

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on March 22, 2007
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: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. D. Talbert, Vice Chair, Town of Pulaski; 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; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; and Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg .

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

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

Motion: Mr. Stipes moved that the December minutes be approved. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins asked that Item A under New Business be addressed at this time.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. New River-Highlands RC&D Report by Joe Gorman

Mr. Gorman thanked the PDC for their support and stated it had been a pleasure representing them on the New River-Highlands RC&D Council. He then introduced Gary Boring. Mr. Boring reviewed projects which had been completed by the RC&D. He stated that they hosted 2 workshops to promote the Assign A Highway Program which is an arrangement between the court systems and county officials for clearing litter from our roads. Some of the projects included: The Bacterial Source Tracking for Total Maximum Daily Load which was conducted for bacterial source tracking analysis on samples collected from impaired waters; Charcoal Feasibility Study that surveyed restaurants, caterers and other potential users of wood charcoal and the study identified opportunities to sell natural wood charcoal within the RC&D area; and the Stevens Amendment Act Fire Mitigation Phase I implemented mechanical fuel reduction activities on 107 acres protecting 92 homes, targeting high risk communities and individual homes located within three miles of forest service land.

Mr. Boring stated that budget reductions may be implemented for FY 08, and he asked if the PDC could write a letter or resolution of support for RC&D coordinators.

Motion: Mr. Harvey moved that a draft resolution in support for RC&D coordinators be prepared for approval at the April meeting. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda resumed.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No reports.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, JANUARY, & FEBRUARY

Mr. Weaver asked if there were any questions about the Treasurer's Reports. He stated the PDC is still solvent.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Report for December, January, and February be approved as presented. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver then addressed the members, stating that he enjoyed presenting certificates and plaques, and it was a pleasure to present a 30 year plaque to Shirl Quesenberry. She was asked by Mrs. Perkins to read the inscription. Ms. Quesenberry thanked everyone and stated she was very surprised.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

● **Federal Budget:** The Federal Budget for 2007 is now under a Continuing Resolution for the remainder of FY 2007.

● **ARC/EDA:** ARC Reauthorization for 2007 is being taken up now as a Committee action item. Budget authority will likely increase; however at appropriation time it will be closer to 66 million as in past years. The EDA budget appears to be consistent with last year's and should be adjusted legislatively.

● **ARC's "Energizing Appalachia: A Regional Blueprint for Economic and Energy Development":** The goal is to develop the Appalachian Region's energy potential to increase the supply of locally produced, clean, affordable energy, and create and retain jobs.

● **Chairman of Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee:** Congressman Boucher has been chosen as chairman. "He will be able to conduct oversight and develop policies which will benefit energy consumers across the nation and Southwest Virginia."

● **Nano Technology Facility Study:** VA's 1st has authorized a Participation Committee to be formed during this quarter. All localities will be invited to participate. An EDA planning application for \$208,550 is being considered, and investors are being sought.

● **Virginia Population Estimates:** The 2006 estimates from the Weldon Cooper Center show increases from 2005 to 2006 for every county in the New River Valley.

● **Legislative Proposals:** The Regional Development Incentive Fund of \$950,000 for water and sewer infrastructure at Commerce Park, Nano Manufacturing Cluster Study, and debt reduction at the Competitiveness Center did not get out of subcommittee.

● **Telecommunications:** Participation Committee authorized by VA's 1st to be formed during quarter; all localities will be invited to participate. An ARC application has been filed for \$400,000, and looking at an EDA application for \$2,485,00.

● **Route 114 Bridge Public Meetings:** Only 14 people attended hearing. Mr. Rundgren presented the PDC's request to see that thimbles were placed in all of the peers to run water lines. It was noted that this has been included in the design of the bridge for the year 2014; however there is a deficit of \$5 million to date. It looks doubtful that it will be started in 2014.

●**Transportation Applications:** The PDC will be seeking transportation funds for Central Pulaski County to focus on growth areas between the towns of Pulaski and Dublin; and industrial, residential and commercial access to I-81 and Route 100. Also for an employment mobility project to evaluate employee origination and destination, map trends, and identify service provider for semi-fixed routes in the New River Valley.

●**Chapter 527:** Coordination of State and Local Transportation Planning. Information session held March 21 at NRCC. Objective is to improve coordination between land use and transportation planning by providing better information to decision makers and citizens. Localities to submit data to VDOT at 4 stages of land use decision making to include comprehensive plan or amendment, rezonings, and site plan reviews. Implementation meetings to be held July 1, 2007, for this area in Salem District.

●**Rideshare Program:** Echo Star has become a RIDE Solutions work place in the New River Valley. DRPT grant funds have been applied for next year to continue RIDE Solutions in the New River and Roanoke Valleys.

●**Local Planning Commissioners Training:** Held March 1. Three local attorneys and a citizen planner presented legal issues facing planning commission; attendance was 60+ .

●**Regional Water Meeting:** Next meeting Monday, March 26, 2007.

●**Green Infrastructure:** Abi Convery presented materials for a conference, “Building Trails to a Greener Future” to be held May 17-19. A pre-conference workshop will kick-off in Pearisburg, with an Appalachian trail hike in the afternoon. The City of Radford will provide afternoon activities to include a float down New River. There will be a seminar at Radford University, as well as a social at the Selu Conservancy. A link for the conference can be found at www.nrvpdc.org/trailsconference.html

Mr. Sullivan stated that he had initially been involved in the project, but had to bow out because it was so time consuming. He stated that Ms. Convery should be commended for all of her work on such a monumental task.

Ms. Convery then presented 2 resolutions - Support for Allowance of Citizen Appointments to TAC Bikeway-Walkway Subcommittee and Support for TAC Bikeway-Walkway Subcommittee Focus on Developing Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Policies to be Distributed to Localities for Adoption. After reviewing the resolutions and making several wording changes, the following actions were taken.

