry sectors. The project would employ a Talent Development Coordinator to facilitate the project. The project would also look at aligning the needs of the businesses with the offerings of the education institutions, leveraging the V-TOP Coordinator in the region. The third goal of the project addresses out-migration of talent through branding the region working with the PDC's and Chambers of Commerce. The final goal addresses work-based learning with students and develop a business tool kit in unison with employers to provide resources on hiring, onboarding, and talent requirements. Mr. Golas took questions from the Council members. There were questions from the Council Members on duplication of efforts with already developed tool kits from V-TOP and the work being done by the V-TOP Coordinator. Mr. Golas answered questions, including stating that the V-TOP Coordinator in Region 6 is a partner on the project. Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion to approve. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the application, Ms. Foulds seconded the motions. The Motion carried with 9 Ayes (John Anzivino, Taryn Brice-Rowland, Rene Daniels, Val Foulds, Vernon Green Jr., Joel Griffin, Lisa Hull, Jeff Szyperski, Lindsey Watson) with 2 Abstentions (Dr. Kimberly Young and Dr. Shannon Kennedy).

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

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

Mr. Ginger also introduced Michael Purello, the new Executive Director of the Rivers Region Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Council through the REI project. Mr. Purello introduced himself to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT
Being no further business, Mr. Anzivino adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.

Minutes approved by Council on 10/21/2024