

NEW RIVER VALLEY DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD
Called Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2004

Present: Jean Brickey, Robert Wright, Maureen Weyer, Vanessa Thompson, Virginia Reilly, Terri Morris, Tim Whitten, and Shawn Utt.

This meeting was a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. The meeting was called to order in the Blacksburg Public Library at 10:00AM.

Chair Brickey asked if there were any additions to be made to the agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Reilly and seconded by Ms. Morris to accept the agenda as written. The motion passed by acclamation.

Chair Brickey asked if there were any additions to be made to the minutes of the last meeting (February 11, 2004). A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. Reilly, to accept the minutes as distributed.

Mr. Utt gave the DSB an update on the transportation program as he understood. He noted that each locality is planning on providing level funding for the next fiscal year, with the exception of Montgomery County. According to several conversations between Mr. Heinline (Transportation Program Manager) and Mr. Clay Goodman (County Administrator), the data that Mr. Heinline provided to the County with the budget request did not represent a need for the County to provide level funding. Thus, the County voted to reduce the funding by approximately 33%. Mr. Goodman noted that Mr. Heinline could provide additional information for the next fiscal year and obtain the lost funding back.

Mr. Wright and Ms. Thompson gave the Board an update of the BRILC satellite office in Christiansburg. The satellite center has spent the entire RSIF funds awarded by the NRVDSB last August. These funds were spent on housing modifications for people in need. The BRILC satellite office is also expecting to be part of the General Assembly Biennial Budget beginning FY05. Should that occur, the DSB will be partially responsible for assisting the ILC in creating a Board of Directors, as well as initial staffing. Mr. Wright also discussed the A.D.A. Workshop that had been held May 11th at the New River Competitiveness Center in Radford. There were approximately 40 individuals that participated in the workshop. They included local building officials, planning officials, private housing agencies and contractors.

OLD BUSINESS – The following items were discussed;

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Weyer noted that VATS will have an informational meeting on May 24th from 1 to 3 pm. There will be a representative of the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA) on hand to discuss her agency and answer any questions that may arise.

Mr. Whitten noted that Blacksburg Transit (BT) will be awarded funds through the Blacksburg CDBG Entitlement funds. These funds will be steered toward increasing rider-ship of the disabled community, as well as other projects.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., location to be in the Blacksburg Public Library.

Chair Brickey adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.