

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on January 26, 2006

7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Burdette called the meeting to order with 12 members present.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Burdette, Vice Chairman, Radford University; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; Mr. M. Barber, Town of Christiansburg; Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; and; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. B. Elvey, Virginia Tech; Mr. D. Ingram, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg ;Dr. J. Meredith; Virginia Tech; Mr. T. Owen, Pulaski County; Ms. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. D. Talbert, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacant representative.

Mr. Burdette welcomed everyone and introduced Michael Barber, representing the Town of Christiansburg. Mr. Barber said he was looking forward to being a representative on the Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Mr. Burdette asked if there were any questions or additions to the November minutes.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the November minutes be approved. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried; with one abstention.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Burdette had no report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS

Mrs. Janney reported she attended the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee meeting. At the meeting a resolution was presented and adopted by the Committee urging the inclusion of Southern Rivers of Virginia be included in the Commonwealth of Virginia's plans to fund water quality improvements. She stated she would like for the Commission to also adopt a resolution including the New River.

Motion: Mrs. Janney moved to approve a resolution to include the New River in Virginia's plans to fund water quality improvements. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burdette asked to whom the resolution should be sent. The consensus was to send to Legislators both House and Senate. Mr. Burdette stated that he and Mr. Rundgren would be going to Richmond on Monday and could deliver the resolution at that time.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Reports for October, November, and December. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Reports be approved as presented. Mrs. French seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burdette asked that Item A under New Business be conducted at this time.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report from the New River Highlands RC&D

Mr. Rundgren introduced Joe Gorman, Chairman and PDC's representative to the RC&D. Mr. Gorman thanked the Commission for the opportunity to represent the PDC. Mr. Gorman stated that the RC&D does development of resources as well as economic development. He introduced Gary Boring, RC&D Coordinator. Mr. Boring provide the Commissioners with brochures pertaining to White Pine Tipping Initiative and Firewise Communities for Virginia. He stated that the RC&D had been working with the New River Land Trust concerning conservation easements and have obtained 17 easements; and have also worked with the New River Roundtable. Some of the projects for 2006 include Back Creek TMDL; Charcoal Feasibility Study; stream bank, TMDL's Mill Creek/Dodd Creek. He urged the Commissioners to look on the Virginia Division of Forestry website for more information.

Mr. Rundgren thanked Mr. Gorman for representing the PDC well, and Mr. Boring for his presentation.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the items by slide show. He asked Abi Convery, Regional Planner, to talk about the Regional Bikeway-Walkway Planning. She stated that for the New River Trail-Radford three different routes are being evaluated, Rt. 11, Rt. 114 through Fairlawn, and Bike 76 Route. For the Radford to Huckleberry four different routes are being evaluated, Slate Branch, Crab Creek, Plum Creek, and Bike 76 Route. The short term agenda is facilitating the organization of local bike groups to regional perspective, collaborating with DCR to negotiate with the Railroad, and getting bike clubs and locality staffs to document (GPS/camera) proposed routes. The long term plan will be to coordinate efforts for regional conferences in 2006-7 in the NRV. The NR Blueway Plan is being developed for public access sites from Claytor Lake Dam to WV to be submitted for funding to DCR and VDGIF.

The Executive Director's report will be attached to the original minutes for the file.

VII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Report from Round the Mountain

Mr. Rundgren stated that a representative was unable to attend. He stated, however, Ali Whitaker, Regional Planner, would like to make a presentation concerning HOME Consortium. She provided the Commissioners with background information on the subject. She stated that she had been meeting with locality staffs to see if there is an interest in

participating in a HOME Consortium. Dr. Harvey stated that she was concerned that data shows fewer and fewer rental properties being constructed for lower income families. Mr. Rundgren stated that the issue could be addressed with localities during the updating of comprehensive plans. Mr. Burdette state that this issue should be addressed further and asked that it be placed as an agenda item at a future meeting.

C. Consideration of Request for an Extension of Time for the Transportation Planning Grant for Radford

Mr. Rundgren provided the Commissioners with a copy of a resolution to VDOT requesting an extension of funds to conduct the Main Street Corridor Study.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Executive Committee's Recommendation of FY 06-07 Per Capita Rate

Mr. Rundgren stated that one of the influencing factors for a rate increase is that VRS rates will be rising next fiscal year by an additional \$9,900.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Executive Committee's recommendation of \$1.10 per capita rate for FY 06-07 be approved. Mr. Barber seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Report on Third Annual Regional Legislative Dinner

Mr. Rundgren stated that although Mr. Mease could not attend the Commission meeting, he relayed a message by phone that the meeting was a welcoming meeting. The November date seemed to work well and they wanted to have one next year at Virginia Tech. Mr. Sheffey stated that he also attended the meeting. He said that the democrats and republicans wanted to work together to resolve the issues presented to them.

C. Discussion of Federal and State National Incident Management Standards Requirements

For information purposes, Mr. Rundgren stated that he provided a copy of Mr. Huber's letter concerning the development of regional training teams. The item was not discussed.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

None

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. ADA Access Improvements at Four VA State Parks (Claytor Lake) - VA Department of Conservation & Recreation
2. I-81 Corridor Improvement Study - VA Department of Transportation

Mr. Burdette asked if anyone wanted to review the projects or take action on both.

It was the consensus of the Commission to table Item 2, I-81 Corridor Improvement Study until further information could be compiled.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the Item C project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies, and goals. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

David Burdette, Vice Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on February 23, 2006

7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order with 17 members present.

PRESENT: Ms. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; Mr. M. Barber, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Dr. J. Meredith; Virginia Tech; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. T. Owen, Pulaski County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. D. Talbert, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Burdette, Vice Chairman, Radford University; Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Mr. D. Ingram, Floyd County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacant representative.

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins asked if there were any questions or additions to the January minutes.

Dr. Harvey stated that her comment in sentence #5 under New Business, B. Report from Round the Mountain, should be revised to read “..... data shows fewer and fewer rental properties being constructed for higher income families. There is already an imbalance for distribution of subsidized housing.”