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved to approve the Citizen Appointments resolution with the wording in Paragraph 4 amended to say New River Valley Planning District Commission instead of Transportation Advisory Committee approves..... Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

It was requested that the Bikeway-Walkway Resolution be rewritten and reviewed at the April meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE’S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated that there was no report at this time

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS continued**B. Resolution for Approval of FY 08 Transportation Work Program**

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the resolution and asked for approval.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that resolution be approved. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rundgren stated he would also like to submit 2 more resolutions for approval. He reviewed the Resolution of support for the New River Valley Employment Mobility Project, and the Resolution for supporting the Central Pulaski County Land Use and Transportation Master Plan. After review, the following action was taken.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Resolution of Support for NRV Employment Mobility Project be approved. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the Resolution of Support for the Central Pulaski County Land Use and Transportation Maser Plan be approved. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Setting of FY 07 Community Development Block Gant Priorities

Mr. Rundgren stated that he knew of only one project as a potential block grant, Glen Lyn. It was recommended to switch Housing-Housing Rehabilitation under Priority #2 with Economic Development-Business District Revitalization under Priority #1.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the change be approved. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion of Regional Projects

Mr. Rundgren postponed discussion until the April meeting. He asked that as you look at your budgets and things impacting your jurisdiction, what can we do with our neighbors to reduce cost.

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. Virginia Tech Police Department Temporary Modular Office Building - VA Tech

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone wished to review or comment on the environmental project. No one responded.

Motion: Dr. Harvey moved that the project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies or goals.
Mr. Stipes 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 **April 26, 2007**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were only 11 members present, so Mrs. Perkins asked Mr. Rundgren if he would give his Executive Director's Report, while waiting for the 12th member to arrive in order to begin business.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; 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. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. D. Talbert, Vice Chair, Town of Pulaski; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

●**I-81 Corridor Planning Conference:** Conference will be held September 11 & 12, 2007 in Carlisle, PA, with Rick Rovegno, Commissioner, Cumberland County, as the convener. He is Seeking quality not quantity input and may look toward a federally funded organization, possibly like the I-95 Corridor Coalition. Mrs. Perkins, was invited to represent the PDC.

●**EDA:** The EDA Budget proposal is \$80 million less than last year. Letters should be sent to Senators asking them to approve Lincoln-Graham letter encouraging appropriators to mark EDA at \$284.

Motion: Dr. Pomerantz moved that the Director send a letter of support to Senators. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

●**Rural Development:** Part of the 2007 Farm Bill encourages grant assistance for water/sewer, broadband, community facilities, housing, etc. Legislators should be asked to support a strong Rural Development Title in the Farm Bill.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Director send a letter of support to legislators. Dr. Pomerantz second the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

●**ARC's "Regional Blueprint for Economic & Energy Development":** ARC wants to hold three conferences in the late Summer and Fall to educate a range of public and private leaders on economic development opportunities, and explore what might be done by districts and localities to reduce energy demand.

●**Economic development:** Entrepreneurial companies are responsible for 70 percent of new jobs. There's an increasing focus on supporting company formation around the country; the New River Valley has the infrastructure, need the program.

●**Six-Year Transportation Plan Public Comments:** Do not have to attend public meeting, comments can be made on line May 22. Document updates the 6 year plan from last Fall in terms of additional funding.

●**Route 114 Bridge Public Meeting:** Resulting from the public meeting, the bridge is on the 2014 schedule; however still short \$5 million dollars.

●**Transportation Applications:** Central Pulaski County Transportation and Land Use Master Plan pre-application was accepted. The plan will focus on growth area between the towns of Pulaski and Dublin and look at industrial, residential and commercial access to I-81 and Rt. 100. New River Valley Employment Mobility Project will evaluate employee origination and destination, map trends, and identify service providers for semi-fixed routes.

●**State Stormwater Management Advisory Committee:** Two sessions have been scheduled, May 22 and June 14, 2007. All localities will be required to have stormwater permits; they may be issued by the locality of the State.

●**Ridesharing Program:** VA Tech has become a RideSolutions workplace in the New River Valley. Their employee will be contacted about the program. RideSolutions is working toward getting signage in NRV with a toll free number.

●**Regional Water Meeting:** Next meeting Monday, April 30, 2007, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Rundgren further stated that Abi Convery, Regional Planner, had been highlighted in the New River Valley Magazine.

The Regular Agenda resumed.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

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

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the March minutes be approved. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated she would make a report under Executive Committee Item

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Starnes reported that the State has proposed to seriously alter the way the VEC does business. They are looking at eliminating functions or offices in Radford and Martinsville. He urged the PDC to take action on behalf of the Radford VEC.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Director write a letter to legislators reiterating how detrimental this action would be to the whole New River Valley. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rundgren reported that Mrs. Janney said that she was unable to attend the last Roanoke River Corridor meeting. One of the agenda items was a discussion of North Carolina and Virginia establishing a joint Corridor Council. She said that it appears that North Carolina has little interest in such a Council.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH

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

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved that the Treasurer's Report for March be approved as presented. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1. I-81 Corridor Conference. Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone else would like to attend the I-81 Corridor Conference in September. She asked that the Commissioners think about it and let her know sometime before September.
2. Legislative Invite. Mrs. Perkins stated that in past year's the legislative forum held in December didn't seem to be the best time for legislators to be able to attend. She asked if this year would it be a good idea to send a letter to them voicing any concerns and then meet separately at a different meeting. The consensus was that it was a great idea.

Mr. Sullivan stated that even senior staff could attend in the place of legislators.

Mr. Rundgren stated that certain topics should be looked at to be included in the discussion. He suggested one possible topic could be incentive funding. Mrs. Perkins suggested general funding for PDCs.

Mr. Mease suggested that only Senators be invited.

Dr. Pomerantz suggested that perhaps Radford University and VA Tech could co-host a meeting.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he felt that the legislative meeting should be focused on only by the PDC.

Discussion followed concerning what approach should be taken. It was suggested that the legislative meeting be held at the September meeting. Mrs. Perkins asked for volunteers to hold discussions between now and September.

It was suggested that this item should be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.

