

## **NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the Commission Meeting**

**held on January 22, 2009**

**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; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; vacancy, Town of Pulaski; and vacancy of elected official, Montgomery County.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES**

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

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the minutes for December be approved as presented. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

#### **III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

##### **A. Resolution for Clay Goodman**

Mr. Starnes stated the Resolution for Clay Goodman had been provided in the Commissioners packet. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Harvey moved that the resolution be adopted and the Chairman be authorized to sign. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

##### **B. Certificate of Appreciation for Brad Stipes**

Mr. Starnes read the Certificate of Appreciation for Brad Stipes for his service to the Planning Commission.

Motion: Mr. Utt moved that the Certificate of Appreciation be adopted. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Mr. Sheffey stated that Mr. Rundgren did an excellent job presenting the Commission's concerns at the Transportation Hearing. The main issue of discussion was bridge replacements.

#### **V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER**

Mr. Weaver stated he would be glad to answer any questions concerning the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved that the Treasurer's Report for December be approved. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Executive Committee did not meet.

#### **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).

**2008-2014 Six-Year Transportation Plan Hearing:** Mr. Rundgren attended the hearing on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The main topic of discussion concerned bridge replacement or upgrade for Rt. 114, Rt. 61, and road issues for Rt. 114. An additional \$400 million cut for 2008-2014 plan may be necessary.

**Stimulus Package:** House Version - Focus on energy, economy, roads and bridges, education, tax cuts, help workers hurt by the down turn in the economy, save public sector jobs. Funds available until the end of FY 10. Goal is 50% for projects initiated in 120 days; formula grants awarded within 30 days; competitive grants within 90 days; and all funds emergency spending with no state or local match required.

**Water/Sewer Line Access to Rt. 114 Bridge:** VDOT contract with the PDC to provide access for two 16" pipes on the Rt. 114 New River bridge. There will be access for one 16" pipe on the railroad bridge. PSA's and Authorities to consider/provide funding to the PDC over two budget years.

**FY 2010 Transportation Work Program:** The work program due in March will need Commission approval at March meeting. During the FY10 year, finalizing and adoption of the Rural Long Range Plan; the Bikeway/Walkway plan update will continue; and preparation of an implementation application for Employment Mobility . If anyone knows of any regional studies which need to be reviewed, let the staff know.

**Southern Rivers:** Department of Housing and Community Development Funds have been received to study wastewater issues in the four NRV counties. There will be 70-75 centralized projects and 25-30 de-centralized projects. A status report will be due in February and a completed report by June.

**Status of Other Projects:** (1) Green Infrastructure - mapping in progress; (2) Pulaski Infrastructure from Radford to Commerce Park - EDA funding has been approved and environmental issues are being reviewed, engineering contract with Pulaski PSA implemented, and Rural Development application submitted for match funds.

## VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Discussion of By-laws Provision

Mr. Starnes stated that the Commission had discussed reviewing the by-laws provision about a quorum. Mr. Rundgren stated that he reviewed the by-laws but has not been able to come up with any alternatives. The make-up of the Board is 51% elected officials and 49% non-elected members. Mr. Starnes requested that a list of attendees for last year be prepared for the February meeting.

### B. Report on Transportation Plan Hearing

Mr. Rundgren stated that he covered this under the Executive Director's Report.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Resolution of Support for FY10 DRPT Funding for Ride Solutions

Mr. Starnes stated that a Resolution of Support for DRPT Funding for Ride Solutions had been provided in the Commissioners packet. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved that the Resolution of Support be approved. Mr. Utt seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

### B. Rocky Knob Heritage Center Project Authorization

Mr. Rundgren stated that Blue Ridge Heritage, Inc. is requesting that the Planning Commission administer the remainder of the funding for the Rocky Knob Heritage Center Project which will no longer be administered by the National Park Service.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the Administrative Agreement with VDOT and all subsequent documentation and reports required for the project. Mrs. Lesko seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

### C. Discussion of Vision 2020 Update

Mr. Rundgren stated that Vision 2020 was last updated in 2003; therefore there needs to be a 2009 update.