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the January minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

III. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins welcomed everyone and announced that David Burdette will be leaving Radford University and therefore the position as Vice Chair of the Commission. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting and hopefully he will be able to attend. We wish him well.

Mrs. Perkins then introduced and welcomed David Dent, who is replacing Bill Elvey representing Virginia Tech. Mr. Dent said he looked forward to working with the other Commission members.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS

Mr. Sheffey stated that in the Virginia Business Magazine, 2006 Guide to Businesses in Virginia, the PDC was referenced as a great source of information.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Report for January. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee was unable to meet and therefore had no report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the following items by slides:

1. Terms to Expire; 2. VAPDC Winter Meeting; Grant Applications; Transportation Study; Regional Water Supply Planning and Regional Water Source Study; HOME Consortium; State Water Supply Planning; and Regional Projects. A copy of the report will be attached to the original minutes for the file.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Rundgren provided information about a symposium on housing affordability to be held at Virginia Tech on April 18th. Dr. Harvey asked if Planning Commissions were invited. Mr. Rundgren stated he believed so.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Setting of CDBG Priorities

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Commissioners had been provided the priority rankings from the previous year; he then asked if any changes needed to be made. The jurisdictions that he knew of at this time who will be submitting projects are the Town of Pulaski (Economic Development-Job Creation), Town of Rich Creek (Economic Development-Business District Revitalization); and Montgomery County (Community Services Facility). Discussion followed, and with a consensus, the Economic Development-Job Retention was moved to Priority #1 from Priority #2 and Housing-Housing Rehabilitation was moved to Priority #2 from Priority #1.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved to approve the Block Grant Priorities for 2006 set by the Commission. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of FY07 Transportation Work Program

Mr. Rundgren briefly reviewed the four components of the Transportation Work Program. Mr. Sheffey noted that the PDC Match under component four was actually the total amount of the budget. Mr. Rundgren stated that the final copy will reflect the correct amount of \$3,324.00.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved to approve the FY 07 Transportation Work Program with the correction. Mr. Barber seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Authority to Submit Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Application

Mr. Rundgren stated that the areas to be studied would be the Fairlawn/Dublin areas.

Mr. Starnes stated that there were no figures on the cost and he asked what would be the estimated cost for the PDC and Pulaski County. Mr. Rundgren stated that the grant request would be for \$48,000, and Pulaski County would be providing the \$12,000 for their comprehensive plan update to be used as match.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve submittal of the Virginia Rural Transportation Planning Program grant application. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mease asked the funding status of NRV entities concerning the smart way bus. Mr. Rundgren stated that Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Montgomery County are providing funds. Kevin Byrd, PDC Regional Planner stated that Virginia Tech would be covering ½ of the cost, with the three other jurisdictions splitting equally the other half. Mr. Barber stated that Christiansburg questioned the validity of the totals of how many actually use the bus system.

Mr. Mease then asked what is the PDC's stance concerning the President approving sale of forest lands. Mr. Starnes asked how they arrived at the acreages that are to be sold. Mr. Harvey stated that local forestry departments have small maps outlining the areas. Mr. Mease also asked what will the money derived from the sale support.

Mrs. Perkins stated that since there are so many unanswered questions, maybe Mr. Rundgren could get more information on the subject and this item could be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting. There was a consensus to do so.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. FY 2006 State Revolving Fund Capitalization Grant - VA Department of Environmental Quality
2. Safe Drinking Water Act, 3% Set Aside for Management & Oversight - VA Department of Health

B. Regular Project Review

1. Purchase of Transportation Equipment - New River Valley Community Services

C. Environmental Project Review

The following project was tabled at the January meeting

1. I-81 Corridor Improvement Study - Virginia Department of Transportation

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone wanted to review the projects or take action on both.

It was the consensus to take separate actions on the 2 projects, since further information was compiled on the Environmental project.

B. Regular Project Review, Purchase of Transportation Equipment Project

Motion: Mr. Owen moved that this project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies, and goals. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Environmental Project Review, I-81 Corridor Improvement Study

Mr. Rundgren asked Kevin Byrd, PDC Regional Planner, to review the TAC Draft recommendations to the PDC. Mr. Byrd highlighted several recommendations - The PDC opposes the use of tolls on the I-81 Corridor until tolling methods are further evaluated, as well as other funding sources should be investigated before tolls are considered; ITS and TSM technology should be utilized throughout the corridor to improve safety and traffic flow; VDOT should consider providing facilities that would serve communication and utility needs regionally to promote economic development in the corridor; where at all possible, the localities should request the limitation of the use of sound walls and investigate alternative methods of sound control; mile markers Northbound 94, 105, 19 and Southbound 121 have high crash rates associated with them and the PDC requests that safety issues at these locations be addressed.

Mr. Starnes suggested that in item 1, sentence #2 , “other funding sources” should say “other general fund items”.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that this project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies, and goals; and that TAC recommendations be submitted with the finding. Mr. Owen seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on March 23, 2006

7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order with 16 members present.

PRESENT: Ms. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; Mr. M. Barber, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. T. Owen, Pulaski County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. D. Talbert, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Burdette, Vice Chairman, Radford University; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. D. Ingram, Floyd County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; and Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski;.

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins asked if there were any questions or additions to the February minutes.

Motion: Mrs. Moses moved that the February minutes be approved. Mr. Owen seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins welcomed everyone. She stated that Helen Harvey's sister had passed away should anyone wish to send their condolences. She announced that David Burdette had taken a position at Indiana University, and that Bill Elvey and Joe Meredith had resigned their position on the board. She read Certificates of Appreciation for each member.

