Region 6 Regional Council Meeting
Monday, January 27th, 2025
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
In Person: Jepson Alumni Executive Center, 1119 Hanover St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Virtual Meeting Location -
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair – John Anzivino, **Vice-Chair -** Jeff Szyperski, Taryn Brice-Rowland (Virtually), Rene Daniels, Jackie Davis, Jan Erkert, Vernon Green Jr., Dr. Janet Gullickson (virtually), Pete Humes, Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Ginni Matern, Dr. Kimberly Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Derek Aday, Donna Hart, Lisa Hull, Kim McClellan, Lindsey Watson

STAFF: GWRC –Chip Boyles, Kate Gibson, Sarah Oldaker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Billy Gammel – **DHCD;** Carley Walker – **Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce**; Annie Conte – **VEDP**; Teresa Nortillo (virtually) – **TPMA**; John Bateman (virtually) **– Lancaster County**; Kyle Allwine (virtually) – **Northern Neck Electric Cooperative**; Desiree (vitually)

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Anzivino called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. 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)
Dr. Janet Gullickson	Unable to attend due to a personal matter	Fredericksburg, VA	No
Taryn Brice-Rowland	Meeting location is over 60 miles from principle residence	Lancaster, VA	No

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

INTRODUCTIONS
Mr. Anzivino introduced Ms. Walker, Ms. Conte, and Mr. Gammel.

PUBLIC INVOLVMENT
There was no public involvement

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Anzivino presented approval of Minutes from the January 27th, 2025 MBWRC meeting. Ms. Davis indicated that a correction needed to be made to the Minutes, adding her in attendance at the January 27th meeting. Mr. Anzivino asked staff to make that correction and staff agreed. Ms. Matern made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Ms. Oldaker presented the financial report and informed the Council that FY25 would end on June 30, 2025 and Region 6 would be carrying over Per Capita funds into FY 26 for projects. The Council discussed how much money is needed for planning and that no funds were being recaptured by the State this year.

PRESENTATIONS
Ms. Walker gave a presentation on the Workforce NOW project which closed out in April 2025. Ms. Walker presented on the internship expos, workshops, and one-on-one services offered to the businesses. Ms. Walker presented final numbers and metrics and discussed future funding for the program.

Ms. Conte gave a presentation on the VEDP Regional Talent Solutions and Business Outreach. She presented the program to the Council and discussed the businesses she's engaged with in Region 6.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (ACTION ITEM)
Mr. Anzivino reported to the Council regarding the Executive Committee meeting held April 21st at 11:30 am. The Council discussed the need for new members to be recruited on the Council. He presented the slate of new members: Joe Syslo, John Bateman, and Kyle Allwine, as well as appointing Ginni Matern to the Executive Committee and re-appointing Jeff Szyperski and Rene Daniels for their second term on the Council.

Mr. Anzivino asked Mr. Boyles to give an update on the hiring process to fill the Program Director position.

Mr. Anzivino asked for a motion to approve the entire slate of membership updates. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the slate of new membership updates and Ms. Ekert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>GO Virginia Region 6 Capacity Building Budget (ACTION ITEM)</u>

Ms. Gibson presented a FY25 budget amendment to account for the Program Director vacancy and consulting fees not being spent down. Ms. Gibson also presented the FY26 proposed budget to the Council for approval to submit to DHCD.

Council members had no questions. Mr. Anzivino asked for two separate motions: one to approve the FY25 budget amendment and the other to approve the FY26 Budget.

Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget Amendment and Dr. Kennedy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget and Mr. Green seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Implementation and Volunteers Needed for Project Review Committee

Ms. Oldaker opened discussion for the Council to decide if there should be an Application Review Committee and what the makeup of the committee should be. The Council discussed if members should be allowed to appoint proxies to the committee and how often it would meet. The Council came to a consensus for staff to schedule regular workgroups meetings on the calendar as place holders and see if that helps with the participation of workgroup members reviewing applications, and the Council will bring this matter back for discussion at the next meeting. Staff agreed to schedule workgroup meetings for the next round of applications.

2025 Growth and Diversification Plan Update

Ms. Oldaker gave an update on the 2923 Growth and Diversification Plan update to the Council, reporting that the Executive Committee had scored and interviewed applicants, and ultimately TPMA was the consultant chosen to conduct the G&D plan. Ms. Oldaker let the Council know that TPMA would be attending the July 2025 meeting and may reach out to Council members individually in the meantime. The Council discussed updating the Priority Traded Industry Clusters.

APPLICATION DISUCSSION AND DETERMINATIONS

Festival Halle Aquaculture Innovation Center and Pre-Incubator Cluster Scale-Up

Bruce Samuelson from the Greater Reedville Association presented the Aquaculture Innovation Center and Pre-incubator project to the Council which had been previously deferred in July of 2024. Mr. Samuelson gave an overview of the progress on the construction of the floors at Festival Halle and an update on the programs that will be included with the incubator. Mr. Samuelson shared the budget with the Council and answered questions.

It was discussed that the application team had trouble receiving the required match verification forms from the local entities providing match. Ms. Oldaker stated that, per DHCD, the Council could approve the application contingent on receiving the adequate match verification form for local match before the May 2nd deadline to submit the application to DHCD. If the applicant is unable to obtain the local match verification forms, the council would agree that the applicant can submit the local match waiver for the delta required for 20% local match. The remaining match amount would be covered under funds already in the budget as leverage.

After some discussion, Mr. Szyperski made a motion to approve the application contingent on the local match verification forms, or a signed local match waiver, as presented. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote with 11 ayes and 1 abstention.

INFORMATION ITEMS IN PACKET

Ms. Davis gave an update on the State Board Regional Council Committee meeting.

Ms. Oldaker gave an update from the March 2025 State Board meeting including updates on Match guidelines and statewide grants. The project update sheet is provided in the packet for Council member review.

ADJOURNMENT
Being no further business, Mr. Anzivino adjourned the meeting at 2:58 pm

APPROVED JULY 21, 2025