

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting/Actions of the Executive Committee
held on January 24, 2008
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 was not a quorum due to inclement weather.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; 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; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Mrs. Perkins stated that the minutes would be tabled until the February meeting.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated she had no report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Treasurer's Reports would be tabled until the February meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Executive Committee reviewed the funding formula for ARC and discussed requesting that Bill Shelton look at changing the PDCs formula.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Executive Committee authorizes the Director to write a letter requesting a change in the funding formula. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report but did not review the items by power point (Copy with January Minutes)

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report of Transportation Needs Survey

Mr. Rundgren stated that not all surveys have been returned for compilation. He reminded everyone to turn them in.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Requesting Department of Rail and Public Transportation Funding of RIDESolutions

Motion: Mr. Weaver that the Executive Committee authorizes the Chairman to sign the resolution as presented. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

B. Discussion of Long Range Transportation Planning Activities

Mr. Rundgren stated that the VDOT has stated they will make available a transportation consultant for localities to look at road and intersection situations in rural areas.

Mr. Sheffey stated that since the building of the new Walmart and mini-mall at Exit 98, a lot more traffic and congestion. Also left turn on Route 11 cutting across to intersect with Roundhouse road into Lowe's seems dangerous.

Mr. Sullivan stated that there needs to be a right turn lane at the intersection of Prices Fork and Peppers Ferry Road.

Mr. Harvey stated that at North Main and 460 by-pass there's a yield but travelers think it's a merge. Also there is a need for a light or other improvements at Coal Bank Hollow Road and 460.

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

1. Softball Field Expansion - VPI&SU
2. Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science II Building - VPI &SU

Mrs. Perkins stated that comments will need to be returned before the next meeting. Therefore she asked the Executive Committee to make a determination.

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the Executive Committee finds the projects do not conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mr. Weaver 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 February 28, 2008
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; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows and Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg.

ABSENT: Mr. P. Crawford, Pulaski County; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. T. Starnes, City of Radford; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER & JANUARY MINUTES

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

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

Action: Motion carried, 3 abstentions.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated she had no report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Harvey reported on the New River Watershed and Roundtable. He stated that \$10,500 had been received from pollution fines in Montgomery and Pulaski counties which is available for the Roundtable to do projects.. Water quality monitoring has been started with scientific and documented tracking over time; also mapping of surface water intakes and solid waste sites. DEQ will be involved in the process. He stated there will be a public meeting at the Museum in Wytheville on April 4 with free lunch.

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

Mr. Weaver asked if there were any questions about the Treasurer's Reports. He stated that November and December Reports were tabled at the January meeting and needed action.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Perkins stated that with permission of the members a presentation by Mr. Wood Crenshaw would be moved from Item A. Under New Business at this time.

Mr. Crenshaw gave some background information about himself and his business, Crenshaw Lighting. He then spoke about 'Round the Mountain, Southwest Virginia's artisan network which was incorporated in 2005. A group of dedicated people including artisans, educators, business owners, representatives from community development, tourism agencies, local and state government are all working hard to foster economic development in Southwest Virginia by focusing on the craft and creativity of the region. Through assisting local artisans with marketing, educational and entrepreneurial opportunities 'Round the Mountain is developing the reputation of Southwest Virginia as a nationally recognized craft region. The service area includes the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe and the cities of Bristol, Galax, Norton and Radford. Brochures are available as well as a website with more information about the network. He stated that he was honored to participate in these projects and is working on apprenticeship programs. He then presented a DVD which talked about the new Heartwood building being erected in Abingdon which serves as a gateway to the region.

Mrs. Perkins thanked Mr. Crenshaw for his informative presentation.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee discussed the following topics:

- 1) possibility of meeting time change,
- 2) election of officers in May
- 3) training for Commissioners
- 4) personnel rules and structural change
- 5) looking at having a celebration of PDC's 40th anniversary in September 2009

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

ARC/DDAA Conference: Important topics discussed were Surface Transportation Act Re-authorization, addressing funding needs at all levels (gas tax); reflective use of funds; Federal \$s for performance; and program reform. Trust fund will be short of money by the end of the year. Thinking about raising revenues for highway systems is a challenge.

February 17, 2009: Analog TV will no longer work, converter boxes will be required to view high definition programs. The federal government is providing coupons to assist in paying for converter boxes.

National Geographic Map: A new map of Appalachia is being produced to be out in early 2009.

RIDESolutions: May 16th to be designated as Clean Commute Day. Pledge is being developed to utilize alternative transportation modes for that day.

EDA: A Joint Chicago-Philadelphia regional conference to be held May 12-14. The NRVPC has been asked to present the CEDS process.

Federal Budget: The President's budget calls for a 53% cut in EDA funding; NADO requests district boards to urge lawmakers to restore EDA funding.

Motion: Ms. Lesko moved that the Executive Director write letters to legislators urging them to request that EDA funding be restored to full funding. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Other proposed cuts to the federal budget include: CDBG funding down \$110 million; HOME down \$20 million; Homeland Security State and Local funds up \$400 million; WIB down \$310 million; federal aviation approximately the same; federal aid for highways up \$2 billion; and funds for the aging up \$50 million.

Meetings/Events: Commission meeting on March 27th, discuss and approve the Transportation Work Program for FY 09; and on April 26th, there will be the 2nd annual NRV Green Home Tour.

Transportation: Phase II RL RTP - 20 hotspots for safety, 23 hotspots for congestion/line of sight/etc. Need all hotspots identified by March meeting. VDOT staff will be visiting in May/June to receive input toward rural transportation program. Phase III RL RTP - scope received last week and will be incorporated into FY 09 Transportation Work Program. Primary activities include placing projects into a three tiered priority scheme and integrating relevant planning documents. VDOT Bike-Pedestrian update meeting to be held March 13th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center.

Employment Mobility: Assessing rural demand - surveying employees of numerous NRV companies via on-line survey; speaking to NRV Society of Human Resource Managers to encourage employee participation, and implementing park and ride lot user survey in late March. Mapping rural demand - utilizing Census website in test phase.

Pulaski Area Transit Award: PAT is being recognized on March 10th by Federal Transit Administration for Success in Enhancing Ridership. Only one of two agencies in the nation with a population under 50,000 selected for the award.

Planning Commissioner Training: Training to be held on March 19th from 6:00-8:30 p.m., New River Room, NRV Competitiveness Center. Speakers will be Jesse Richardson, Virginia Tech and Marty McMahon, Montgomery County. Staff planners are preparing the agenda. Catered dinner and materials for \$15.00. RSVP by March 14th.

