Region 6 Regional Council Meeting
Monday, January 27th, 2025
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
In Person Location: Rappahannock Community College Warsaw Campus
Virtual Meeting Location -
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair – John Anzivino, Taryn Brice-Rowland, Val Foulds (Virtually), Dr. Janet Gullickson), Donna Hart, Lisa Hull, Pete Humes, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Ginni Matern, Kim McClellan, Rob Quartel (Virtually), Dr. Kimberly Young (arrived in person after roll call).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rene Daniels, Vernon Green Jr., Jeff Szyperski, Lindsey Watson

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Billy Gammel, Shara Gibson – **DHCD;** Woodie Walker, Lisa Andrews, Skip Weiss, Victor Burnell - **Essex County EDA;** Dr. Patrice Perry-Rivers – **Virginia Commonwealth University**; Garret Westlake; Ann Isbell, Wilson Flohr – **GO Virginia Region 4**; William Croxton; Brian Brow; Neal Barber, Clara Vaughn – **Middle Peninsula PDC;** Tybalt Vanderschmidt

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Mr. Anzivino asked Ms. Oldaker to take roll. Ms. Oldaker took roll and indicated that an in-person 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 participating remotely:

Name	Reason for Remote Participation	Location of Participation	Location Open to Public (Yes/No)
Rob Quartel	Unable to attend due to a personal matter	In Transit	No
Val Foulds	Unable to attend due to a personal matter	Irvington, VA	No

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Jan Erkert	The member has a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance.	Fredericksburg, VA	No

Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the Council members participating remotely. Dr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Members Participating Remotely, Ms. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS
Mr. Anzivino introduced Mr. Barber, Mr. Gammel, and Ms. Gibson as presenters.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Anzivino presented approval of Minutes from the October 21st, 2024 MBWRC meeting. Dr. Gullickson made a motion to approve the Consent Agneda, and Ms. Brice-Towland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS
Mr. Barber presented the West Point Airport Industrial Site project by the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission and the Town of West Point. The planning project was completed in 2024 and Mr. Barber's presentation to the Council covered the work completed by the project and the next steps to implementation. The Council members asked questions which Mr. Barber addressed.

Mr. Gammel and Ms. Gibson presented the GO Virginia State Dashboard. His presentation included showing the Council the data and information from closed projects that is available on the dashboard. The Council asked questions which Mr. Gammel and Ms. Gibson answered.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Mr. Anzivino reported to the Council on the December 12, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. He informed the Council of the two planning grants that were approved by the Executive Committee: RIVERE Ecological Center Rapp Smart River Initiative Economic Analysis Study and the Cyber Bytes Cyber Titans VIP projects. Council members asked questions about the projects and discussed some concerns. Mr. Ginger answered the Council's questions and let the Council know that the RIVERE project was pending DHCD approval, and that Cyber Titans had been approved. The Council was reminded that these were planning grants, so any partnerships needed to be established, would be done during the planning grant process.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Update By-laws to Combine Executive Committee and Nominating Committee (ACTION ITEM)</u>
Mr. Ginger provided a memo to the Council to update the By-laws to combine the Executive Committee and Nominating Committees due to efficiency in meeting times and action taken. The Council expressed support for this change. Mr. Quartel Motioned to approve the update to the by-laws to combine the

Executive Committee and Nominating Committee, and Dr. Kennedy seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Creation of an Application Review Committee

Mr. Ginger presented to the Council the formation of an Application Review Committee. Mr. Ginger explained that the Committee's main purpose would be to log on to the Good Grants software and score individual applications to then make recommendations to the Council. Mr. Ginger asked for volunteers and ideas on the formation of the committee. The Council discussed representation across the Industry Clusters and a regular meeting for the Committee. Mr. Ginger indicated that staff would come back with a Motion to amend the by-laws in order to form the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointee to the State Regional Council Committee (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Anzivino stated that the Council needed more information from DHCD and the State Board Regional Council Committee before proceeding with choosing a representative from Region 6. The Council took no action on this agenda item and deferred the vote to the April 2025 meeting.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS

Statewide Competitive Application from Region 4 – Minority Small Business Center

Dr. Perry-Rivers presented the Statewide Competitive Application for the Minority Small Business Center. The application originates out of GO Virginia Region 4 as the lead region and has already been approved by Region 5's Council to confirm their support and participation. Dr. Perry-Rivers presented the scope of work of the project and budget. Council members asked questions, which Dr. Perry-Rivers answered. Mr. Ginger informed the Council that this would come out of the Statewide Competitive fund, and no money would come out of Region 6 Per Capita budget and would not require Region 6 staff time. Ms. McClellan motioned to approve Region 6's participation and support of the Minority Small Business Center project, Ms. Brice-Rowland seconded. A roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Mr. Ginger updated the Council on the RFP that was issued for a consultant to conduct the 2025 Growth and Diversification plan update.

Mr. Ginger gave the Council an update on the GO Virginia Region 6 2nd Annual Economic Development Summit.

Mr. Ginger informed the Council that Joel Griffin had been chosen to represent Region 6 on the GO Virginia State Board and would no longer be able to participate in the Regional Council.

Mr. Ginger gave a brief update on The Financial Report and Project Pipeline. The Financial Report and Project Pipeline Update are included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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