3. CEDS Update for June 08. Mrs. Perkins stated that a committee need to be formed to review items/projects for next year's update. She asked Commissioners to think about this and make suggestions.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution of Support for TAC Bikeway-Walkway

Mr. Rundgren stated that the resolution had been re-worded as requested at last month's meeting,

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the resolution be approved. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. CEDS Project Package for 2008/Project Criteria

Mr. Rundgren stated that project evaluation criteria had been revised and provided in the Commission packet. The Annual Project Package was provided for review and the full CEDS will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Motion: Dr. Harvey moved that the Project Evaluation Criteria be approved. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Update on Regional Water Supply and Source Projects

Mr. Rundgren asked Kevin Byrd, Regional Planner, to make a presentation. He highlighted the goals of the NRV Water Supply Plan - water consumption, future water demand, alternative sources where needed, address conservation of water, and compile a drought response plan. He also highlighted the goals of the Regional Water Source Planning - evaluate the potential to move water from systems with excess capacity to those in need of water, determine demand for such infrastructure, design system suitable of serving the localities who wish to participate, and create a management framework. (Presentation attached to original minutes)

It was requested that a copy of the presentation be provided to Commissioners.

C. Resolution of Support for New River-Highlands RC&D Funding

Mr. Rundgren stated that Mr. Boring, RC&D, had stated at the last meeting that funding is proposed to be cut for RC&D councils. The Commission asked that a resolution of support be written.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the resolution be approved. 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)

None

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Computer Services Building - Virginia Community College System
2. Maintenance Building - Virginia Community College System
3. Vibrations Testing Building - Virginia Tech

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone wished to review or comment on the environmental project. Mr. Sheffey stated that item 1 should be reviewed separately because he would have to abstain.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Computer Services Building project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried, 1 abstention.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that projects 2 and 3 be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

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 24, 2007**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

In the absence of Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were only 11 members present, so he asked Mr. Rundgren if he would give his Executive Director's Report, while waiting for Mrs. Perkins as the 12th member to arrive in order to begin business.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; 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; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; and Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Talbert, Vice Chair, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; and Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- **Brokering of Water:** Looking at utilizing the Radford Trestle and adding pipe to Memorial Bridge to supply water from Radford to Fairlawn. This would allow transfer of up to 750,000 gallons of water per day. A study of the feasibility of service the south side of Claytor Lake is being undertaken in the regional source study.

- **Regional Water Supply Plan:** The draft of the plan should be available in July. There will be a local review, a revised draft, consideration of adoption, then submittal to the State in September 2007.

- **Regional Water Meeting:** Work toward a regional water source authority will resume on Monday, May 9 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- **Local Planning Assistance:** Working with Pembroke, Pearisburg, Rich Creek on comprehensive plan updates, then will proceed with updating land use regulations. Assisting in the Pulaski County Comprehensive plan update in five planning areas, as well as updating the Town of Floyd's Land Development Regulations.

- **Telecommunication Network:** Participation Committee, authorized by VA's 1st, to be formed during this quarter with all the localities being invited to participate. An application has been submitted to EDA for placement of the network; with a 50% match requirement.

- **Freight Study:** Working with the MPO to identify types of freight moving in the MPO area/region; number of loads; value of freight movements; and identifying infrastructure issues.

- **Transportation Grant Applications:** Grants have been approved for Central Pulaski County Transportation and Land Use Master Plan which will focus on the growth area between the towns of Pulaski and Dublin and industrial, residential and commercial access to I-81 and Route 100.

Dr. Harvey asked if the localities have been provided with a list of all the grants that the PDC has been instrumental in obtaining so that they are aware of how much an integral part the PDC plays in securing these grants. Mr. Rundgren stated that a few years ago, a list was compiled and provided to the members and the localities.

Dr. Harvey stated that more articles should be in the newspaper to get out the word about how much the PDC does for the localities. Mr. Weaver stated that the members should be reporting to the localities at local planning commission meetings, board of supervisors, or town council meetings.

●**State Stormwater Management Advisory Committee:** Two sessions have been scheduled, May 22 and June 14, 2007. All localities will be required to have stormwater permits; they may be issued by the locality or the State. The goal is to have a final draft by June 14th. The State is looking at putting a 35 foot buffer on all streams. Each locality will have to come up with plans on how to handle this, with trees and shrubs and maintenance costs. Mr. Rundgren stated that he was on the Committee and there are no county administrators or town/city managers, which seems to be a strange situation. Mr. Harvey stated that it looks as if the localities will have to police the streams.

●**Oncall Transportation Service:** This is an opportunity to apply for funds from VDOT for transportation planning project. The TAC will be looking at this.

●**6 Year Transportation Plan Public Comments:** The document updates the 6 year plan for last Fall in terms of additional funding. Written comments are due by June 5th. SYIP Highlights: Route 114 Bridge Replacement, construction by 2010, added 1.2 million over next 2 years; Route 673 Bridge in Pulaski County, placed 2 million extra; Route 61 Bridge in Narrows, placed 3.3 million extra, construction in 2015; bridge repairs on I-81 in 2015 , Route 100 over Route 11 and Route 219 over Rich Creek in 2010.

●**Enhancement Tentative Awards:** Giles County & Pearisburg - Downtown Improvements; Town of Blacksburg -Hokie Bikeway; Town of Christiansburg - Downtown Improvements; Town of Floyd - Streetscape Improvements; Pulaski County - New River Trail Extension Phase I, Downtown Dublin to Randolph Park and Newbern Area Enhancements.

●**Trails:** New River Trail Extension Report is complete and available online at the PDC website, www.nrvpdc.org underneath Transportation. The trails conference was a great success.

●**Green Infrastructure:** Community Meetings to be held in summer to focus on the value of green infrastructure and identify what the communities interest and needs are for the upcoming planning effort. Montgomery County - June 21st, 5-8 p.m., Montgomery County Government Center; Floyd County - August 7th, 6-8 p.m., Floyd Country Store; Giles County - August 28th, 6-8 p.m., Castle Rock Recreation Center; Pulaski County - August 30th, 6-8 p.m., New River Community College; and City of Radford, TBD.