Mr. Rundgren asked Marty Holliday, who will be in charge of community meetings, to conduct a question and answer session for input from Commissioners to incorporate into the update. Mrs. Holliday asked everyone to think of suggestions concerning these four topics:

The New River Valley's  
Strengths  
Weaknesses  
Opportunities  
Threats

The Commissioners had a lot of input which Mrs. Holliday recorded on flip charts. This information will be incorporated into the information gathered at community meetings. A schedule of the meetings will be provided in the PDC Newsletter and website.

## **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**  
None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Thomas L. Starnes, 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 26, 2009**  
**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; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; and Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg.

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. A.T. Leighton, 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. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County; and Pulaski Town representative.

**II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES**

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

Motion: Ms. Lesko moved that the minutes for January be approved as presented. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried with 1 abstention.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Starnes stated that at the last meeting the member attendance was discussed. The Executive Committee has reviewed the attendance record and it will be provided at the next meeting for review.

Mrs. Perkins introduced Jim Politis who will be representing Montgomery County as their additional member. Mr. Starnes welcomed him.

**IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Mrs. Perkins stated that she and Mr. Rundgren had talked about getting together with chief elected officials to look at who we are and where we're going during these hard economic times. Mr. Starnes stated that since it is budgeting time, perhaps a letter inviting mayors and chairs of boards to a meeting could be drafted for a meeting in June or July. It was agreed that staff would draft the letter.

Mrs. Janney then reported on attending the Roanoke River Basin meeting in Richmond on February 6<sup>th</sup>. She stated that North Carolina has decided to come to the table partly because they desire water from Lake Gaston. The chair and other representatives terms are running out, however they are the Committee members that have been working on the water supply issues. The Corps of Engineers has the final say if Lake Gaston water is used for public water supplies.

Mr. Showalter stated that a Tourism Commission for the region would be a good idea. Mr. Rundgren stated that in years past a Tourism Committee was established, but it only worked for a while; however something like this should be looked at again. We already have 'Round the Mountain, the Crooked Road, and the Hethwood Center which could be utilized should a committee be established.

Mr. Starnes stated that an issued which needs to be addressed is the closing of rest areas along Interstate 81. The City of Radford is in the process of sending a letter to VDOT voicing its concerns. Perhaps the staff could draft a resolution of concern to be reviewed at the next meeting.

## V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY

Mr. Weaver stated he would be glad to answer any questions concerning the Treasurer's Report. He stated we're already one month past the first half of the fiscal year and things are on track.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

## VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the Commission's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He asked the staff to begin planning an event to be held in September. Mr. Sheffey suggested hosting it at The River Company Restaurant located almost adjacent to the PDC.

## 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).

**Community Conversations:** Mr. Rundgren stated the Vision 2020 update began with the first of six community meetings held on February 19<sup>th</sup> in Dublin. With 19 participants attending, the focus was on broadband and regional development/services. The next meetings will be February 26<sup>th</sup> in Radford; March 12<sup>th</sup> in Floyd; March 19<sup>th</sup> in Christiansburg; March 31<sup>st</sup> in Pearisburg; and April 14<sup>th</sup> in Shawsville. More information can be found on our website.

**Broadband:** Mr. Rundgren stated that Phase I, 60 mile project may be back on track for funding.

**Stimulus Package:** EDA has \$150 million more; ARC has no direct appropriation; new dollars for Broadband in RUS and NTIA; RD has more dollars for water, sewer and community facilities. Congressman Boucher will be hosting a conference on April 20 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wytheville Meeting Center to provide information on Broadband infrastructure.

**Competitiveness Center:** The Development Corporation Board is working toward refinancing of the Center. One requirement is local government moral obligations.

## VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**X. NEW BUSINESS****A. Setting of 2009 Virginia Community Development Block Grant Regional Priorities**

Mr. Rundgren reviewed with the Commission the suggested priorities for Program Year 2009. Mr. Lesko asked if Economic Development - Business District Revitalization should be a higher priority. Mr. Rundgren stated that none of the potential projects fit in that category. (A copy of the priorities are attached to the original minutes)

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved to accept the priorities for Program Year 2009. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Employment Mobility Discussion**

Mr. Rundgren stated that Jennifer Wilsie would be making a presentation concerning the employment mobility project. Ms. Wilsie stated that she and Andrew Gilmer have been working with local industries to get input concerning commuter travel. Surveys were distributed at park & ride lots and NRV employers concerning commuting patterns and the results are being compiled. (A copy of the slide presentation is attached to the original minutes)

Mr. Sheffey asked if the survey was mainly for day time commuters. Ms. Wilsie stated that the surveys were only distributed during the day. Mr. Starnes asked what is the next step. She stated that consultants have set up a phased approach and the next round of funding will allow further implementation of the project goals.

**C. Southern Rivers Discussion**

Mr. Rundgren stated that Regina Elsner would be making a presentation concerning the Southern Rivers project. Ms. Elsner presented slides concerning sites in Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski counties. The sites were labeled as centralized and decentralized and the cost for the total projects in each area. (A copy of the slide presentation is attached to the original minutes)

**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**

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mrs. Moses, a second by Mr. Politis, and a consensus of the members.

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Thomas L. Starnes, 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 24, 2009

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. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech .

ABSENT: Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; 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; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County; and Mr. J. Bain, Pulaski; Town.

While waiting for a quorum, Mr. Starnes asked Mr. Rundgren to give his 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).

**Community Conversations** are being held to gather potential projects and ideas for improving the region's economy, including jobs and income levels. Four meetings have been held and two additional sessions are scheduled:

March 31, 2009 (Tuesday) 7-9 PM in Pearisburg at the Pearisburg Community Center

April 14, 2009 (Tuesday) 7-9 PM in Shawsville at the Meadowbrook Library

A Final Meeting will be held to review the projects and other information gathered at the Community Conversation sessions. It is scheduled as an Open House from 3 to 7pm on April 30, 2009 at the New River Valley Competitiveness Center in Fairlawn.

**Competitiveness Center.** The Board is working toward refinancing of the Center and needs moral obligations from the localities.

**Stormwater Charette.** The Western Virginia Stormwater Charette will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-4:30 at the Competitiveness Center to discuss new regulations and a workshop on calculation spreadsheet for local government engineers and project design engineers.

**Stimulus Package.** Congressman Boucher is hosting a conference on April 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Wytheville Meeting Center.

**NADO Report on Re-authorizations.** 2009 SAFETEA-LU re-authorization: strengthening rural local official roles in statewide, transportation planning and programming processes; EDA re-authorization with emphasize on value of EDA's programs to rural development jobs and income.

The Commission is working on several **Regional Projects** in association with other organizations. The expansion of water supply and wastewater disposal at the Commerce Park and other areas of Pulaski County. Defining the major business and industry project that was developed in the Pulaski – Pulaski County Economic Adjustment Strategy. The project is focused on establishing a manufacturing park to take advantage of the research and development of new and improved materials in the nano technology fields. Providing grant assistance to the Blue Ridge Heritage Inc. with the establishment of a Heritage Center adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway to provide the users of the Parkway additional learning opportunities.

**Planning Commissioner Training** is being coordinated by the Commission and local staff. The second session is for local planning commissioners and staff and is focused on Cluster Development. The training is scheduled for April 30, 2009 at the Fairlawn PDC office from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

**ARC Budget Request.** In the 2010 budget process, the ARC states are trying to secure a budget at the 105 million authorized level. This budget would be an Increase from the current 77.5 million.

## **II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES**

Mr. Starnes stated without a quorum, the February minutes would be carried to the April meeting.

## **III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Starnes had no report.

## **IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

No reports.

## **V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY**

Mr. Starnes stated without a quorum, the February Treasurer's Report would be carried to the April meeting.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the proposed changes to the Personnel Policy and will discuss that under the New Business.

**VII.** Executive Director's Report was given earlier.

**VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

None

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution for Rest Areas**

Mr. Starnes stated that a resolution of support for keeping Virginia's rest areas open was provided in the Commissioners packet. He asked if there were any questions or changes.

Dr. Leighton stated he thought the resolution covered good points. Mr. Weaver stated that several years ago the State was trying to close some rest areas and the truckers said they wouldn't pay fuel tax in Virginia and he wondered if that could happen again.