BZA Training: Training was held on February 19th with approximately 20 participants representing 7 jurisdictions. Mike Chandler, CPEAV, lead the session.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Executive Committee's Action at January Meeting to Send Letter to ARC Requesting Funding Formula Change

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved for approval of the Executive Committee's Action for letter requesting funding formula change. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Executive Committee's Action at January Meeting to Send Resolution Requesting Department of Rail and Public Transportation Funding of RIDEsolutions

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved for approval of the Executive Committee's Action for Resolution requesting funding of RIDEsolutions. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion of Long Range Transportation Planning Activities

Mr. Rundgren stated he covered this in his Director's Report.

D. Discussion of Changing Meeting Time

Mr. Rundgren stated that in November, Mr. Starnes had brought up the possibility of changing the meeting time. Although he was not present at this meeting, the topic is up for discussion. Mr. Gerald suggested changing the time to 6:00 p.m. which would allow those Commissioners traveling longer distances to reach home earlier.

Motion: Mrs. French moved that the meeting time be changed to 6:00 p.m. beginning with the March meeting. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried, 1 absence.

X. NEW BUSINESS

B. Setting of 2008 Virginia CDBG Program Regional Priorities (Material enclosed)

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the recommendation for switching Community Facility to Priority #1 and Community Service Facility to Priority #2.

Mrs. Lesko asked if Comprehensive Community Development should be moved up also. Mr. Rundgren explained that because potential projects this year fall under the Community Facility activity, it should be the only one that needs to be changed.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved to adopt the recommended priorities for 2008. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Review of Requests for Reissuance of VPDES Permits:

1. Days Inn for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pulaski Co.
2. Rich Creek for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Giles Co.
3. Mountain Lake Biological Station for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Giles Co.

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved for approval of the Reissuance of VPDES Permits for above projects. Mrs. Lesko seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

1. FY 2008 Sec 103 PM 2.5 Air Monitoring Program - DEQ

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

Approval of Executive Committee's Actions at January Meeting:

1. Softball Field Expansion - Virginia Tech
2. Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science II Building -Virginia Tech

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee made a determination to approve these two projects with the stipulation that the Board would review at this meeting.

Motion: Mr. Harvey moved for approval of the Executive Committee's determination that these projects do not conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mrs. Lesko seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

New Project for Review:

1. English Field Expansion at Virginia Tech - VA Tech

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved that this project be found not 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 March 27, 2008
6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

In the absence of Mrs Perkins, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Starnes at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Starnes, Vice Chair, City of Radford; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, 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; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows, and Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech.

ABSENT: Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County and Pulaski County vacancies.

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions or additions to the February minutes.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the minutes be approved. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated he had no report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Gerald stated that he would like to see the Pledge of Allegiance brought back to start the meetings. Everyone agreed and stood for the Pledge.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Mr. Weaver explained that all of the projects that were associated with the expenses were shown on the flip side of the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Rundgren stated that the 700 category was a combination of all of the local projects totaling more than 36. Mr. Harvey asked if the Commissioners could get a list of all projects. Mr. Rundgren stated that they were listed in the PDC Work Program, however he would make the list available at the next meeting.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starnes stated that with permission of the members a presentation by Mr. Gorman and Mr. Boring would be moved from Item A. Under New Business at this time.

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

Mr. Gorman thanked the PDC for the privilege of serving as their representative on the RC & D Board. The Council partners with other resources to complete projects which cover 11 counties and two PDCs. He stated that RC & D has \$1.1 million benefits to forestry, economic development, tourism and the enhancement of the quality of life.

Mr. Boring thanked the PDC for their sponsorship. He provided the Commissioners with the Council's annual report. He then highlighted some of the projects that have been completed over the year: (1) Stevens Amendment Act Fire Mitigation Phase II. This project implemented mechanical fuel reduction activities on 130 acres protecting 100 homes; (2) Mill & Dodd Creek Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan. This project included the development of a TMDL Plan which addressed fecal coliform and general standards impairments; (3) Green Infrastructure Trails Conference. This project was a joint effort with the PDC and other partners. It was a 3-day workshop featuring trail organization, funding sources, economic impacts and benefits of trails and green infrastructure.

Mr. Boring stated that projects for this year include Back Creek in Pulaski, Urban Forestry in Radford; Falling Branch in Montgomery County; and a forest land-care project.

The New River-Highlands RC & D will be hosting the Southeast RC & D meeting in Wytheville with around 300-500 attendees expected. More information can be found on the website - www.newriverhighlandsrcd.org.

Mr. Rundgren thanked Mr. Gorman for representing the PDC on the Council. Mr. Starnes thanked Mr. Gorman and Mr. Boring for all of their work.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren stated there was no report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the items by power point (copy provided with minutes).

New Secondary Road Standards: Draft regulations have been released. Tiered area requirements are compact, suburban or rural. The emphasis is on connectivity and alternatives.

Related Plan Requirements: Urban Development Areas identified if there's zoning, 20,000+ population; and 15% growth. Cluster Development Areas identified if 10% growth.

Sustainable NRV: EarthCraft Community, evaluate a Blacksburg and Floyd site, and review criteria for mountainous suitability.

Building a Creative Economy in Southwest Virginia: Conference to be held May 19th - 20th at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon.

RIDESolutions: May 16th will be designated as "Clean Commute Day". Pledge to utilize alternative transportation modes for the day.

FEMA Flood Map Updates: Scheduled release of updated flood maps for Giles and Montgomery will be September 8, 2008. DCR wants to provide training.

Green Home Tour: The 2nd annual NRV Green Home Tour will be held April 26th.

Staff Change: Regina Elsner has been hired part-time to work on Souther Rivers and Green Infrastructure projects until she finishes her thesis in June, at which time she will become full time.

Mr. Rundgren then asked Kevin Byrd to talk about Transportation issues.

Transportation: Mr. Byrd stated that the TAC Committee met and established criteria to assist in selecting hot spots projects - Crash Data, Regional Significance, and Land Use Changes. There have been 20 hot spots for safety and 23 hot spots for congestion, line of sight, etc. that have been identified. VDOT Bike-Pedestrian Update Meeting was held March 13th. Reaffirmed VDOT policy to include bike/pedestrian features in all possible roadway projects. Some projects are delayed because of new policy rather than dropping the Bike/Ped component.

Employment Mobility: Data Collection Phase underway. The Employee Transportation Survey may be found at www.nrvpdc.org link on right side of page. The Park and Ride Lot Survey will be online the last week of this month. It focuses on when and where people are traveling while using Park and Ride Lots.

Planning Commissioner Training: Training was held on March 19th at the Competitiveness Center. The speakers were Jesse Richardson, Virginia Tech, and Marty McMahon and Steve Sandy, Montgomery County. There were approximately 40 attendees. Received very positive feedback and the desire for additional training.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presented earlier in meeting.