●**New River Valley Magazine:** Mr. Rundgren stated that there was an article about Stuart Mease in the magazine this month; making the second month that someone associated with the PDC was highlighted. Congratulations to him.

●**Interns:** Mr. Rundgren noted that Paul Sarahan, engineering intern, who has been working on transportation planning, will be leaving next month and will begin work in Richmond, hopefully with VDOT; Adam Markwood, planning intern working with trails and green infrastructure, will be going to Wallace, Roberts, and Todd in Philadelphia. We wish them well.

Mrs. Perkins arrived to take over the meeting; and the regular agenda resumed.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

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

Motion: Mr. Stipes moved that the April minutes be approved. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried; one abstention.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated that Mr. Mease has changed his residency and will no longer be eligible to represent Blacksburg. In the absence of Mr. Mease, she read a Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to him at a later date.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Stipes praised Abi Convery for the portion of the Trails Conference that was held at Radford University. It was very well organized, a huge program with topics of pertinence to our community. She did an outstanding job and should be commended for her hard work on the project. Mr. Rundgren stated that she did an excellent job.

Mrs. Janney stated that she attended the last Roanoke River Corridor Committee meeting held in Martinsville. The Deputy Secretary of Forestry was there and talked about brownfields. An agenda item from the previous meeting was a discussion of North Carolina and Virginia establishing a joint Corridor Council. She said that it appears that North Carolina has little interest in such a Council. Therefore the next meeting will be to determine what to do next and how to keep the Committee going.

Mike Harvey stated that there will be a New River Symposium at Radford University from Thursday, May 31 through Saturday, June 2. Registration can be done online or call RU. Several sessions: water quality, environmental education, archeology and more. Keynote speaker will be Howard Ernst talking about the Chesapeake Bay, and Kevin Byrd will also make a presentation.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL

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

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the Treasurer's Report for April be approved as presented. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

No report.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Discussion

Mr. Rundgren stated that last month there was discussion about how to bring in our legislators for an informal meeting of mutual concerns. Should we invite them to our September meeting and have a roundtable meeting? They need to be informed as to what is happening in the NRV, have more involvement in the region, and remember the importance of the PDC. It was noted that there was such a small attendance at the forum scheduled last year which did not have enough impact to make any changes.

Mr. Stipes suggested that they might be more attentive after the election. Dr. Leighton suggested just writing a letter to let them know the PDC's concerns. After a short discussion, it was the consensus to prepare a letter of concerns instead of inviting them to a forum.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. CEDS Annual Report for 2007

Mr. Rundgren stated that the CEDS Report was provided in the packet and contained revised goals and objectives, along with the annual project package. He asked if there were any changes that needed to be made.

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved that the CEDS Annual Report be approved. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried, with Mrs. Perkins abstaining.

B. FY 07 Revised Budget

Mr. Rundgren presented the revised budget, explaining the changes that had taken place over the year which contributed to either deletions or additions among program items, including personnel and contractual services.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved to adopt the revised budget. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion of Southern Rivers Sewer Program

Mr. Rundgren stated that two years ago legislation passed for an appropriation for Community Development services transferred from the Water Quality Improvement Fund to be provided as grants to communities located outside the Chesapeake bay watershed. Grant monies can be used for the construction of mandated water quality improvement facilities at publicly owned treatment work. Should the PDC staff take a look at applying for grant monies to look at regional or county-wide wastewater treatment strategies in areas that have not previously completed planning and engineering studies?

Motion: Mr. Harvey moved to authorize staff to submit an application for grant monies. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Next item was added to the agenda.

D. Anticipated Revenue for FY 08

Mr. Rundgren provided a list of anticipated revenue for the FY 08 fiscal year to be reviewed before the June meeting when a tentative budget will be presented.

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

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 28, 2007
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. D. Talbert, Vice Chair, Town of Pulaski; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; and Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. S. Mease, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins stated that due to the lack of a quorum the May minutes will be approved at next meeting.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins had no report.

Mr. Talbert, Vice Chair, reported that due to his schedule at the present time he will be stepping down as Vice Chair and a member of the Commission. He stated that should his schedule allow at a later date, he would like to become a member again. He then introduced Mr. Larry Clevinger whom the Town Council has appointed to serve on the Commission

Mrs. Perkins thanked Mr. Talbert for his service to the Commission. She stated that a new Vice Chair would need to be elected at the next meeting.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

There were no reports.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY

Mrs. Perkins stated that due to the lack of a quorum the May Treasurer's Report minutes will be approved at next meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

●**Employment Mobility Plan:** The PDC has been funded for a multi-modal program to evaluate transit services in the region. The MPO has asked the PDC to assist them in meeting their multi-modal planning requirements.

Mr. Sheffey asked if the program was targeted for employees or students as well. Mr. Rundgren stated that students were being looked at for transit needs such as traveling to the Higher Ed Center and hospitals in Roanoke. Mr. Sheffey stated that at New River Community College the Student Activities Director is encouraging more students to carpool and maybe he would be interested in talking about transit also.

Mr. Rundgren stated that Blacksburg Transit is expanding into Christiansburg and is looking at the demand side of it now. The RU bus system comes to Fairlawn, and Montgomery County is looking at a test run with the Smartway Bus.

● **Chapter 527, Coordinated State & Local Transportation Planning:** This Act becomes effective July 1, 2007, in the NRV. Any comprehensive plan updates or amendments, rezonings; subdivision plats and site plans will have to go to VDOT for review. It could add up to 100 days for the review process.

● **Brokering of Water:** All of the pieces are coming together for Utilizing the Radford Trestle and adding pipe to Memorial Bridge to supply water from Radford to Fairlawn.

● **Pulaski County Comprehensive Planning Areas:** This project serves as an example of the transportation element to include items like redoing the Belspring Road, and the need for 6 lanes on Route 114. The estimate of needed projects in the Fairlawn area exceeds \$250 million. There's not enough money in a lifetime to deal with all the transportation needs that will be identified in comprehensive plans.