Mrs. Perkins then introduced and welcomed Kevin Sullivan, who is replacing Joe Meredith, representing Virginia Tech. Mr. Sullivan said he looked forward to working with the board.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS

Mr. Harvey stated that the New River Blueway canoe trail from North Carolina to Virginia to West Virginia is becoming a reality. A map is being published illustrating the trails and providing contact information for local government and emergency services.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Report for February. He stated that while budgeting for FY 07 is taking place, he asked the members to encourage administrators to approve the PDC's requests. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Treasurer's Report for February be approved as presented. Mr. Barber seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee met prior to the Commission meeting to discuss nominees for the Vice-Chair position and will make recommendations at the April meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the following items by slides:

1. Terms to Expire for Floyd & Giles Co and Town of Christiansburg;
2. DDAA Meeting March 12-14, discussion of funding for FY 07;
3. EDA Proposed Regional Development Accounts, Appropriations Sub-Committee needs to be urged to fund EDA @ \$327 million and retain existing functions and program structure;
4. Grant Applications submitted for PDC and Pulaski County;
5. Regional Telecommunications working on Phase 1 Agreement;
6. Regional Water Supply Planning and Regional Water Source Study under way with the engineering report to be reviewed in mid April;
7. HOME Consortium application due June 30; State Water Supply Planning application approved; and Stormwater Management Technical Advisory Committee being formed.

A copy of the Director's Report will be attached to the original minutes for the file.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of New Vice Chairman

Mrs. Perkins stated that nominees for Vice-Chair will be recommended at April meeting, and new officers will be elected in June.

- B. Discussion of US Forest Service Land Sale Proposal

Mr. Rundgren stated that the US Forest Service proposes to sell available forest lands within the 193-million-acre National Forest System. In the George Washington & Jefferson National Forest in Giles County - 205.23 acres and Montgomery County - 390.31 acres.

Mrs. Perkins stated that Montgomery County will be reviewing the proposal at their next meeting.

Mr. Talbert stated that once they begin selling, where will they stop; they may continue to keep doing it with more and more forest land. It looks as if parcel trades would be a better solution.

Mr. Sullivan stated that land swapping is harder than you would think.

Mr. Mease stated that when you read between the lines, it has nothing to do with schools. With 193 million acres of forest land involved, it looks like this is just the beginning to the selling.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved to authorize staff to write a resolution opposing the sale of National Forest Lands. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration of a Commissioners' Briefing

Mr. Rundgren suggested holding a briefing so that new members can become acquainted with present members and learn about PDC activities and ask questions

With a suggestion from Mr. Sheffey to have two short meetings prior to Commission meetings in May and June, a Commission briefing is scheduled for those two meetings.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Starnes noted that VDOT is preparing to start design of the Route 114 bridge. He suggested that the PDC send an appropriate resolution encouraging VDOT to consider attaching a water line. It was the consensus to have Mr. Rundgren prepare a resolution for review at the April meeting.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. New River Valley Airport, Capital Improvement Pre-application - NRVA

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

None

Mrs. Perkins stated that there were no projects to be reviewed for action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on April 27, 2006

7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order with 17 members present.

PRESENT: Ms. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; Mr. M. Barber, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. T. Owen, Pulaski County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech; and Mr. D. Talbert, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Mr. D. Ingram, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins asked if there were any questions or additions to the March minutes.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved that the March minutes be approved. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins welcomed everyone. She then introduced Richard McCoy who will be replacing Eric Gentry as a Giles County representative. She welcomed Mr. McCoy and asked that each member/staff introduce themselves. Mr. McCoy thanked everyone.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mrs. Janney stated that she had attended the last Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee meeting; however was called to a meeting in Richmond and was unable to stay for all of it. She stated that Senator Rupp diligently attends the meetings but there is not a lot of participation with state representatives.

Mr. Sheffey reported that Dr. Charlie White, associated with New River Community College for years has taken the position of President at Wytheville Community College. He will certainly be missed.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Report for March. He stated the PDC is still solvent. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Report for March be approved as presented. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee met prior to the Commission meeting to discuss nominees for the Vice-Chair position vacated by David Burdette. The Committee nominates Dan Talbert to fill the unexpired term through June.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved to close nominations. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Barber then moved that by acclamation Mr. Talbert be elected as Vice-Chair. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the following items by powerpoint:

1. Grant Applications - Transportation Assistance Grant for Pulaski County was not funded.
2. T-21 Project Tentative Awards - Giles County pedestrian improvements; Pulaski County pedestrian facilities and signage; City of Radford Pathways Network; Town of Floyd streetscaping; Town of Pearisburg pedestrian facilities.
3. Transportation - FY 2007-2012 Six Year Improvement Program Public Hearing May 9, 2006, 6:30 p.m., Salem District Auditorium.
4. Smartway Bus Utilization - Chart of comparison for FY 04-05 and FY 05-06 showed an increase in usage. Radford University asked the PDC to draft a survey to be used to determine cost if public transportation could be arranged for students and faculty traveling of parking when traveling to the Roanoke Higher Education Center.
5. Regional Water Supply Planning/Regional Water Source Study - Engineer Report reviewed March 17th. The decision was made to move forward on Authority formation.
6. HOME Consortium work group meeting to be held May 4th, then final draft agreement to localities. Application due June 30th.
7. Symposium on Housing Affordability - Held on April 18th, with 30 people in attendance, which included local planners, planning commissioners, developers/relators and students.
8. State Water Supply Planning - State approved PDC's application, steering committee has been formed and tasks have been identified: existing water source information, water usage, resource information, and projected water demand. The Health Department will not provide the PDC with information, each locality has to request the data separately, thus slowing down the process.
9. New Projects - Floyd Downtown and Giles County Route 100.
10. Staff Changes - Wayne Carpenter, Incubator Manager, to retire April 28th and Yolanda Hunter, presently Business Development Specialist, will assume the position May 1st. Shelia Smith, Regional Planner/Economic Development, has resigned effective May 5th. The position will be advertised Sunday April 30th.

A discussion was held concerning the HOME Consortium, item 6. Questions from Mrs. Janney and Mr. Gerald about from where the statistics came to determine the MSA. Mr. Rundgren stated they were US Census figures. Mr. Gerald stated he would like to see them re-evaluated. Dr. Harvey stated that for the Chair of Center for Housing Research to say that housing does not carry its own weight, is a myth; he could not elaborate when asked. She stated that Interstate exits at Wytheville have frontage roads for their industrial park, but at Radford's exits all you see is housing.