B. Resolution for Approval of FY 09 Transportation Work Program

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Work Program had been provided to the Commissioners for review.

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved to adopt the resolution approving the FY 09 Transportation Work Program.
Mr. Dent seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration of Sponsorship of Creative Economy in Southwest Virginia Conference

Mr. Rundgren stated that 'Round the Mountain has asked the PDC to sponsor this conference again this year. Mr. Patton thought last year's sponsorship was just for the kick-off conference, and he feels that the PDC should not be sponsoring it every year. It was the consensus that the conference is an important economic tool, however the \$500 amount requested would be taking away from other projects.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved that a sponsorship of \$250 be approved. Mr. Dent seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

1. Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Program - DEQ

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Virginia Tech Parking Structure - Virginia Tech
2. VPDES Permit Reissuance - Town of Narrows

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas L. Starnes, Vice Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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held on April 24, 2008
6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 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; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. R. Moses, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. K. Sullivan; Virginia Tech; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

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

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

Action: Motion carried.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins welcomed Shawn Utt to the Commission representing Pulaski County.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- A. Mrs. Janney reported on the Roanoke River Water Basin Committee meeting held in Boyton, Virginia. She stated that a major concern discussed was who owns which part of the river and if inter-basin transfers are entered into, who will own it. What happens when there is no water. There didn't seem to be an answer for that question. Mrs. Perkins thanked Mrs. Janney for her report and for representing the PDC on the committee.
- B. Mr. Harvey stated that a National Geographic Map is now available. It shows the New River and Roanoke River with travel information for Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. It also has information on where to rent canoes and purchase bait.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Report and stated that the PDC is still solvent.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Starnes and Mr. Weaver stated there was no report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the items by power point (copy attached with original minutes).

PDC Background Information: Mr. Rundgren stated that T. Marshal Hahn introduced legislation in 1968 for the formation of planning district commissions. The legislation passed and became the Regional Cooperation Act, 15.2-4200 in the Code of Virginia. In 1969 most PDCs were created. The law required jurisdictions with a population over 3,500 to participate (Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties; Radford City, the towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Pulaski); those with a population under 3,500 were allowed to participate if they so chose. In 2000, the towns of Floyd, Narrows, Pearisburg and Rich Creek along with Radford University and Virginia Tech chose to participate in the Commission.

The Act allowed PDCs to assist in area-wide planning (physical, social, and economic elements); assist state and localities plan for the future; coordinate federal, state and local effort to resolve problems; and implement projects as requested.

He provided a list of projects being undertaken during this fiscal year. He stated that project 723, NRVDC Water Study, was a regional cooperation project. A grant was submitted and awarded to the Development Corporation which was passed through the PDC for staff support. Project 820, Economic Development, provides funding for economic development projects as well as a regional strategic plan, CEDS, and Vision 2020.

Mr. Harvey stated that the list of program categories provided is a great help in understanding all the activities that the PDC undertakes. He asked if there is any project which deals with regional recycling. Virginia Tech hired someone to help with recycling issues.

Mr. Rundgren stated that the New River Resource Authority and the Montgomery Regional Resource Authority are the region's recycling agencies at present. Over the years, the PDC assisted in solid waste management planning and in 1986 assisted in writing a Solid Waste Management Plan, in which all jurisdictions participated. Discussion continued, leading to a request for more information on recycling to be available at the next meeting.

New River Valley Wireless Network Authority: Authority was created by Giles and Pulaski counties. A \$2.5 grant application was submitted to EDA for installation of critical fiber links. A Community Network Participation Committee will be created under Virginia's First.

Green Infrastructure Planning: A grant has been received from the Virginia Department of Forestry for a 3 year program (\$25,000/\$15,000/\$10,000) for green infrastructure planning. Also an Appalachian Trail Conference grant for \$10,000 has also been received for GI planning and a sustainable NRV Workshop.

Virginia Outdoors Plan: The Plan is now available from DCR. It is broken down by planning districts and identifies conservation and recreation needs.

RIDESolutions: This program being undertaken by the 5th PDC (The Regional Commission) in Roanoke with assistance from the 4th PDC. May 16th is being promoted as Clean Commute Day. Pledge to utilize alternative transportation modes for that day.

EDA 2009 Grant Application: An EDA application is being prepared for FY 2009. One of the major work activities will be an update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy - Vision 2020. Budget amount could be cut.

Green Home Tour: The 2nd annual NRV Green Home Tour will be held April 26th.

Staff Change: Keith Holt will be leaving the PDC on April 30th to become the new NRV Airport Manager. We wish him all the best. Interviews for the regional planner position will begin May 2nd.

Transportation: Phase II RL RTP. Hotspot recommendations to be received from the TAC in May and presented to PDC at May meeting.

The Smart Way: Mr. Byrd reported that the Smart Way Commuter Bus, linking the New River Valley and Roanoke Valley, travels between the two locations 6 days a week, Monday-Saturday. The fair is \$3.00. The percentage of riders is 17%-19% weekdays and 9% on Saturday. With the rising cost of gasoline, the percentage could increase.

Creative Economy Conference: The conference to be held in Abingdon on May 19-20, is hosted by the Crooked Road, 'Round the Mountain, and Appalachian Sustainable Development. Secretary of Commerce Gottschalk will be the keynote speaker.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Mr. Sheffey stated that the public hearing has been held in Salem for the last 30 years, but was held in Bristol and Lynchburg this year.

Mr. Byrd stated that VDOT is planning for a budget cut of 44%. The MPO discussed the cuts and has written a letter requesting reconsideration of the cuts.

Mr. Sheffey asked the status of the Route 114 bridge. Mr. Rundgren stated that the budget cuts will probably occur and something will need to be cut and it could be the bridge. It has been requested that VDOT to put in place a better transition at the Arsenal if the bridge does not go to construction soon.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of Program Categories

Mr. Rundgren stated he discussed this item under his Executive Director's Report

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on NRV Sustainability Workshop - Abi Convery

Ms. Convery stated that a workshop will be held on May 29-30 in Christiansburg. Two developers expressed interest at the last workshop and have offered to use their development process as an educational tool for our communities and policy makers. The workshop will look at hurdles (zoning, subdivision ordinances, and VDOT regulations) that occur for future development, and will investigate the challenges and opportunities associated with utilizing market based 3rd party programs through the real time development process of pilot projects in our region.

B. Adoption of Hot Spots

Mr. Rundgren stated that the TAC will provide hot spots in May and will be available at the PDC May meeting.

C. CEDS Annual Update for 2009

1. Review of Goals & Objectives

Mr. Rundgren reviewed changes that had been made to the original goals and objectives:

LEADERSHIP

Added last two objectives under the 2nd Goal - To establish youth involvement in the regional community.