● **Southern Rivers Program:** Planning Grant application being put together for submittal July 10. Look at a needs assessment and prioritization for locality-wide identification of households with direct discharge or deficient wastewater systems and surveys identifying the location and condition of streams and groundwater that are negatively impacted by inadequately treated household wastewater. Preliminary engineering reports for strategic solutions and cost/benefit analysis of feasible alternatives for the installation of publicly owned and managed wastewater treatment systems that are identified and prioritized. Impacts Montgomery, Floyd, Giles and Pulaski counties.

● **Telecommunication Network:** Participation Committee authorized by VA's 1st to be formed during this quarter. An EDA re-application for \$2.5 million should be authorized in the near future.

● **Stormwater:** Mr. Rundgren stated he is serving on the Stormwater Management TAC.

● **Green Infrastructure:** Community Meetings are to be held during the summer to focus on the value of green infrastructure and identify what the interest and needs are for the upcoming planning effort. Montgomery County meeting was held June 21st, with 100 participants; Floyd County - August 7th, 6-8 p.m., Floyd Country Store; Giles County - August 28th, 6-8 p.m., Castle Rock Recreation Center; Pulaski County - August 30th, 6-8 p.m., New River Community College; and City of Radford, TBD.

● **Rural Transportation Planning Grant:** \$200,000 statewide available, no local match required; PDC's apply for on-call consultant; must be completed in 1 year.

● **Staff Changes:** Mike Walters is a planning intern working on the transportation planning projects; and Jennifer Wilsie is doing planning and grant writing and is working on the HOME program and grant applications/management.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee reviewed the FY 07 budget revisions and the FY 08 Budget and recommends both for approval. The Committee also discussed the Vice Chair position, but makes no recommendation.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS**A. Consideration of Revised FY 07 Budget**

Mr. Rundgren explained that minor changes had to be made to the revised budget, a project was begun in June instead of in July of the new fiscal year.

Mrs. Perkins stated that although there was the lack of a quorum, the revised budget could be approved by consensus, then brought back for final vote at the next meeting. There was a consensus to approve the Revised FY 07 Budget.

B. Consideration of FY 08 Budget

Mr. Rundgren presented the budget, and pointed out several new projects - Green Home Tour, Employment Mobility, HOME Consortium, and Pulaski Transportation to name a few.

Mrs. Perkins stated that the FY 08 budget could also be approved by consensus, then brought back for final vote at the next meeting. There was a consensus to approve the FY 08 Budget.

C. Consideration of Canceling the July Meeting

Mrs. Perkins stated that July is busy month and the Director is usually away for the VAPDC meeting, therefore the meeting could be canceled if there is a consensus. There was a consensus to cancel the July meeting.

D. Discussion of Regional Projects

Mr. Rundgren stated that 3 jurisdictions, Glen Lyn, City of Radford, and Pulaski County, desire to apply for funds from the Rural Transportation Planning Grant Program to address certain issues in their area. The three resolutions are in support of their applications.

Mrs. Perkins stated that the resolutions could be approved by consensus, then brought back for final vote at the next meeting. There was a consensus to approve the resolutions of support. Mr. Starnes asked that the resolutions be dated without saying adopted.

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

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on August 23, 2007
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Dr. A.T. Leighton, 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. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Town of Blacksburg and Giles County vacancies.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY AND JUNE MINUTES

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

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins noted that Dan Talbert had resigned from the Commission at the June meeting. She then introduced Larry Clevinger as his replacement, and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

There were no reports.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, JUNE, AND JULY

Mrs. Perkins stated that the May report was tabled from the June meeting due to lack of a quorum. There was no July meeting therefore the June and July reports are now being presented also.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Reports for May, June and July be approved. Mrs. Moses 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:

●**Secretary Gottschalk Visit:** Secretary Gottschalk will be in the region on August 28th and 29th. He will visit Virginia Tech, the Alliance, as well as Pulaski Town, City of Radford and Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Floyd counties. He will be asked about funding, the Regional Cooperation Incentive Fund, and reviewing VA's First Commerce Park and other regional projects. Mr. Rundgren stated that Mr. Nutter was supportive of the Regional Cooperation Incentive Fund. Mr. Sheffey asked if Mrs. Crockett-Stark was supportive. Mr. Rundgren stated he was sure she also supported money for the Fund.

●**I-81 Corridor Planning Conference:** Conference to be held September 11th and 12th in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. They will be trying to identify issues of mutual concern. There will be discussion of the formation of an I-81 Corridor Coalition. The Director of I-95 Corridor Coalition will make a presentation.

●**Brokering of Water:** Regional Water Source Committee met the middle of August to review alternatives to provide water between Radford and Fairlawn.

●**NANO:** Nano Technology Cluster Study for the NRV will quantify the market opportunity and potential feasibility for developing a nano-manufacturing cluster in the NRV. ARC funding will be combined with local and other funding sources for a \$99,500 project that also evaluates pre-treatment needs. The Town of Pulaski will be the applicant for ARC funding of \$40,000. Also for EDA funding of \$232,500 for economic adjustment strategy, engineering and design for a nano-manufacturing cluster facility, and organization structure to support the facility. EDA funding will be combined with a local match. Mr. Gerald asked exactly what is a nano-manufacturing cluster. Mr. Rundgren stated it was a group of companies working with nano sized materials in their manufacturing processes or products.

●**Secretary Bryant:** Will meet with VAPDC on September 11th in Richmond.

●**VAPDC:** Planning to recognize Governor Holton in January on the 40th anniversary of the Executive Order implementing the Area Development Act which established planning district commissions. Governor Kaine said it was a great idea and he would like to be present when his father-in-law is recognized.

Mr. Starnes stated that President Hahn of Virginia Tech was also instrumental in the process. Dr. Leighton asked if Dr. Hahn had been recognized before. Mr. Sheffey suggested that the PDC prepare a resolution suggesting that Dr. Hahn also be recognized by VAPDC in January.