A copy of the Director's Report will be attached to the original minutes for the file.

Mr. Patton stated he would like to make a few comments and ask questions. He commended Dave and his staff for the tremendous job they have done with the Town of Floyd's community development block grant. He then asked if there had been any feedback concerning the rumor of a Toyota Plant coming to Roanoke. Mr. Rundgren stated that the rumor began in the NY Times. Toyota has not contacted the State for any site locations. Although our area has a lot of assets, at this point the Toyota project has just been in news reports. Mr. Patton then stated that he was concerned and irritated that Floyd was not included in the MSA. The out-commuting from Floyd into the New River Valley is very significant.

The focus then continued on the Toyota issue. Mrs. Perkins asked who or what group needs to work toward strategizing on how to get Toyota or another large industry to locate in the area. Mr. Rundgren stated that the lead marketing agency is the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance. Dr. Leighton asked if the Alliance could be asked to deal with the issue by working on a strategy to market the area to bring in a large industry.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the Alliance President and Director be invited to the next Commission meeting for a discussion session. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of New Vice Chairman

Mrs. Perkins stated this item was taken care of under the Executive Committee Report

B. Presentation of New Economic Development Guidelines

Mr. Rundgren stated that he would like to table this item until the next meeting.

C. Approval of FY CEDS/Annual Project Package/Project Selection Criteria

Mr. Rundgren stated that the PDC is not recommending any changes to the project evaluation criteria. He said that if the Commissioners identified additional projects to make them known by next week. The criteria will then be used to prepare the project package.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved that the Project Selection Criteria be approved. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Harvey stated that on page 27 of the Project Evaluation Criteria Sheet, item 3 under Points, A., the word immerging should be emerging. Mr. Sheffey noted that the Business Technology Park is in Pulaski County, not Radford. Mr. Gerald stated that the project, Demolition of Camp #5 property, should be deleted.

D. Approval of Resolution to VDOT Concerning Rt. 114 Bridge Design

Mr. Rundgren stated that at the last meeting staff was asked to draft a resolution to VDOT concerning the Rt. 114 Bridge Design encouraging VDOT to consider a design that would allow the attachment of a water line. He presented the resolution drafted for review.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the resolution be approved for submission to VDOT. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

The following projects are from the Department of Environmental Quality

1. Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Program
2. FY06-09 UST Cooperative Agreement
3. Wetlands Program Development Grant

B. Regular Project Review

1. Department of Defense Cooperative Agreement - Department of Environmental Quality

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Civil Engineering Structures Lab Addition for Virginia Tech - Virginia Tech

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone wished to review any project separately.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that projects B and C be found not in conflict with regional, plans, policies and goals. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on May 25, 2006
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order with 15 members present.

PRESENT: Ms. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. M. Barber, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; R. McCoy, Giles County; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech; and Mr. D. Talbert, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Mr. D. Ingram, Floyd County; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. T. Owen, Pulaski County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; and Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins asked if there were any questions or additions to the April minutes.

Motion: Mrs. Moses moved that the April minutes be approved. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins welcomed everyone. She then congratulated Dr. Leighton and Mr. Stipes on their election to council seats. She also noted that Ms. Quesenberry was on vacation.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No concerns were stated and no reports were given

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL

Mr. Rundgren presented the Treasurer's Report for April. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Report for April be approved as presented. Mr. Barber seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Sullivan asked what activities are included in the travel budget. Mr. Rundgren explained that the expenses are for travel by PDC staff, including the Workforce Investment Board staff, who travel the New River Valley and Mt. Rogers planning districts.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Perkins requested that the order of the agenda be amended to allow Mr. Dehart and Mr. Bopp to make their presentation, then resume the regular agenda items.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by Mr. David Dehart and Mr. Aric Bopp of the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance.

Mr. Dehart and Mr. Bopp presented the strategies and methods employed by the NRV Economic Development Alliance to promote economic development. They discussed several economic development stories that had both positive and negative outcomes.

NRV Economic Development Alliance works extensively with the “prospect team” which is comprised of the local economic development directors and administrators.

In general, the NRV Economic Development Alliance focuses their recruiting efforts on industries that, 1) have less than 300 employees; 2) pay higher than average wages and; 3) have a large capital investment. They generally have between 24-30 site visits a year which yield a 10% success rate. One of the recent major drawbacks noted by a prospect is that the region does not have access to two rail lines. Companies who produce building materials tend to be moving into the region.

Dr. Harvey asked what internal accountability measures were in place at the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance to improve the 10% success rate. Mr. Bopp stated that they try to track every project to completion wherever they may locate so that the Alliance can see where prospects are going and try to identify why they did not locate in the New River Valley.

It was suggested that the Alliance try to develop a tracking matrix so that when a company comes to the area the team will already have an idea of what they may be looking for; rather than trying to match a company to a site once they are already on their visit.

Mrs. Perkins thanked Mr. Dehart and Mr. Bopp for their presentation.

Continued with regular Agenda items.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the following items by powerpoint:

1. ARC appropriations and reauthorization. A letter was submitted requesting \$64.8 million, current funding is \$35.472 million with \$9.337 million earmarked.
 - Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that a letter or resolution be drafted for the Commissioners to review in June that states the benefits the region has received from ARC funding and the Commission supports ARC receive full funding. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.
 - Action: Motion carried unanimously.
2. Stormwater management – New regulations will become effective September 2007. New process will involve localities. Stormwater permits must be issued before any other permits.
3. Creating a New Economy in Southwest Virginia – Conference will examine the initiative to bring tourism and asset based economic development to the region.

4. Regional Water Supply Planning: Regional Water Source Study – Progress continues towards forming an Authority. The current focus is on brokering the sale of water.
5. State Water Supply Planning – Steering committee meets monthly. The PDC continues to work with localities and the Department of Health to collect water system data and information.
6. HOME Consortium – The localities are examining the final draft of HOME consortium agreement. All materials are due to HUD by June 30, 2006.
7. Transportation – The Bike Way Walk Way group has restructured. A feasibility study on the New River Trail Extension will be completed in July.
8. Safe Routes to School Program – Seeks to create opportunities to develop infrastructure and educational capacity related to walking to school. On May 30, 2006 there will be two opportunities to learn about this program; one at 3:30 at the PDC and one at 6pm at the Christiansburg Town Offices.
9. Montgomery Village Links – Montgomery County has released its RFP for the Village Links Plan and the selected consultant should begin work in July.
10. Green Infrastructure - A partnership between the Department of Forestry and the Conservation Fund continues to develop to examine green infrastructure at the regional level. This project is expected to take 2-4 years.