Objective: Create youth Entrepreneurial Center for business and civic development and practice.

Objective: Establish youth leadership recognition program.

Added last objective under the 5th Goal - To assist in establishment of a regional system to protect the region's physical and economic security.

Objective: Support communication interoperability among first responders.

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Added first objective under the 2nd Goal - To ensure adequate, reliable, and safe delivery of all utilities in the New River Valley.

Objective: Interconnect water and sewer systems regionally where possible to improve reliability, safety, and water quality.

Added second objective under the 6th Goal - To assure that the region has an ample supply of affordable housing to meet the needs of people in all income ranges.

Objective: Promote the HOME program for providing low to moderate income individuals with opportunities for affordable home ownership.

Deleted Radford University Business Technology Park from Objective under 8th Goal - To increase the commercialization of intellectual properties.

With suggestions from Dr. Harvey concerning cultural diversity, personal indebtedness, home equity line of credit and rising gas prices; and others suggestions, the following additions were made:

HUMAN RESOURCES

Added 7th Goal - Cultural Diversity

Objective: Include immigrants

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Added 18th Goal - Deal with personal indebtedness

Objective: Reverse mortgage

Objective: Credit card debt

Added 19th Goal - Maintain mobility

Objective: Tourist transportation (regional tourism plan)

Objective: Employment mobility

Added 20th Goal - Energy Efficiency

Objective: Efficient homes

Objective: Transportation

Objective: Alternative products

Motion: Mrs. Janney moved for approval of the Goals & Objectives as amended. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sheffey requested a revised copy be provided at next meeting.

2. Project Evaluation Criteria

The project evaluation criteria change made by the staff included moving Community Facilities from Level 3 to Level 1 and Comprehensive Community Development from Level 1 to Level 3. This change is consistent with the change made by the Commission in the CDBG priorities. No other changes were offered by the staff.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved for approval of the Project Evaluation Criteria as amended. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Annual Project Package

Mr. Rundgren reviewed items from the list and asked for any questions or additions the project package.

There was consensus to accept the project package.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

1. Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Program - DEQ

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. VPDES Permit Issuance, Duke Energy Generation Services of Narrows, LLC Celanese Boiler Ash Treatment Lagoons - DEQ

Motion: Mr. Starnes moved that the projects be found not conflict with regional plans, policies or 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 22, 2008
6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In the absence of Mrs. Perkins, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Weaver at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; 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. H. Lesko, 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; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mrs. A. Perkins, Chair, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. T. Starnes, Vice Chair, City of Radford; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

Mr. Weaver asked if there were any questions or additions to the April minutes.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Weaver addressed the recent passing of Bob Lloyd of the City of Radford. Mr. Sheffey provided the Commission with a brief background of Mr. Lloyd's service to the community as Assistant City Manager of Radford and the numerous regional projects in which he was involved, including the Regional Jail, the Resource Authority, and the Pepper's Ferry Wastewater Treatment Facility, to name a few.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that a resolution be drafted and provided to his family indicating his outstanding service to the New River Valley. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None provided.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Report and asked for any comments or questions.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Weaver stated there was no report. He and Mr. Rundgren had met prior to the meeting to discuss the proposed draft FY09 Budget.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the items by power point (copy attached with original minutes).

EDA Conference, Beyond Innovation: EDA legislation is set to expire on September 30th and a bill is present to re-authorize with more flexibility to localities focused on revolving loan funds and to open the criteria for project eligibility. A change in rules on accounting for the life span of projects is being proposed. If a project is sold it needs to be appraised and remove 2/3 of local interest then the banks and Rural Development have access to remaining funds. Another proposed change is the commitment back to federal government will come in the second 10 years. Federal government interest ought to have a declining interest following the first 10 years equating to a declining position over time. The proposal leaves planning and technical assistance in place. EDA is requesting \$100 million so the Commission sent a letter requesting the Administration to stick with the typical \$276 million request. A fall time-frame is expected for the budget to be announced. The New River Valley has \$100 million in projects identified currently. Investment in infrastructure is significant, and the aging of infrastructure will be a critical issue. The national association inquired about local projects and Dave reassured the national association that several local projects exist in the New River Valley.

Growing jobs at home through incubators was a significant theme to the conference and several remarked how impressed they are with the Competitiveness Center. Mayor Bill Graham of Scottsburg, ID promoted local politicians talking to congress about the EDA budget and programs. The concept of "green" was very prevalent at the conference, particularly associated with constructing to LEED standards.

Wind Energy: There is a Virginia conference on Wind Energy to be held on June 18th and 19th at James Madison University. ARC is also working to create a conference on this topic.

ARC Re-authorization: Through the re-authorization process for ARC, Congress is considering the addition of Patrick and Henry counties in the 9th District to the Appalachian region.

Pulaski Central Transportation and Land Use Master Plan: The project is mid-way through working with the stakeholders and consultants to identify transportation projects and land use considerations. Rt. 100 is the most prone to accidents taking into account the volume and the roadway. Another contributing factor in the future will be the Veteran's Cemetery.

Pulaski Area Economic Adjustment Strategy: Mr. Rundgren indicated this effort is not solely about Pulaski County and the towns within, but has regional implications as to how our economy will change and the regional strategies be implemented.

EDA Application for Broadband: Mr. Rundgren reported the application for funding from EDA to assist in developing broadband infrastructure is still moving forward.

EDA Application for VT Corporate Research Center: The CRC Phase II infrastructure pre-application was submitted.

Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program: The consultant selection process will be underway in the next two weeks.

Local Planning Assistance: This upcoming fiscal year the Commission will be working with several localities performing local planning assistance. These projects include the Town of Floyd/Floyd County Comprehensive Plan, Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan, Town of Pearisburg Subdivision Ordinance Update, and the Town of Floyd Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Updates.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Joe Levine, New River Resource Authority

Mr. Levine could not attend the meeting.

