Region 6 Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 18, 2025
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Virtual Meeting Location -
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MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON AND VOTING: John Anzivino **(Chair),** Jeff Szyperski – **Vice-Chair,** Jan Erkert.

STAFF: GWRC –Ian Ginger, Sarah Oldaker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Patillo, Marjorie Osmer – **Cyber Bytes Foundation;** Robert Dixon – **Germanna Community College**; Woodie Walker – **Essex EDA**; Billy Gammel – **DHCD**; Juhi Naithani, Tom Flynn – **bGlobal**; Chris Chmura, PhD., Patrick Clapp – **Chmura**; Teresa Nortillo, Erin Brown, Brian Nottingham, Ashley Sharpley - **TPMA**

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 11:02 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, December 12, 2024, meeting minutes. Ms. Erkert made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Szyperski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Council and Executive Committee Vacancies (Discussion)
Mr. Ginger explained that due to council turnover and members rolling off their second and final term this year, there is a need to recruit new members. Mr. Ginger also explained the split between the three subregions, and the need for more representation from the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Council members discussed the need to recruit from private industry, sub-region member ratios, and the need for representation from manufacturing and forestry industry clusters. Mr. Szyperski agreed to work on recruiting members from the Northern Neck while Mr. Anzivino will work on members from the Middle Peninsula.

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OLD BUSINESS

Interview and Selection of Consultant for 2025 Growth and Diversification Plan (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Anzivino informed the committee that they would be interviewing the top three scored companies that submitted proposals in response to the 2025 G&D Update RFP.

Committee members heard presentations from bGlobal, Chmura, and TPMA as well as asked several questions of each firm in regard to stakeholder engagement, data, and information on emerging industries. Each firm received 10 minutes to present with 10 minutes for questions.

After the interviews, Committee members discussed the three firms and agreed that Chmura had the top proposal and presentation, but the cost was out of the price range for the G&D plan and that TPMA was the second choice. The Committee agreed to direct staff to attempt negotiations with Chmura to bring the cost within the correct price range, and if an agreement was unable to be reached with Chmura, then staff could proceed with contract negotiations with TPMA. Mr. Anzivino made a motion, and Ms. Erkert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GO Virginia State Board Regional Council Committee Appointee
Mr. Ginger informed the Committee that Ms. Davis had volunteered to represent the Region 6 Council on the State Board Regional Council Committee. Ms. Davis was unable to attend the meeting, so Mr. Anzivino made a motion to appoint Ms. Davis contingent on her acceptance. Ms. Erkert Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

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