A copy of the Director's Report will be attached to the original minutes for the file.

VII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

B. Review and Adoption of FY 06 Revised Budget

Mr. Rundgren presented the FY 06 Revised Budget and explained how and why the changes were made which produced a reduced budget.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the revised budget be approved as presented. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Distribution of FY 07 Draft Budget

Mr. Rundgren asked everyone to review the draft budget. He noted that a budget will be provided at the June meeting. It will likely be changed from the draft although the total budget should be similar.

D. Approval of FY 06 CEDS

Mr. Rundgren stated the annual project package had been reviewed at the last meeting and had been incorporated into the Annual Report for approval.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved that the FY06 CEDS Annual Report be approved as presented. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

E. Presentation of New Economic Development Administration Guidelines

Mr. Rundgren asked that this item be tabled for a future meeting in view of the time.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program - National Fish & Wildlife Federation
2. ALP Update for Airport - New River Valley Airport
3. Safe Drinking Water Act, Public Water System Supervision Grant - VA Dept. of Health

B. Regular Project Review

1. Request for Community Facilities Funds from USDA Rural Development for Purchase of Technology Equipment for Pulaski & Floyd counties and the City of Radford Sites - New River Community Action

Mrs. Perkins stated that Terry Smuz of New River Community Action would like to speak to the Commission concerning item B. USDA Funds for Equipment.

Ms. Smuz stated that funds for this project will be used to purchase and upgrade computers at the regional sites of New River Community Action.

Motion: Mr. Gerald moved that this project be found not in conflict with regional, plans, policies and goals. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Environmental Project Review

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on June 22, 2006
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Talbert called the meeting to order with 12 members present.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Talbert, Vice Chair, Town of Pulaski Mr. M. Barber, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Mr. D. Ingram, Floyd County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; R. McCoy, Giles County; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. T. Owen, Pulaski County; Ms. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; and Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Mr. Talbert asked if there were any questions or additions to the May minutes.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the May minutes be approved. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Talbert had no report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No concerns were stated and no reports were given.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY

Mr. Rundgren presented the Treasurer's Report for May. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved that the Treasurer's Report for May be approved as presented. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed offering insurance coverage to retirees. A resolution to this effect was presented.

Mr. Starnes asked why does the Commission need to adopt this resolution and why at no cost to the Commission? Do we currently have any retirees? Mr. Rundgren stated that an employee had retired in May and was asking if the

Commission would consider allowing retirees to pay the premium to continue coverage. A Local Choice representative was contacted and they stated that a resolution from the board would allow retirees to continue coverage. The resolution should be amended by deleting the word “extend” and replace with “offer”, and change the wording “no cost to the Commission” to “with no premium contribution from the Commission”.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Resolution be approved as amended. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the following items by powerpoint:

- EDA Appropriations - House Committee approved \$260.4 million for EDA, \$24 million less than this year—most of the cut is in Public Works; Senate has not started on its budget.
- Bioterrorism Funding to States—HHS allocation-\$11,136,759; CDC allocation-\$18,466,632; Virginia Total- \$29,603,391.
- Creating a New Economy in Southwest VA – June 12-13, SW Higher Ed Center, Abingdon, new initiatives in heritage tourism and asset based economic development, Speakers-Governor Kaine and Becky Anderson with Handmade in America, excellent turnout across the 19 participating counties and abroad (several outside regions want to join); safe to assume continued state-level support for Round the Mountain and Crooked Road.
- Regional Water - Final application has been requested from the Dev. Corp. to continue funding (\$60,000); application submitted requesting state water supply planning funds. (\$50,000)-Announcements June 30th.
- HOME Consortium - Short term agenda - nearing completion, localities are considering the final agreement, agreement must be submitted by the end of the month.
- Transportation - Transportation Institute is applying for Federal funds to follow-up on the ‘06 mobility project funded by the State.
- Staffing - Three interns will be on board through the middle of August: Carrie Hileman - Water Supply; Sarah Endrikat - Telecommunications, and Matt Marcialis - Rt. 100 projects in Giles and Pulaski. Keith Holt will be filling the Economic Development Planner position.

A copy of the Director’s Report will be attached to the original minutes for the file.

VII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of ARC Resolution

Mr. Rundgren stated that this resolution encourages ARC funding at the full authorized level.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved that the resolution be approved as presented. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Stipes stated that the Executive Committee met to develop a slate of candidates. The Committee recommends Mrs. Perkins to continue as Chair; Mr. Talbert as Vice-Chair; and postpone election of the Treasurer position until September at which time the Town of Christiansburg's representatives will have been chosen.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved that nominations be closed and to approve the Slate of Officers as presented. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of FY 07 Budget

Mr. Rundgren presented the FY 07 budget for approval. Mr. Starnes noted that office space seemed higher. Mr. Rundgren stated that there was a 10% increase. Mr. Sheffey asked what is the % increase for salaries. Mr. Rundgren stated a cost of living increase is 4%, along with several position adjustments..

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the FY 07 budget be approved as presented. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration of HOME Consortium Resolution

Mr. Rundgren stated that funding is available for affordable housing initiatives in the New River Valley. The Commission has supported housing and community initiatives, a regional HOME Consortium would well serve the region.

Motion: Mr. Sullivan moved for approval of the resolution as presented. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

D. July Meeting Cancellation

Mr. Rundgren stated that usually the month of July is a busy time and attendance for the meeting may not make a quorum, it is suggested that the meeting be cancelled.

