Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting
Monda, February 12, 2024
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
In Person Location – Rappahannock Community College, Warsaw Campus
Virtual Meeting Location -
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON AND VOTING: John Anzivino **(Chair),** Jeff Szyperski – **Vice-Chair,** Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert (arrived after roll call).

STAFF: GWRC –Ian Ginger, Sarah Oldaker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mikel Manchester, Catherine Van Noy– **RIVERE**; Dr. Frederick White, Nancy Patillo, Marjorie Osmer (Virtually) – **Cyber Bytes Foundation;** Christina Clark, Jack Handley – **STEM EIC**; Hanh Linh Ho (Virtually), Mai Linh Ho (Virtually) – **Gateway;** Dr. Jim Eginrieder (Virtually) – **Virginia Tech;** Monty (Virtually)

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

ROLL CALL
Ms. Oldaker called roll and a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items, February 12, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NFORMATION ITEMS
Mr. Ginger presented an update on the Project Pipeline and upcoming additions to the Council and Executive Committee. and took questions from Committee members on the Per Capita budget and how much money is left for projects in FY 2025.

APPLICATION DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATIONS

Economic Impact Analysis for RIVERE Ecological Center and Complementary Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Planning Grant
Mr. Anzivino introduced Catherine Van Noy and Mikel Manchester from RIVERE. They presented the Economic Impact Analysis planning project touching on the budget, project activities, and goals. The

Commission asked questions, and the project team answered. Committee members asked specifically about the involvement of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula localities. The project team said they will be working with Michael Purello, Executive Director of the Rivers Region Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Council, to include those sub-regions. Mr. Anzivino recommended the project team update their application to reflect that outreach. Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion. Ms. Ekert made a motion to approve the application with the edits suggested by Mr. Anzivino, Ms. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cyber Bytes Foundation's Cyber Titans: Virginia Internship Program (Cyber Titans VIP) Planning Grant
Dr. Frederick White and Nancy Patillo from Cyber Bytes Foundation presented on the Cyber Titans: Virginia Internship Program (Cyber Titans VIP) Planning Grant. The presentation touched on the project activities and budget. The Committee members asked questions regarding the age of participants, payment of interns, and duplication with the Innovation Pathways Grant. The project team answered the Committee members' questions and said they would clarify how the project compliments the Innovation Pathways project. Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion. Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the application, Ms. Erkert seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Ms. Davis abstaining due to their partnership and participation in the project.

STEM EIC Increasing Opportunities for Afterschool CTE/STEM Programs Planning Grant
Ms. Christina Clark from STEM EIC presented the Increasing Opportunities for Afterschool CTE/STEM Programs Planning grant along with team members participating online. The presentation covered the need for afterschool activities, micro credentials, and participating schools. The Committee members asked questions regarding transportation for students, lack of support from private industry, and support from division superintendents. Ms. Clark answered the Committees questions. Mr. Anzivino stated he felt that the project needed more work and to figure out some loose ends before moving forward. The Committee members agreed. Ms. Davis made a motion to defer the project to come back once partnerships were finalized and questions had been addressed. Mr. Szyperski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Combining Executive and Nominating Committees and the Creation of an Application Review Committee (Discussion)
Mr. Ginger explained that due to council turnover, there are only two members now on the Nominating Committee and would the Executive Committee be open to combining the Nominating Committee with the Executive Committee. The Committee members seemed open to this. Mr. Ginger stated it would require a bylaws amendment and that can be brought in front of the full Regional Council at the January 27th meeting.

Mr. Ginger then brought for discussion the formation of an Application Review Committee using the Good Grants scoring platform. The committee members agreed this would be a good idea and the new committee could bring recommendations to the full Council on applications. Mr. Ginger indicated that staff would add it to the Regional Council meeting agenda and ask for volunteers.

Using Contingency Funds to Develop the 2025 Growth and Diversification Plan Update
Mr. Ginger presented a memo to the Committee to move $73,464.75 from Contingency line item in the budget to Consultant Services in order to issue a Request for Proposals to conduct the 2025 GO Virginia

Region 6 Growth and Diversification update. Mr. Szyperski made a Motion to approve moving the funds from Contingency to Contract Services, Ms. Erkert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

GO Virginia State Board Regional Council Committee Appointee

Mr. Anzivino updated the Committee members on his recent attendance of the State Board's Regional Council Committee meeting. The State Board is forming a stakeholder group with members from each Region to meet quarterly. The Committee discussed who the appointee should be. Ms. Davis stated she would be happy to be appointed, and the appointment would be placed on the January 27th, 2025 Regional Council meeting as an Action Item. The Committee asked staff to provide more information and details from DHCD on the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.

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