B. Adoption of Transportation Hot Spots

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the list of projects provided by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and discussed a map illustrating the number of crash incidents across the region from 2004 to 2006. Particular attention was paid to Rt. 114/Rt. 11 intersection. A rating system was paired with criteria created by the TAC for selecting hot spots based on the regional network, crash incidents, and land use changes. Dr. Harvey asked the TAC to consider the segment on Rt. 11 between Kroger shopping center and the New River considering the recent land sale at RU West. Mrs. Lesko, asked how population growth is being taken into account and suggested a county-wide growth factor be included. There are 20 safety spots allowed, but 23 were provided. The consultant indicated more hot spots may be added if the work progresses quicker than anticipated. A public input meeting will be held on July 24th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and will be advertised via the newspaper and to localities.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved to approve the list of hot spots as recommended by the TAC. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. CEDS Annual Report for 2008 & Annual Project Package for 2009

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the final project rating with broadband being the highest, followed by a Nano Cluster Facility, VT Corporate Research Center-Phase II, Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital, NRV Economic Adjustment Strategy, Nano Feasibility, and replacement of the Rt. 114 Bridge over the New River. Dr. Harvey contributed additional thoughts for integration into the document. Transportation for tourism is not as critical as ¼ of income being spent on transportation, and reflect more of the “green” concept for sustainable development that is unique. The interchanges with I-81 need to be unique and capitalize on the opportunity to reflect our region. Community development programs are critical to provide the needed education for our children going beyond the Standards of Learning criteria. Campus schools may be needed for kids who are close to drop out or failing children without hope and guidance. A chapter on immigration is needed and it should discuss how the region can turn it into a positive.

Mr. Patton expressed concern about workforce housing and the influx of financial wealth from beyond our region that is changing communities and their ability to remain in place. A strategy should be created to retain our current residents and address their ability to participate in the local economy.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved to approve the CEDS Annual Report for 2008 and the Project Package for 2009 as presented. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 08 Revised Budget

Mr. Rundgren stated that the current budget is \$1.422 million, with less than a \$11,000 change, the new budget is proposed to be \$1.411 million

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved to approve the FY 2008 Revised Budget as presented. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. FY 09 Draft Budget

Mr. Rundgren presented a draft budget with grant anticipation equating to a total budget of \$1.577 million for next fiscal year. Mr. Rundgren anticipates that the total budget for FY 09 will be similar to the draft, however there will be internal adjustments and changes in anticipated revenues.

Mr. Harvey asked for clarification about state grants and federal grants declining from last fiscal year. Mr. Rundgren explained that the actual Federal funds are not anticipated to decrease. However, ARC funds are received on a January - December year, therefore the first half of our fiscal year expenses may be higher than they will be in the second half which results in an apparent decline. State funding is continuing on the decreased level based upon reductions in the State budget. The anticipated amount may turnout to be reduced further.

Mr. Rundgren clarified that no action is needed at this time, but next month action will be required.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

1. FY 2008 State Revolving Capitalization Grant - DEQ
2. VA Wetlands Monitoring – DEQ 1.

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Residence & Dining Halls, Renovation of Ambler-Johnson – VA Tech
2. Life Sciences Steam Tunnel Distribution – VA Tech
3. Tennis Court Relocation – VA Tech
4. Mountain Lake Biological Station Barn and Director’s Cabin –UVA

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the projects be found 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.

W. Scott Weaver, Treasurer
New River Valley Planning District Commission

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on June 26, 2008
6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 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; 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; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. R. Skidmore, Town of Narrows; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski; and Giles County vacancy.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

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

Motion: Dr. Harvey moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Perkins announced that Mrs. Janney has been reappointed to the Roanoke River Advisory Council. She commended Mrs. Janney for the great job she has been doing as the PDC's representative.

Mrs. Perkins stated that Mr. Skidmore is leaving the Commission and will be replaced by Mr. Tom Garrett. Mrs. Perkins presented Mr. Skidmore with a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service to the Commission. Mr. Skidmore was appreciative of the Certificate and said he would miss representing the Town of Narrows.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None provided.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Report and asked for any comments or questions.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Perkins stated that she would like to move up Item A under Old Business at this time.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Joe Levine, New River Resource Authority

Mr. Levine stated that the New River Resource Authority started with Pulaski/Dublin/Radford as participants, then in 1997 Giles County joined and in 1998 the Montgomery County Resource Authority came on board, with Floyd County becoming a customer in 2006.

The landfill site takes in 246,000 tons per fiscal year, which may include metal, paper, aluminum, newspapers and magazines. Also, 60,000 tires are shred and recycled. They can then be used in drain fields. The landfill covers 200 acres at present; however the Authority owns 950 acres.

Mr. Harvey asked if customers are charged for recycling. Mr. Levine stated that since they do not perform curbside pick-up, there is no recycling charge.

Mr. Clevinger asked if the landfill takes in waste from outside areas. Mr. Levine stated that only waste from New River Valley jurisdictions is allowed.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the items by power point (copy attached with original minutes).

Executive Order 69: Sub-cabinet on Community Investment - to promote economically and environmentally sustainable communities. They will evaluate decisions on grants, loans, matching funds, and other discretionary funds, as well as invest in innovation, the use of existing infrastructure, and compact development.

Sustainability Workshop: Held on May 29th and 30th. Sites reviewed in light of Earthcraft Community Standards were Jack Wall's site in Floyd, and the Harding Avenue site adjacent to Blacksburg. Around 60 people were in attendance and a number of development regulations were identified as issues to constructing sustainable communities.

Southern Rivers: Study will focus on streams with water quality issues and identify potential solutions and administrative structures. Thompson & Litton has been selected as the Southern Rivers consultants to assist the PDC with the study. An Advisory Committee of locality staff and State agencies will meet on July 9th and a public information session will be held July 30th.

Stormwater Management: VT, PDC, and others are working on Best Management Practice software and training program designed to help planners, locality engineers, developers (owners) and their engineers select BMPs to achieve stormwater management goals.

Floyd Downtown Revitalization: The Town has completed downtown facades, Farmer's Grocery had been renovated into 12 business spaces (all occupied); new sidewalks, parking, lighting, and public bathrooms have been completed. Funding sources were CDBG, TEA-21 and private.

EDA: Assistant Secretary Baruah has been nominated as the new SBA Administrator. Projects on hand are Wireless Grant for \$2.5 million and an application for the Pulaski-Radford-Commerce Park water grant for \$3 million.

Virginia Wind Energy Workshop: ARC; US Department of Energy; Wind Energy Association; Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals & Energy; JMU; and Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Central Sheandoah and New River Valley PDCS are co-sponsors of the workshop to be held on September 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the Greenfield Education and Training Center in Fincastle.

VAPDC Conference: July 17th - 19th. Topic to be The Greening of the Commonwealth, Green Initiatives and Economic Development.

Commission Meeting: There will not be a July Commission meeting; however there will be a public input session on rural transportation planning and hot spot identification to be held on that date during the day, and Commissioners are urged to attend.

Staff Changes: Two new staff members - Jack Whitmore, land use control and physical development planning and grants; and Christy Straight, ride-share, Commerce Park, and project management.

Transportation: (1) Mr. Byrd reported on the employment mobility study. There have been 373 survey responses and 75 park and ride survey responses. Preliminary findings: commuter routes for public transit, park and ride lot use is significant, and multiple mode are available to some, however most people still use single occupant vehicles. Two months of focused surveying remain. (2) RLRP Phase II, public input meeting to be held on July 24th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (3) New Freedom Grants - Department of Rail and Public Transit for people with disabilities, 95% federal/state mix and 5% local. (3) Governor Kaine spoke at RU on June 4th concerning his proposed transportation funding plan currently being debated.