Motion: Mr. Mease moved for cancellation of the July Commission meeting. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mease stated that he had been working with the Blue Ridge Business Journal highlighting businesswomen and minorities under the age of 40 who are active in the community. He asked for help identifying representatives in the New River Valley. An event for interns on the qualities of the Roanoke/New River Valley region will be held on Thursday, June 29 at the Sigma Grill in Blacksburg. He asked that Dave invite the interns from the Commission.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. ALP Update for NRV Airport - NRV Airport Commission
2. Airport Capital Improvement Plan - NRV Airport Commission
3. Pollution Prevention Grant Program - VA DEQ
4. Virginia Coastal Resource Management Program - VA DEQ
5. Capital Improvement Plan - Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport Authority

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

None

No action needed for projects.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Talbert, Vice-Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on August 24, 2006
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order with 18 members present.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. D. Talbert, Vice Chair, Town of Pulaski; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; Mr. M. Barber, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; and Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech.

ABSENT: Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins asked if there were any questions or additions to the June minutes.

Mr. Starnes stated that under Item VI. Executive Committee's Report, the motion states that he made the motion and seconded it also. It was noted that the second should have been made by Mr. Sheffey and the minutes will be corrected.

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved that the June minutes be approved as corrected. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins welcomed and introduced two new members, Mr. Pete Crawford, representing Pulaski County and Mrs. Pomerantz, representing Radford University. Mr. Crawford and Dr. Pomerantz both thanked Mrs. Perkins for the welcome and stated they look forward to working with the other members.

Mrs. Perkins announced that both Scott Weaver and Fred Gerald have had surgery and are on the mend. She stated that Mr. Weaver was in attendance and was glad to have him back. Mr. Gerald is still recuperating and we wish him well.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Sheffey announced that Tom Owen had recently undergone hip replacement and was in a rehab center in Salem.

V. TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Reports for June and July. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Reports for June and July be approved as presented. Mr. Barber seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Perkins asked that the Public Address segment of the Agenda be presented at this time.

VII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Mrs. Perkins stated that Mr. Chuck Hutsell with the Department of Forestry would like to address the Commission.

Mr. Hutsell stated he was with the Salem office. He just wanted the PDC to know that he was available to help with any land use or forest land preservation issues and GIS needs. Mr. Sheffey asked him since the housing market is going down, are trees being replaced, in terms of planting. Mr. Hutsell stated that new manmade products were being used in the place of wood products. He said that because of fragmentation, it is more difficult to manage the forest resource and protect against fire.

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Planning Department at VA Tech is looking at cluster development in forest areas, and their report will be out in 6 months for the jurisdictions to look at for zoning/subdivision ordinance updates.

Mrs. Perkins thanked Mr. Hutsell for attending.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the following items by powerpoint:

- EDA - Neal Noyes has left EDA as the Economic Development Representative to Virginia and has been appointed by Governor Kaine as the Director of the Tobacco Commission.
- Regional Water Supply Planning Regional Water Source Study - The Development Corporation has been granted continued funding for the regional water study in the amount of \$60,000. The Planning Commission was awarded \$40,000 to continue State water supply planning.
- Port 1412 - Port of Entry is now funded by US Customs, which helps to recognize the possibility for international flights to Dublin, Roanoke and Montgomery Executive airports.
- Roanoke Officials - The Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission's leadership will be visiting the New River Valley on September 22. There will be presentations until noon with Joe Sheffey and Ron Chaffin as guest speakers; and a windshield tour from 1:30 to 4:30.
- VAPDC Summer Conference - (1)The U.S. Census will be conducting the American Community Survey. Data is collected monthly in every city and county and reports will be updated annually. This survey will replace the long form of the Census. (2)State Budget Process Timeline begins with the Governor preparing the biennial budget and executing it once the legislature completes its action. The House Appropriations, House Finance and Senate Finance Committees comprise the General Assembly's "money committees". In order to have a say in the budgeting, everyone should schedule visits with our Senator or Delegate before they head to Richmond; monitor the work of legislative commission; attend public hearings in January; schedule visits to Richmond with like-minded individuals when the General Assembly is in session; and communicate with money committee staff.
- Commonwealth Preparedness - Bob Crouch, Assistant to the Governor, is planning "regional" discussions about linking regions and future planning for preparedness. The Commission and staff might be interested in participating.
- Regional Transportation Planning - Looking at connecting the RU campus to Roanoke Higher Education Center with Transit. In September a survey will be administered to RU students that have classes at the Higher Ed Center. Also connect RU to the Smartbus in Christiansburg.
- Transportation/Land Use Code Changes, Code of Virginia 15.2-2222.1 - Traffic Impact Reviews of Comprehensive Plans should be submitted to VDOT 90 days prior to adoption for review; VDOT comments will be a part of the official public record; for rezoning submit a package to VDOT within 10 days of receiving proposal if the proposal substantially affects transportation; subdivisions, site plan, plans of development - have 10 days to submit package including traffic impact statement.
- Montgomery Village Links Project - Consultant has been selected; Citizen Advisory Committee has met twice; still looking for citizen representatives from Shawsville and Plum Creek; kick-off meeting with the consultant on October 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Montgomery County Government Center.
- Green Infrastructure Project - Funded by the Department of Forestry. Set up in four phases: 1) form project steering team - Aug-Oct. 2006; 2) deliver introductory green infrastructure educational sessions - Oct. 2006-April 2007; 3) plan/deliver network design workshop - May-Oct. 2007; 4) plan/deliver implementation workshop - Oct. 2007-Feb.

2008; 5) Implementation including developing strategy for integrating green infrastructure policy guidelines into comprehensive plans and identify desired network features, a handbook of GI policy guidelines, and make presentations to planning commissions and elected officials

●Energy Virginia Conference - October 17-19 at VMI, information available at www.energyvacon.org.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of a Resolution Establishing a New River Valley Water Brokering Agreement

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the resolution which would authorize the Commission to create and utilize a Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and water users or suppliers to effectuate the sharing of available water supplies.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Water Brokering Agreement be approved. Mr. Barber seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration of a Resolution Offering to Provide a Regional Ride-sharing Program

Mr. Rundgren stated that the TAC has recommended adoption of a resolution supporting general ride-sharing in the region. The MPO, Blacksburg Transit and the PDC have been looking at a ride-share program.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved for adoption of the resolution to provide a regional ride-share program in the region. Mr. Dent seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration of a Resolution for a Ride-sharing Coordinator Position

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission presently have grant funding for ride-sharing coordination. The PDC could be offered a portion of the money to assist in implementing ride-sharing in the region.

