Region 6 Regional Council Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2024
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Virtual Meeting Location -
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair – John Anzivino, Rene Daniels (arrived after roll call), Jackie Davis, Val Foulds, Vernon Green Jr., Joel Griffin, Lisa Hull, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Kim McClellan, Rob Quartel, Jeff Szyperski, Lindsey Watson, Monty Mason (Proxy for Dr. Derek Aday).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Taryn Bryce-Rowland, Jan Erkert, Dr. Janet Gullickson, Dr. Kimberly Young

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Billy Gammell – **DHCD**; Ernisha Hall – **Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce**; Nancy Pattillo, Dr. Frederick White – **CyberBytes**; Pete Humes – **Atlantic Union Bank**

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 July 22nd, 2024 MBWRC meeting. Mr. Quartel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Mr. Szyperski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

GO Virginia State Board Policy #17 – Use of GO Virginia Funds for the Healthcare sector
Billy Gammel from DHCD gave a presentation on the recently approved State Board Policy #17 allowing for the Healthcare sector to be included in GO Virginia projects. Mr. Gammell went over the four criteria required for projects including Healthcare to qualify for GO Virgnia funding, including the VOEE dashboard of High Demand Occupations. The Council members asked questions regarding overlap with VDH grants, capacity for areas to apply, and allowable occupations. Council members also commented on the narrow scope of the policy. Mr. Gammell answered Councilmember questions and stated he would relay concerns back to DHCD staff and State Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointee to State Regional Council Committee
Mr. Anzivino lead a discussion regarding the State Board's Regional Council Committee request to have a representative from the Region 6 Council to attend a meeting on November 7th in the Shenandoah Valley.

The Council expressed concern over the short notice from the State Board for an appointee and location of the meeting. Mr. Gammell confirmed that there is a virtual option, but the meeting is a public meeting and must follow FOIA meeting requirements and therefore the first meeting must be in person. The Council agreed that Mr. Anzivino as Chair will represent Region 6 at the meeting and attend virtually.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS – ACTION ITEMS

BCWDB Regional Talent Strategy Implementation Application – Re-submission

Mr. Ginger introduced the revised application from the BCWDB for the Regional Talent Strategy (RTS) project. Mr. Ginger indicated that the State Board deferred the project and the applicant was submitting it again for approval. The Council asked what had changed in the application and the reason for the deferral. Mr. Ginger and Ms. Davis indicated that they needed to narrow the scope of work of the project. After a brief discussion, Mr. Anzivino asked for a Motion. Mr. Quartel made a motion to approve the updated RTS application. Mr. Szyperski seconded. Motion carried unanimously after a roll call vote with Ms. Davis abstaining.

VBCC Economic Business Empowerment (EBE) Accelerator Implementation Application

Ms. Hall presented the EBE Accelerator Implementation application to the Council, including results of the pilot program that was funded by a GO Virginia Planning Grant. Ms. Hall covered activities in the application and budget in detail. Council members asked questions, which Ms. Hall answered regarding coordination with other agencies. Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion. Mr. Szyperski motioned to approve the EBE Accelerator project to submit to DHCD, Mr. Quartel seconded. Motion carried unanimously after a roll call vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (ACTION ITEM)

Kim McClellan, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave a report on the Nominating Committee meeting held on October 1st, 2024.

The Nominating Committee made a Motion to approve the slate of nominations which included:
Election of Pete Humes to the Regional Council
Election of Donna Hart to the Regional Council
Election of Gini Matern to the Regional Council

Mr. Quartel made a motion to approve the slate of nominees to the Regional Council, Mr. Griffin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Mr. Ginger went over the Information items in the packet. He informed the Council that the date for the second annual GO Virginia Region 6 Economic Development Summit was set for April 21st and 22nd in Fredericksburg, VA. He also went over the FY 2024 Annual Report and addressed Council's comments and questions. The council also discussed the FY24 Per Capita recapture by the State and the financial report, including future project pipeline.

Mr. Boyles from GWRC informed the Council that the GWRC received a US EDA grant of $50,000 with $50,000 in locality match to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Planning District 16.

Mr. Ginger informed the Council he was completing the VRLI with a Community Impact Project involving workforce housing in the Northern Neck, and Ms. Oldaker's participation with Ready Regions North Central addressing Childcare shortage. The council discussed the importance of affordable housing and childcare in the region.

Mr. Griffin informed the Council of the work of Mike Purello as Executive Director of the Rivers Region Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Council and encouraged Councilmembers to reach out and be involved.

ADJOURNMENT
Being no further business, Mr. Anzivino adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

Minutes approved by Council on January 27th, 2025