Transportation - MPO: Study to be conducted in Christiansburg on the Franklin/Cambria/Rt. 460 ramp intersection; VT-Montgomery Executive Airport Master Plan complete; July 9th public hearing to be held at Blacksburg Community Center on N. Main & Price's Fork.

Ridesolutions: Town of Blacksburg program is in development. Staff anticipate working closely with more local governments in the region.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS (cont)**B. FY 09 Budget**

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the budget and anticipated revenue for FY 09.

Motion: Dr. Pomerantz moved to approve the FY 09 Budget. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Memorial Resolution for Bob Lloyd

Mrs. Perkins stated that most everyone knew Bob Lloyd and were saddened by his death. The PDC would like to convey their sadness as well as appreciation for his work by presenting a memorial resolution to his family.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the memorial resolution. Mr. Starnes seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS**A. Election of Officers**

Mrs. Perkins stated that the Executive Committee serves as the Commission's Nominating Committee. The Committee met prior to the Commission meeting and offers the following slate of officers:

Chair	-	Tom Starnes
Vice-Chair	-	Becky Moses
Sec./Treasurer	-	Scott Weaver

Motion: The Executive Committee moves and seconds approval of the slate of officers.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. New River Designation Resolution

Mr. Rundgren stated that this resolution would commemorate the tenth anniversary of the New River's selection as an American Heritage River.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

1. 23rd Year VA CZM Implementation Grant - DEQ

B. Regular Project Review

1. Rehabilitate Runway 6-24 Design and Request for Additional Funding - NRV Airport

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Public Notice VPDES Permit Reissuance for Celanese Acetate LLC Permit - DEQ

Mr. Harvey questioned the cooling of water at a rate of 64 million gallons per day. For a better understanding of these types of permits and the release of treated wastewater, Mr. Harvey asked if a DEQ representative could be invited to the next meeting for clarification. Mr. Rundgren stated that staff would contact DEQ.

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

Action: Motion carried with a 9 to 3 vote.

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 August 28, 2008
6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski.

At the start of the meeting there was not a quorum, therefore the agenda was modified and Mr. Rundgren gave his Executive Director's Report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the items by power point (copy attached with original minutes).

Sustainability Workshop: Held on August 27th. Discussed supplemental land development criteria, delivery processes for sustainable development, connectivity of open spaces; land management of neighborhood lands, Ag in mixed use and residential developments, density and smart growth, affordability, and transportation.

New Stormwater Regulations: The TAC is advising on new regulations which focus on both water quality and quantity. In September 2008 they will be send to the VSWC Board, then for public review, an economic impact analysis will be done in October, then posted on Town Hall in November , a public comment period is scheduled for May-June of 2009, and the finished regulations will be adopted in December 2009. VT, PDC, and others are working on Best Management Practice software and training program designed to help planners, locality engineers, developers (owners) and their engineers select BMPs to achieve stormwater management goals. A BMP training session was held in July. The localities may want to establish a Stormwater Management Authority.

Competitiveness Center: The Development Corporation is seeking a loan from Virginia's First, and a refinancing loan from VML/VACO to improve cash flow. The Participation Committee locality members would have a deed of trust for the Competitiveness Center building.

EDA: Projects which the PDC are working on are: Application for Pulaski-Radford-Commerce Park water grant for \$3.1 million, and a Wireless Grant for \$2.5 million.

Virginia Wind Energy Workshop: ARC; US Department of Energy; Wind Energy Association; Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals & Energy; JMU; and Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Central Sheandoah and New River Valley PDCS are co-sponsors of the workshop to be held on September 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the Greenfield Education and Training Center in Fincastle.

Congressman Boucher Conference: The conference, titled “Unleashing the Celtic Tiger”, will be held September 15th from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. in Wytheville. Topics of discussion - Ireland and Western Europe’s economic development strategy and focusing on education, commerce, technology, and tourism.

21st Annual Commissions Dinner Meeting: The Town of Pearisburg has graciously agreed to co-host the event. Mountain Lake will be the site and a tentative date is set for October 23rd.

Transportation: (1) Mr. Byrd reported on the employment mobility study. There have now been 684 survey responses and 85 park and ride survey responses. Survey focus: retail (Wal-Mart), industrial employers (Wolverine/Xaloy), and large employers (VT, RU, Carilion). One month of focused surveying remains. (2) RLRP Phase II, public input meeting was held on July 24th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with an open house format. Map products were displayed, approximately 10 people from the general public attended. Hotspots were largely agreed upon: - improve sidewalk connectivity, widen/bike-ped/safety on Rt. 114, and pave rural roads. Hold another input meeting near the end of the process. (3) RLRP Phase III, kick-off meeting to be held September 9th in Charlottesville, and the VTRANS 2035 Update kick-off meeting will also be held in Charlottesville on November 18th.

Transportation: Mobility Manager/Ridesolutions local match has been decreased from \$21,334 to \$10,500 as a result of the State participating with a 15% match.

Ridesolutions: Virginia Tech e-mail blast received 50+ and Carilion’s received 100+ new members. Followed up with each existing employer relationship. The Transportation Demand Management Plan deals with P/R lots, ridesharing, transit connections, and telework opportunities.

A quorum was then established and the regular agenda proceeded.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions or additions to the June minutes.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

No report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Mr. Harvey stated that he participated in a New River clean up day from Bluff City to Glen Lyn. At a later date, one will be held in Radford and Blue Stone River in West Virginia.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Reports and asked for any comments or questions.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee reviewed the Resolution authorizing the pick-up of the employee's contribution to VRS and recommends approval. Mr. Rundgren stated that the VRS now has to have on file this confirmation although the Commission has been doing this for years.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved for approval of the Resolution. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lewis Pellis, Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. Pellis was unable to attend the meeting and has rescheduled for September.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Acceptance of Audit Engagement Letter

The audit engagement letter from Robinson, Farmer, Cox & Associates was reviewed.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the engagement letter and authorized Mr. Rundgren to sign it on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration of DHCD Annual Report for FY 08

Mr. Rundgren reviewed several items from the Report and asked for approval.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the FY 08 Report. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Mobility Manager Application and Matching Funds

Mr. Byrd reviewed some of this information in the Executive Director's report. Commissioners were asked to discuss this matter with their boards and councils.

D. Consideration of a Regional EPA Brownfields Application

Mr. Rundgren stated that EPA is trying to consolidate projects. Application is due in November. The PDC has sent letters to localities to see if they may want to do a regional application.