Mr. Starnes asked if the PDC would be committing any money. Mr. Rundgren stated that a match component of \$6,000 would be involved but VA Tech could provide half of the match. Mr. Starnes also asked how the rides would be coordinated. Mr. Rundgren stated that Ride Solutions has a data base set up and people from the New River Valley would be added to the data base.

Mr. Mease asked if Ray Pethtel did a similar study last year. Mr. Rundgren stated that it was social services transportation related, there needs to be a public transportation portion also.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved for adoption of the resolution for a ride-share coordinator Mr. Barber seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

D. Annual Report for Department of Housing and Community Development

Mr. Rundgren stated that an Annual Report is prepared each year for the Department of Housing and Community

Development to abide by the State Code. This report highlights strategic planning, duties performed, and successes and achievements.

Motion: Mr. Barber moved for approval of the FY 05-06 Annual Report for submission to DHCD. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

E. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Water Supply Planning

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Commission has already been doing water supply planning for sometime, however DEQ needed a resolution for submission of the grant application.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the resolution supporting water supply planning be approved. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mease stated that he and Mr. Sheffey attended the legislative dinner at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission. They asked if the PDC could host a legislative dinner next year and invite them. Mr. Rundgren stated that the PDC has a number of things going on this Fall with the joint planning commission's meeting in October and the PDC's legislative forum during the Commission's December meeting this year. There is probably not enough time to do an adequate job in hosting the function this year. Dr. Harvey asked if the forum could be held in the spring. Mrs. Perkins stated that it would need to be held before the Session starts.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. FY 2007 State Indoor Radon Grant - VA Department of Health
2. Wastewater Operator Training Grant Program - Department of Environmental Quality

B. Regular Project Review

1. State Innovation Grant - Department of Environmental Quality
2. Virginia Wineries Pollution Prevention Project - Department of Environmental Quality

C. Environmental Project Review

None

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone wished to review a project separately. Mr. Sheffey asked if there had been any negative comments received concerning the State Innovation Grant. Mr. Rundgren stated that there had not been.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the projects be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mr. Barber seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on September 28, 2006
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order with 17 members present.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. D. Talbert, Vice Chair, Town of Pulaski; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; R. McCoy, Giles County; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins asked if there were any questions or additions to the August minutes.

Motion: Dr. Pomerantz moved that the August minutes be approved. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins welcomed back Fred Gerald who had been out due to heart surgery. He said he was glad to be back.

Mrs. Perkins stated that Mr. Barber's term had expired with Mr. Weaver taking his place. She then read a Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Barber.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Sheffey stated that he and Mr. Rundgren attended a Leadership Coalition meeting. Mr. Rundgren made a presentation of activities in the New River Valley. Delegate Dave Nutter gave a bus tour of the NRV. Mr. Rundgren reported that Mr. Sheffey gave the group a very good welcome and emphasized the regional projects which have been done over a long period.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Report for August. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Report for August be approved as presented. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the following items by powerpoint:

- ARC - Reauthorization stopped in the House, need to find out what process is needed to get back on the agenda. The budget is still unresolved.
- Regional Water Source Planning/Regional Water Planning Study - October begins the 4th year of water source planning in the New River Valley. Work effort is directed toward the formation of a Water Source Authority. The State Water Supply Planning begins its second phase, concentrating on drought response and conservation management.
- Commonwealth Preparedness - September 18 meeting. Bob Crouch serves as Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness. Tasks have been assigned to regional groups to assist in the development of State grant strategy, in the formation and recommendation of legislation and budget requests, participate in statewide coordination and response, and identify emergency response/preparedness gaps and needs.
- Hazard Mitigation - Virginia Department of Emergency Management taking steps to move from plan development to implementation. Regional meeting will be held on October 10 from 3-5 p.m. to discuss implementation project opportunities for the New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Schedule of Events - Joint Planning Commission Meeting to be held November 2 in Dublin. Roanoke/New River Legislative Meeting to be held in November (TBA). Commission's Legislative Meeting & Reception on December 14.
- Public Mobility - Final Stakeholders meeting on October 19 at 3:30 at VTTL.
- Local Planning Assistance - PDC Staff are providing comprehensive planning assistance to the towns of Glen Lyn, Narrows, Pearisburg, Pembroke and Rick Creek, and the County of Pulaski. Zoning update assistance is being provided to the Town of Floyd.
- Telecommunications - Phase 3 report has been completed; the Participation Committee has been authorized by VA's 1st to be formed during this quarter; ARC Grant Application has been filed; seeking EDA funding support and investors.

VII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Ride-share Program

Mr. Rundgren stated that he spoke with RideSolutions in Roanoke concerning the ride-share program in the NRV. The PDC would have to match \$3,000 for a ride-share coordinator. Blacksburg Transit, VA Tech, and Dan Brugh feels it should be a regional activity.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the PDC be authorized to participate in the ride-share program. Mr. Talbert seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Election of Treasurer

Mrs. Perkins stated that when the election of officers was held in June, the office of Treasurer was delayed. The Nominating Committee's recommendation for Treasurer is Scott Weaver.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Scott Weaver as Treasurer. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Comments for Commonwealth Transportation Board Public Hearing Fall 2007

Mr. Rundgren asked if anyone wished to make corrections or additions to the proposed comments.

Mr. Starnes made the following suggestions:

1st paragraph - change sentence to readwill commence "in" the Spring "of" 2007.....

3rd paragraph - change last sentence to readstretch "which may" have been.....

6th paragraph - needs rewriting. Mr. Rundgren suggested change to read of "passenger" rail and "rail" freight.....modes "in conjunction with improvements to the Interstate 81 Corridor".