●**Legislative Agenda:** Legislature for PDC's to receive \$100,000 or 35 cents per capita. Mr. Starnes asked if the PDC had been approached about budget shortfalls and cuts. Mr. Rundgren stated that the possibility of a 5% cut across the board for state agencies will very likely include the PDCs. On the federal side, the House wants to cut ARC from 66 million to 33 million, the Senate says 66 million. If the House is successful, it would mean a cut to the PDCs.

●**Telecommunications:** Formation of a Wireless Authority to initially include Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski counties. A Participation Committee authorized by VA's First will invite all VA's 1st localities to participate. The Committee supports the establishment of a local government network. A pre-application by VA's First has been submitted for \$2.5 million to EDA. Mr. Patton stated that since the infrastructure is from Citizens in Floyd, why isn't Floyd County not involved. Mr. Rundgren stated that Floyd already has lines in place. Mr. Patton asked if it will be a regional focus. Mr. Rundgren stated that the programing would; however, right now looking at areas where fiber installation needs to be done.

●**Stormwater:** Stormwater Management TAC meeting held on August 21st. The TAC will have a discussion with the Board of Conservation in September for moving the regulations through. Then next spring the plan will be presented in draft form. Fees are going to very high for the review process. The planning district localities may not have enough money. There is conflict between erosion and sedimentation control and the long term management of stormwater.

●**Green Infrastructure:** Community meetings have been held in Montgomery County and Floyd County. The Radford meeting is August 23rd, Giles is August 28th and Pulaski is August 30th. The meetings are focusing on the value of green infrastructure and identifying what the communities' interest and needs are for the upcoming planning effort. Mr. Gerald stated that the Floyd meeting was very informative and that Abi Convery did an excellent job conducting the meeting and presenting the facts.

●**Other Regional Projects:** Commerce Park is updating their business plan. The Competitiveness Center needs your support in finding potential tenants.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated they had no report at this time.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2nd Revision to FY 07 Budget
- B. FY 08 Budget
- C. Resolution of Support for Application to the Rural Transportation Planning Grant Program
- D. Letter to the Census

Mrs. Perkins stated that items A-D were items discussed at the June meeting but were not approved due to lack of a quorum. It was suggested that Items A, C and D be approved in one motion.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the revised FY 07 Budget, the Resolution of Support for Application, and the letter to the Census Bureau be approved. Dr. Pomerantz seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

- B. FY 08 Budget

Mr. Rundgren then discussed the changes which had taken place in the FY 08 Budget, mostly dealing with personnel hours being switched around among staff.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the revisions of the FY 08 Budget be approved. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Annual Report for Department of Housing and Community Development

Mr. Rundgren explained that Annual Report is submitted each year to DHCD. The format for the report is required by DHCD. Mrs. Perkins stated that the report was very interesting and informative.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the Annual Report be approved for submittal to DHCD. Dr. Pomerantz seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Election of Vice-Chairman

Mr. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee met prior to the meeting and discussed nominees for the Vice-Chairman position. The Committee decided to ask Mr. Starnes if he would accept being nominated and he agreed. Mrs. Perkins then submitted Mr. Starnes name for nomination.

Motion: Mr. Gerald moved to close nominations and elect Mr. Starnes as Vice-Chairman. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion of Regional Projects

Mr. Perkins stated that October is usually the meeting of all Planning Commissions in the New River Valley. However, the 25th is the Virginia Tech game and it would be hard to get a good turnout. Need to think about changing the meeting date until the first Thursday of November. Also the December meeting date needs to be set. Discussion to continue at the September meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

1. FY 08, FY 09, FY 10 Performance Partnership Grant
 2. FY 08, FY 09, FY 10 Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program
 3. FY 08 Water Quality Management and Planning Grant
 4. Virginia Coastal Resource Management Program
 5. FY 2007 Virginia Naturally Mini-Grants for Support of Chesapeake Bay BWET Program
- All submitted by the VA Department of Environmental Quality

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) Poor Mountain Site Number 1602 - Virginia State Police

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the 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.

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 27, 2007
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. T. Starnes, Vice-Chair, City of Radford; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; and Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Town of Blacksburg and Giles County vacancies.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

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

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the August minutes be approved as presented. Dr. Pomerantz 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

Mr. Starnes stated that he would like for the Commissioners to consider between now and the end of the year the possibility of changing the meeting to an earlier time. It seems we've struggled lately to get a quorum. Look at changing the time to 5:30 p.m. This would be better for those that work and have to go home and come back out, or those who have to travel a long distance. Bring thoughts back for discussion at the January meeting.

Mr. Sheffey stated that since Paul Dellinger has retired and that he covered the Commission meetings for a lot of years, would the Commission consider approving a resolution, thank you note, or certificate. It was the consensus that it would be appropriate to recognize Mr. Dellinger in a resolution or certificate.

Mrs. Janney stated that she attended the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee meeting on September 6 in Halifax. There has been no direction from the State. A Virginia Farm Bureau speaker's presentation was on agriculture in the classroom and she made it so interesting. There will be another meeting after the elections on bio-solids and their importance. She stated she has learned a lot and that DEQ prepares informative minutes. There is still a lot of work to be done on every river in the State.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

Mr. Weaver asked if there were any questions about the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Treasurer's Reports for August be approved. Mr. Sheffey 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:

●**Secretary Gottschalk Visit:** Secretary Gottschalk visited the region on August 28th and 29th. He visited Virginia Tech, the Alliance, as well as Pulaski Town, City of Radford and Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski counties. He stated that he thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the assets and challenges of the region and that he was better armed to "sell" the region better as well.

●**Secretary Bryant:** VAPDC representatives met with the Secretary. New River's discussion was about integrating the Department of Conservation & Recreation, the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and the Department of Historic Resources as work is done on green infrastructure, water source planning, and water supply planning.