E. Consideration of Fiscal Support to Blue Ridge Heritage, Inc.

Mr. Rundgren stated Blue Ridge Heritage has asked the PDC to be their fiscal agent and applicant for a T-21 Transportation Enhancement grant for tourism/recreation instead of the National Park Service. The project is for Floyd County and Patrick County. The PDC would be compensated for their services. Mr. Sheffey asked if the two counties have indicated that they are in favor of the project. Mr. Rundgren stated that they had.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved to approve that the PDC apply for the grant and become fiscal agent. Mr. Gerald seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

B. Memorial Resolution for Bob Lloyd (Note of Thanks Card)

Mr. Starnes stated that the Commissioners were provided with a copy of the card of thanks from Bob Lloyd's family.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

1. 23rd Year VA CZM Implementation Grant - DEQ

Mr. Starnes asked if any projects need to be reviewed separately. It was determined that item 1 under Environmental should be discussed.

B. Regular Project Review

1. Finance Acquisition of Comfort Inn & Suites by MPWG, LLC, Application to USDA Rural Development - Home Loan Investment Bank
2. Virginia Clean Diesel Outreach & SmartWay Initiative - DEQ

Motion: Dr. Harvey moved that the project be found not conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Environmental Project Review

1. Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0027481, Blacksburg Country Club - DEQ

It was noted that Montgomery County has requested DEQ hold a public hearing on this project.

There was a consensus to table this project until public hearing is held.

2. Visitors & Undergraduate Admissions Center at VT - DEQ

Motion: Dr. Leighton moved that the project be found not conflict with regional plans, policies or goals.
Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried with 1 abstention.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas L. Starnes, Chair
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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on September 25, 2008
6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center, Fairlawn

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; 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. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions or additions to the August minutes.

Motion: Ms. Moses moved that the minutes be approved. Ms. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No reports

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Reports and asked for any comments or questions.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the items by power point (copy attached with original minutes).

Federal Budget: Continuing resolution until March 6th for a federal budget. Most all federal agencies were maintained at their current funding level.

Re-authorizations: ARC-included in continuing resolution and the addition of new counties are on hold. Under the continuing resolution the ARC budget should be 73 million dollars. The EDA budget process began and will continue next year. Virginia has a new regional director for EDA.

State Financial Assistance: Contract amount is \$84,218 which is down from \$90,000 and subject to continuing reductions.

Application for Hazard Plan Update: Plan update and adoptions are due from localities by May 2010. An application to update the New River Valley Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is going in through Radford University. NRVPC will be a sub-grantee potentially receiving \$100,000 in federal funding. The required local match will be \$33,333. Radford University will be modeling hazards in the region and their impacts. NRVPC will be involved with plan development and coordination.

EDA: Application for Pulaski-Radford-Commerce Park water grant is approximately \$3.0 million and was offered to Pulaski PSA on 9/19/08. The PDC is working to identify matching funds for a Wireless Grant of \$2.5 million dollars. The PDC is also working with the Corporate Research Center for funding to expand the CRC.

Competitiveness Center: VA's 1st no longer seeking a bridge loan. VA's 1st Participation Committee is working on refinancing the current loan.

Virginia Wind Energy Workshop: Three sites in Floyd County are under investigation by James Madison University (JMU). JMU utilizes the Virginia Renewables Scoring System (VRS3) a planning tool to identify best locations at local level before projects proposed. The cost of wind energy is competitive with other energy sources.

21st Annual Commissions Dinner Meeting: The Town of Pearisburg will be co-host. The event will be held on November 20th at Mountain Lake. Cost of the event will be \$25 per person. A commission meeting will be held at 5:30, 6:30 reception, and 7:00 dinner. The speaker will be Ted McCormack of Virginia Association of Counties. The topic will be Land Use Regulations in Virginia.

Discussed no meeting on second Thursday of December.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lewis Pellis, Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. Pillis addressed the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for discharges to water courses. Following up on Commissioner inquiries, Mr. Pillis discussed the discharge permit for Celanese Acetate in Giles County. Mr. Pillis explained that Celanese has a variance for their permit to discharge water above the 2.8 degree Celsius variance to the ambient water temperature. This variance allows for temperatures as high as 97.5 degrees Fahrenheit 3,300 feet downstream of the point source.

Local governments will not be notified of water discharge permits unless permits are modified significantly.

An anti-degradation policy states quality of water cannot be lowered; however, Clean Water Act does allow for the permit to be modified.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of NRVPDC's FY 08 Annual Report

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the annual report and highlighted the volume of projects underway. There were no questions on specific projects. The Commission approve the report by consensus.

B. Progress on the 21st Annual Commissions Dinner Meeting

Discussed in the Executive Director's report.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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

1. Request for Funds from ARC for Video Broadcast - Blue Ridge PBS
2. Request for Funds from VITA for Income Tax Assistance - New River Community Action
3. Request for Funds from DHCD for Creation of Small Business Revolving Loan Fund - Pulaski County
4. Request for Funds from ARC for Southwest VA School Readiness Initiative - VA Early Childhood Foundation

B. Regular Project Review

None

C. Environmental Project Review

1. EN-VPDES Permit No. VA0027481, Riner Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit Reissuance - DEQ
2. Addition to Recreation, Counseling and Clinical Space at VT, ENV08-182S - VA Tech
3. Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0027481, Blacksburg Country Club - DEQ

Mr. Starnes asked if any projects need to be reviewed separately.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas L. Starnes, Chair
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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting
held on November 20, 2008
5:30 p.m.– Mt. Lake Resort, Pembroke

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was not present.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Starnes, Chair; City of Radford; Ms. R. Moses, Vice-Chair, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of 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. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. B. Stipes, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Mr. J. Weddle, Town of Pulaski.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Mr. Starnes stated that without a quorum, the minutes would be tabled until the December meeting.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No reports

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Mr. Weaver presented the Treasurer's Reports and stated the Commission was still solvent.

Mr. Starnes stated that approval of the Treasurer's Report would be tabled until the December meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report (copy attached with original minutes).

Federal Budget: Continuing resolution until March 6th for a federal budget. Most all federal agencies were maintained at their current funding level.

Re-authorizations: ARC re-authorized October 8, 2008 for five years to 2012. New counties have been included: Henry (including Martinsville) and Patrick counties. Match rate for at risk counties will be 75% - 25%.

VAPDC: Met with Department Heads on October 30 to discuss how PDCs might be of assistance. The winter meeting is scheduled for January 29th and 30th in Richmond.

Route 114 Bridges Replacement: The PDC passed a resolution to VDOT requesting that conduit for potable water be included in the bridge design. VDOT has had the consultants strengthen the design to support the weight of two 16 inch pipes. Most likely conduit along approaches and through abutments and hanger attachments to be included.