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved to accept comments with changes noted. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Comments on VDOT'S Traffic Impact Analysis Regulations

Mr. Rundgren stated that VDOT has prepared draft traffic impact analysis regulations. The Transportation Advisory Committee recommends comments to be sent to VDOT. It was suggested that the document be reviewed for any grammatical or spelling errors before being sent.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved for approval of the comments to be sent to VDOT. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Review of the Commission's FY 05-06 Annual Report

Mr. Rundgren stated that the report is for informational purposes.

D. Discussion of Legislative Issues for December Legislative Forum

Mr. Rundgren stated that Commissioners had been provided a copy of last year's presentation which was not presented because of bad weather. He also reminded the Commission that David Burdette utilized the report as he talked with our representatives in Richmond.

Mr. Starnes asked if education shouldn't be addressed - higher & public school construction.

It was the consensus to use essentially the same legislative package as last year with the inclusion of education facility construction added.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. Phase 1 - New River Valley Community Broadband Network - VA' First RIFA
2. Virginia's Nano Technology Park Planning - Town of Pulaski

B. Regular Project Review

1. Reduced Pesticide Use in Bee Hives Through the Development and Promotion of an IPM Program for Mite Parasites - VA Tech

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Blue Ridge Parkway Plant Management Plan - USDPI/National Park Service
2. Integrated Life Sciences Building - VA Tech
3. New Residence Hall, Career Services Site - VA Tech

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone wished to review a project separately.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the projects be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Dr. Pomerantz seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on December 14, 2006
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order with 13 members present.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. D. Talbert, Vice Chair, Town of Pulaski; Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Ms. D. French, Rich Creek; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; and Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins asked if there were any questions or additions to the September minutes.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the September minutes be approved. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried, 1 abstention.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins had no report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No reports.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, & NOVEMBER

Mrs. Perkins if there were any questions about the Treasurer's Reports.

Motion: Dr. Harvey moved that the Treasurer's Reports for September, October, and November be approved as presented. Mrs. Janney seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the following items by powerpoint:

- Federal Budget - FY 2007 is under a Continuing Resolution through Feb. 5, 2007. It is anticipated that the new Congress will pass a Continuing Resolution for the remainder of the 2007 budget year.

- ARC/EDA - ARC re-authorization for 2007 is included in the February Continuing Resolution; budget appears to be approximately 66 million as in past years. EDA budget appears to be consistent with past years also.

- Regional Water Supply Planing Regional Water Source Study - The 4th year began October 1, 2006. Work effort is directed toward the formation of a Water Source Authority, defining the Phase 1 Project, and identifying funding sources. The State water supply planning 2nd phase also began in October.

- 2007 Outdoors Plan - The Commonwealth's official conservation, outdoor recreation and open space plan. It also serves as a guidance document for land protection through actions of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation. After public meetings and surveys, it was determined that those things most needed were public access to state waters, trails for hiking, walking, and bicycling, and access to natural areas. Plan distribution is scheduled for summer 2007.

- Hazard Mitigation - Grant Application - Seeks help in evaluation of stormwater impacts. Connelly Run is proposed as the demonstration watershed. A similar proposal between Blacksburg, VA Tech and the PDC has been funded by EPA for a demonstration on Stroubles Creek.

- Public Mobility - Project completed on October 16th. Waiting on FTA grant approval to design a public mobility model between Roanoke/New River Valleys.

- Rural Long Range Transportation Planning - Localities/VDOT will meet with PDC in late January to discuss local are concerns with the transportation system.

- Alternative Transportation - New River Trail Extension Study is complete. Accepting comments from locality staff and other organizations. Will be available from website by December 15th.

- Telecommunications - Participation Committee authorized by VA's 1st to be formed during this quarter; all of the localities will be invited to participate. ARC grant application for \$400,000 and EDA gant application for \$1,200,000 have been filed. Now seeking investors.

- Green Infrastructure - Held project information/kick-off meeting on November 16th. First steering team meeting will be held January 26th. The meetings are to identify green infrastructure goals, needs and selling points; create broad-based support for green infrastructure with stakeholders; and identify opportunities for region-wide planning and implementation. Steering Committee meets 6-8 times a year and Advisory Committee meets 2-5 times a year.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated that discussion of report to follow under new business.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Executive Committee's Recommendation of Per Capita Rate for FY 07-08

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee looked long and hard at numbers for next fiscal year. The Committee is recommending an increase of 10 cents per capita, making the request \$1.20. Population estimates have not been updated since the 2000 Census. Discussion followed.

Mr. Starnes stated that next year the Commission needs to look at some type of chart for changes and discuss how to address them.

Dr. Leighton stated that his Council will not be happy with this increase.

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Committee discussed all the possibilities.

Mr. Starnes asked what type of increase is looked at for employees. Mr. Rundgren stated a 3% increase for cost of living, possibly a merit increase for some.

Mr. Rundgren stated that in order to fulfill project implementation there needs to be matching funds.

There was discussion about tabling the decision until the next meeting. Mr. Rundgren stated that four jurisdictions have a joint budget hearing and have asked for a budget request by December 28th.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation for a 10 cent increase in the per capita rate for FY 07-08. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion

Action: Motion carried, with 1 opposition.

B. Discussion of VEC Project Population for the New River Valley Planning District

Mr. Rundgren stated that revised population projections had been received from the VEC for 2010 and 2020. After reviewing the projections, there seemed to be discrepancies for several localities. He provided the Commissioners with a letter he had written to a VEC representative voicing his concern over the projections. He also provided e-mails from Montgomery County representatives who also voiced concern about the projections. The Commissioners requested additional information for review.

C. Approval of FY 06 Audit

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone had any questions concerning the audit. Mr. Sheffey thanked Ms. Quesenberry for her good work.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved to approve the FY 06 Audit. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

A. Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)

1. FY 07 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program - VA Department of Health
2. DOAV Preapplication/ACIP - New River Valley Airport

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. New River Community College Access Road - VA Department of Environmental Quality

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone wished to review a project separately.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies or goals.
Mr. Mease seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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