●**VAPDC:** Planning to recognize Governor Holton in January on the 40th anniversary of the Executive Order implementing the Area Development Act which established planning district commissions. Governor Kaine said it was a great idea and he would like to be present when his father-in-law is recognized. Dr. Hahn will also be recognized.

●**Telecommunications:** EDA pre-application for \$2.5 million has been authorized and full application is due September 9. Formation of a Wireless Authority is being worked out.

●**Stormwater:** Stormwater Management TAC meeting held on August 21st. The TAC will have a discussion with the Board of Conservation in September for moving the regulations through. Then next spring the plan will be presented in draft form. Fees are going to very high for the review process. The planning district localities may not have enough money. There is conflict between erosion and sedimentation control and the long term management of stormwater.

●**Green Infrastructure:** Wednesday, November 7th and Thursday, November 8th, Chuck Flink will make a presentation concerning the economic benefits of green infrastructure. The event is being held at Mountain Lake.

●**Brokering of Water:** Regional Water Source committee met to review alternatives to provide water between Radford and Fairlawn.

●**Schedule of Meetings:** The Joint Planning Commissions Meeting will be held this year on November 7th and is being co-hosted by the City of Radford. The speaker will be Chuck Flink with a presentation on Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure. The November/December PDC meeting will be combined and held December 13th.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated the Committee reviewed comments to be presented at the TAC Public Hearing; discussed the FY 07 audit; and talked about upcoming meetings.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Setting of October and November/December meetings

Mr. Rundgren stated that November 7 has been chosen as the date for the Annual Planning Commissions Dinner Meeting, and December 13 (2nd Thursday) for the combined November/December meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. New River Valley Planning District Commission Annual Report

Mr. Rundgren explained that the Commission's Annual Report is submitted for approval. It was the consensus to table the report until December to give Commissioners time to review it.

B. Discussion of I-81 Corridor Planning Conference

Mrs. Perkins stated that she attended the I-81 Corridor Conference. She reviewed a summary of the two-day conference. The basis of the conference entailed the issues associated with the I-81 Corridor and a discussion of a structure similar to the Interstate 95 Corridor Coalition. As a result of hearing the common concerns and by using the I-95 Coalition as a model, the group of more than 70 participants voted to create the I-81 Corridor Coalition. The main concerns were traffic and safety; Virginia has the most accidents.

The Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association talked about there being 22,000 truckers and 95 trucking companies. They would like to see more political lobbying pressure for more money being allocated for more safety features.

Bill Shaffer of N&S talked about railroads wanting intermodal places in order to take trucks off the highway, enlarge tunnels, work on tracks, and more double or triple containers.

Mr. Sheffey asked if tolls were discussed. Mrs. Perkins stated they were only discussed briefly.

C. Discussion of Regional Projects

A. TAC Recommended Comments for Commonwealth Transportation Board

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the recommended comments and asked for any changes or additions. Mr. Starnes stated that the Route 114 Bridge Replacement should be placed at the top of the list and a sentence added - Let contractors begin demolition of the old bridge.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the comments with the changes. Dr. Leighton 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)

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Transfer of 80 Acres of Army Land to the Department of Veterans Services - DEQ

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the project be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies, and goals; and that Pulaski County's comments be included. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Harvey asked what was the logic in using the prime land.

Mr. Sheffey stated that the County had looked at the land for an industrial park, but the military did not want that.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on **November 7, 2007**

5:30 p.m.– Radford Recreation Center, Radford

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. At this time there was not a quorum present, so the agenda was modified.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. T. Starnes, Vice-Chair, City of Radford; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; and Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

●**Grant Activity:** EDA, CDBG, and ARC funds have been received for the Pulaski Economic Adjustment Strategy and nano-tech feasibility study. Southern Rivers funded the Commission to study the four counties. A grant has been submitted to support transportation and housing alliance assessment of transportation and housing needs in the region. An application has been submitted to the VA Department of Forestry for continued support of the green infrastructure planning.

●**Legislative Recommendations to VAPDC and Agenda:** Basic State funding of \$100,000. Provide funding for the Regional Cooperation Incentive Fund (suggest \$2 per capita). "Hahn Commission 3" integration and State initiative implementation including placement of the program under a Secretary (Commerce and Trade). The VAPDC Legislative agenda includes: reverse the "across the board" budget cut of 5% effective this year and next, \$100,000 per PDC or 35 cents per capita - four PDCs qualify for this appropriation.

●**Stormwater Management Regulations:** Board of Soil and Water Conservation withdrew draft parts I, II, and III, and authorized filing of a new Notice of Intended Regulatory Action to clearly provide for regulations addressing both water quality and quantity. Will appoint a new Stormwater Management TAC.

●**Schedule of Meetings:** November/December Commission meeting is set for December 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., with a staff reception at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

At this time the Chair had arrived, a quorum was present and the regular agenda was resumed.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

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

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

Action: Motion carried, 1 abstention.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins introduced Holly Lesko as the Town of Blacksburg's new representative. Ms. Lesko stated she was looking forward to working with the board.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Patton invited everyone to Floyd on September 11 for the ribbon cutting for the Village Green which was made possible through a CDBG grant. He stated that it had enhanced the downtown area. Hotel Floyd will be conducting tours. He thanked the PDC staff for their hard work.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Mr. Weaver asked if there were any questions about the Treasurer's Report.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. NRVPCD FY 07 Annual Report

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Annual Report had been provided at the September meeting for review.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Annual Report be approved. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. I-81 Corridor Planning Conference

Ms. Perkins provided a press release of the September I-81 Corridor Planning Conference in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which she had attended. She stated one of the issues that most everyone mentioned was the widening of I-81. There are no plans in Virginia at the present time and will probably stay that way for a while. She said that five people from Norfolk & Southern pushed for inter-modal facilities. They need connector routes and will move forward in this direction. She asked the members what kind of a response do we need to make to the Secretary of Commerce. The consensus was priority #1 should be safety and #2 would be truck traffic.