EDA: Application for Pulaski-Radford-Commerce Park water grant is approximately \$3.0 million and was offered to Pulaski PSA on 9/19/08. The PDC is working to identify matching funds for a Wireless Grant of \$2.5 million dollars. The PDC is also working with the Corporate Research Center for funding to expand the CRC.

Competitiveness Center: The Center is no longer seeking a VA's 1st bridge loan. VA's 1st Participation Committee to provide moral obligation, participants have deed of trust. VML/VACO refinancing loan to improve cash flow is being submitted.

Transportation: Employment Mobility Study is on-going and 900+ survey responses have been received. Service provider are working together to define a project to provide services for workers. Transportation Enhancement Project Review meeting was held October 21st. Mr. Dana Martin, Commonwealth Transportation Board Member attended as well as representatives from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Huckleberry Trail, Rich Creek, and Pulaski County. Bikeway-Walkway-Blueway Plan Committee met on November 18 to work on the Plan revision. Objectives shifting to address multi-modal connections.

Ridesolutions: New River Valley membership continues to increase. Continue to work through area employers; Montgomery County Schools are now participating.

Staff Changes: Kevin Byrd, Regional Planner, has left the PDC to work with the Montgomery County Planning Department.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Meeting Date for December

After discussion of possible dates, the December meeting was set for Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of VDOT Six-Year Primary/Urban Transportation Plan Comments

Mr. Rundgren reviewed the comments compiled by the staff for presentation at the Commonwealth Transportation Board public hearing. The major issue is the Route 114 and Route 61 bridges, and other issues include exit 98 on Interstate 81 at Pulaski now serving new industrial development; access to the new Veterans Cemetery in Dublin off Exit 101; possible four-laning Rt 114; and rail and freight system development.

Mr. Rundgren stated the comments may need to be presented before the next Commission meeting, therefore approval of them at this time is needed. Mr. Starnes stated that without a quorum, the Executive Committee could approve the comments.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved that the comments be approved as presented. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: The Executive Committee unanimously passed the motion.

B. Discussion of Per Capita Requirement

Mr. Rundgren stated that some FY 2010 budget requests are due at the end of December. Everyone should be thinking about per capita rates for discussion at the December meeting.

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

1. ENV-VPDES Elliston-Lafayette Waste Water Treatment Plan - DEQ
2. ENV-VPDES Pembroke Waste Water Treatment Plant Permit Reissuance - DEQ
3. Football Locker Room Facility at VT - Virginia Tech

Mr. Starnes stated that since some of the projects need to be approved before the next meeting, the Executive Committee could make a decision for approval.

Motion: Mrs. Moses moved that the projects be found not conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion.

Action: The Executive Committee unanimously passed the Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on December 17, 2008

6:00 p.m.– New River Valley Competitiveness Center

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Starnes, Chair; City of Radford; Ms. R. Moses, Vice-Chair, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; 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. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; vacancy, Town of Pulaski; and vacancy of elected official, Montgomery County

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER MINUTES

Mr. Starnes stated without a quorum at the December meeting, the September minutes were tabled. Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions or additions to the September or November minutes.

Motion: Mr. Gerald moved that the minutes for September and November be approved as presented.
Mr. Utt seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried, with one abstention.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that it seems to be a struggle to have a quorum for the meetings. He thought maybe a change to the by-laws concerning quorums may be in order to assure agenda items are dealt with. He asked the Director to look at the by-laws for a possible change.

IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No reports

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Mr. Weaver stated that the Treasurer's Reports were tabled from the December meeting and if anyone had any questions, he would be glad to answer them.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Treasurer's Reports for September, October, and November be approved. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. FY 09-10 Per Capita Rate Recommendation for Approval

Mr. Starnes stated the Executive Committee met on December 15th to review budget conditions for FY10 and discuss the per capita rate. With the economic times and budget cuts by federal and state agencies, the Executive Committee recommends that the per capita rate for FY10 remain the same as the FY09 rate of \$1.23. Mr. Weaver stated that an increase was needed, however with jurisdictional budget cuts, a higher per capita rate would be almost impossible.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved that the recommendation that the per capita rate for FY10 remain the same as FY09 be approved. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren provided a copy of his report and reviewed the items by power point (copy attached with original minutes).

VAPDC Winter Meeting: The winter meeting will be held January 29-30 in Richmond. "Responding Regionally in Times of Financial Challenge" will be the topic. The keynote speaker will be Raymond Owens, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond.

Governor's Budget Impact: The budget reduction from \$90,000 to \$77,720 will affect the PDCs. We all need to work hard to see that the General Assembly does not reduce the amount more. They are looking at eliminating staff support for the Disability Services Board.

2008-2014 Six-Year Transportation Plan Hearing: The Commonwealth Transportation will be making cuts on December 18, 2008. There will be a hearing to discuss the cuts on January 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in room 117 in Edwards Hall, New River Community College.

Project Activity Status: EDA, CDBG, and ARC funds were allocated for the Pulaski Economic Adjustment Strategy and Nano-tech Feasibility Study. The study has been completed and ready for distribution to those agencies and others.

Mobility Management: NRV Coordinated Human Service Mobility Plan recommends a Mobility Manager be put in place. Transportation providers and human service agencies strongly support it. Funds would come from FHWA (80/20 match). The NRV Ride-solutions staff would also staff the position.

Staff Changes: Eli Sharp will be joining the Commission in January to fill the position vacated by Kevin Byrd.

VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ratification of Executive Committee Actions at November meeting.

The Executive Committee approved the following items:

1. Comments for the Commonwealth Transportation Board
2. Project Review of Elliston-Lafayette Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit Reissuance

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee acted upon these two items at the November meeting. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments concerning the items.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the Executive Committee actions be approved. Mrs. Janney seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Acceptance of FY 08 Audit

Mr. Weaver stated that with new auditing rules, the PDC staff has to actually perform a lot of the work that auditors use to do. The auditor notes “an internal control deficiency over financial reporting which exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis”.

Mr. Garrett stated that it took the Town of Narrows over 8 months to find a CPA to perform the pre-audit.

Mr. Sheffey stated he would like to commend the staff involved in the financial accounting, especially Ms. Quesenberry for an outstanding job.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved that the FY 08 Audit be accepted. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0024031, Shawsville Sewage Treatment Plant - DEQ

2. Reissuance of VPDES Permit Nol VA0000281, Nanochemonics Holdings - DEQ

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Mr. Starnes stated asked if any of the projects needed to be reviewed separately.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved that the projects be found not conflict with regional plans, policies or goals. Mrs. Janney seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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