Mr. Harvey stated that he appreciated Ms. Perkins attending the meeting and keeping the board informed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Distribution of FY 08 Work Program

Mr. Rundgren explained that as the year progresses, the work program will likely change because more projects will be submitted for funding. The PDC looks at coordination of local interests on a regional basis. This work program provides additional detail on each of the projects being undertaken.

B. Distribution of FY 07 Audit

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Audit had been provided for review and acceptance. In order for the members to have more time to review the Audit there was a consensus to table action until the December meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- A. **Continuation or Renewal Projects (Signed-off by the staff)**
 - 1. FY 2008, 2009, 2010 Pesticide Performance Partnership Grant
- B. **Regular Project Review**
None
- C. **Environmental Project Review**
None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Annette S. Perkins, Chair
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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on December 13, 2007
7:30 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

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

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated she had no report.

Dr. Leighton introduced Holly Lesko, representing the Town of Blacksburg.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER

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

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren stated the Executive Committee did meet and will make a report under New Business.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

●**Grant Activity:** EDA, CDBG and ARC have funded the Pulaski Economic Adjustment Strategy and Nano-Tech Feasibility Study. A piece of the study looks at Pulaski and its relationship to NRV economy. Southern Rivers funded the Commission's application to study the streams four counties which may have water quality issues (human impacted TMDLs, and others) to evaluate the scope of the problems. An application for \$75,000 has been submitted to Virginia Department of Forestry for continuation of green infrastructure planning.

●**Wireless Authority:** Need Giles, Pulaski and Montgomery counties to form an authority in January to keep the EDA grant for the fiber optic project alive. The operating organization will be VA's First Participation Committee.

●**Mobility Management:** Looking to establish a NRV Mobility Plan and create a one-stop transportation call center. Transportation providers and human service agencies strongly support a mobility manager.

●**VAPDC Winter Conference:** To be held Monday, January 28, 2008. Honorable Linwood Holton will be at lunch and will receive a plaque. Topics for the conference are energy, water/environment and transportation and land use. The NADO award will be presented to VDOT for their work in bringing transportation down to the local level.

●**Staff Changes:** Mr. Rundgren stated that Abi Convery will be leaving the Commission at the end of January to pursue other interests.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of FY 07 Audit

Mr. Rundgren stated that last month the audit was distributed for review.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved that the FY 07 Audit Report be accepted. Mr. Stipes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. VAPDC Update

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Legislative Agenda was provided for informational purposes. He stated he was pleased that VAPDC is looking at water supply planning. The VAPDC encourages the General Assembly to: 1) fund the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program as well as the Chesapeake Bay Program; 2) recognize the importance of planning district commissions and their role in promoting regional cooperative activities by ensuring adequate funding for PDCs at a level that will allow them to continue to support multi-governmental initiatives; and 3) recognize the importance of programs that enhance a county or city's ability to strengthen their economic position; and the VAPDC supports the broadening of the funding to enhance Virginia's transportation systems.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of FY 2008-2009 Assessment Rate

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed extensively the local assessment for FY 09. Mr. Rundgren provided the Commissioners with a comparison of per capita rates. He stated that several counties and the city will hold a joint budget hearing and are requesting budget requests by December 30, 2007, therefore the per capita rate needs to be set at this meeting. The Executive Committee recommends a 3 cent increase which represents 4%.

Mr. Sheffey asked what the amount was the previous year. Mr. Rundgren stated the last one was 10cents, however, several years passed when no increase occurred. Mr. Sullivan asked how the rate compares to other PDCs. Mr. Rundgren stated that others are lower; but that has to do with how big the areas are. Dr. Harvey asked why all towns are not members. Mr. Rundgren stated that the State Code provides that jurisdictions over 3,500 participate; those below can decide if they want to. In 2000, all towns were asked if they were interested in participating, Dublin, Glen Lyn, and Pembroke declined to participate.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved to approve the 3 cent increase in the per capita rate. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

The PDC is also submitting a supplemental budget request for transportation costs; the rate would be 12 cents per capita.. This would be a one time request to study rideshare needs. Agencies in the NRV are interested in seeing a Rideshare Mobility Manager position put together. The MPO met yesterday and unanimously recommended that the PDC pursue this matter. The PDC is already working with the 5th PDC on rideshare activities in the region.

Mrs. Lesko asked if this would be coordinated with the continuum of care work. Mr. Rundgren stated it would be a piece of it. Mrs. Janney asked if all localities would be included. Mr. Rundgren stated yes every locality.

Mr. Patton stated that a lot of folks are employed at Eco Star that could benefit. Mr. Rundgren stated if you carpooled and you need to get home during the day, there is a service that you could call for that purpose.

Mr. Crawford asked if some area businesses would be willing to contribute to the study. Mr. Rundgren stated that Eco Star been provide parking space for park and ride.

Mr. Starnes stated what if not all of the localities agree to funding the project. Where do you go from there? Mr. Rundgren stated that it will need to make it known that everybody needs to participate.

Mr. Patton asked who will eventually fund this program down the road. Mr. Rundgren stated that part of the study will be to figure out how it becomes sustainable.

Dr. Harvey stated that we need to do some priority planning and do you think this is our top priority. Mr. Perkins stated she felt it was a big piece.

Mrs. Lesko asked if the Commissioners could get more information about the study and the benefits.

Motion: Mr. Sullivan moved proceed with requesting additional funding for this project. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution Requesting Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment

Mr. Rundgren stated that a revision needed to be made to the FY 08 Transportation Work Program concerning the updating of the Bikeway-Walkway-Blueway Plan. In order to finish all of the components, it is requested that it be postponed.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to adopt the Resolution to Amend the FY 08 Transportation Work Program. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Distribution of Transportation Needs Survey

Mr. Byrd distributed a Needs Survey to the Commissioners and asked them to complete and return. Their comments will be incorporated into the Regional Plan.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

None

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

Fleet Services Wash Bay & Office Addition - VPI&SU

Basketball Practice Field (Added to the published agenda)

Mrs. Perkins asked if anyone had any questions concerning the environmental projects.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the projects do not conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mrs. Lesko seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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