Mr. Starnes stated that since the resolution needs to be sent as soon as possible, the Executive Committee can vote for its approval.

Motion: Mrs. Moses moved to accept the resolution as presented and authorized the Chair to sign and send. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion.

Action: The motion carried unanimously by the Executive Committee.

**B. Review of Commission Attendance Record**

Mr. Starnes stated that nearly every month there is a problem with having a quorum to conduct business. The Commissioners were provided with the attendance record January -December 2008. He asked for suggestions on how to address this matter. Mr. Sheffey suggested contacting the governing bodies. Mr. Patton suggested contacting the individuals first to see if they would be willing to resign in order for someone else to be appointed. It was the consensus to contact the individuals to see if they want to be replaced.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Review and Approval of Changes to Personnel Policy**

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and asking the Commission to review the changes.

Mr. Rundgren explained that the maximum accumulation has been 30 days, but is asking that this be deleted along with the paragraph referring to the maximum allowable; and add the sentence "employees are encouraged to utilize the annual leave benefit during the year in which it is accumulated".

Other suggested changes are: 1) change the second sentence under Accrual During the First Month of Employment to read “Contingent upon meeting provisions of the Qualifying Period”, removing the “7.04(b)”. 2) change shall to “may” in the first sentence under Disposition of Accumulated Annual Leave at Separation and add a paragraph concerning accumulated annual leave to be “transferred to the retirement account for the sole purpose of purchasing additional authorized service credit”.

It was suggested that a career employee be defined as a full-time permanent employee.

Considerable discussion followed concerning the removal of the 30 day accumulation cap. No action was taken and it will be put on the agenda for the April meeting.

## **B. VDOT Resolution and Work Program for FY 09-10**

Mr. Rundgren asked Eli Sharp, Regional Planner, to review the VDOT Work Program for FY 09-10. Mr. Sharp stated that the work program is divided into 3 general areas: 1) General Administration, 2) New River Valley Regional Projects, and 3) Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. The amount of funding has changed from \$60,000 to \$72,500. The regional projects are: Transportation Planning Development and State Planning Process Assistance in the New River Valley region; preparation of regional transportation needs assessment; bikeway-walkway planning assistance and update the NRV Regional BW-WW-BW Plan; and Transportation Enhancement Project Development and Grant-Writing Assistance. The resolution is for support of this Work Program.

Mr. Starnes stated that since the resolution needs to be sent as soon as possible, the Executive Committee can vote for its approval.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved to accept the resolution and Work Program for FY 10 as presented and authorized the Chair to sign the resolution and send. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: The motion carried unanimously by the Executive Committee.

## **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. College of Business and Economics Building at RU - Radford University
2. STARS dismal Mountain Site No. 1403 - Department of State Police

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had questions concerning the two proposed projects. He then asked for approval by the Executive Committee.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by the Executive Committee.

**PERSONNEL MATTERS (Code - Section 2.2, 37-11, Paragraph 1)**

Two personnel matters were recommended to the Commission by the Executive Committee and supported by consensus of the Commission members present. The items will be brought back for final approval at the April meeting.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved to abolish the full time position of Incubator Manager. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: The motion carried unanimously by the Executive Committee.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved establish a part-time position for Incubator Manager. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: The motion carried unanimously by the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Thomas L. Starnes, 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 23, 2009**

**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. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; 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; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech .

ABSENT: Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH MINUTES**

Mr. Starnes stated without a quorum at the March meeting, the February minutes were carried to April for approval.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the February minutes. Mrs. Lesko seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starnes stated that page 09-29 dealing with personnel matters discussed at the March meeting concerned the Personnel Policy which refers to the way things need to be done in order to abolish a full time position and establish a part-time position, which was voted upon by the Executive Committee and unanimously passed.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved to approve the March minutes and approve the Executive Committee's approval of the personnel change. Mr. Garrett 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**

No reports.

## V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Mr. Starnes stated without a quorum, neither the February or March Treasurer's Report was approved at the March meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Janney moved to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Mr. Garrett seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Janney seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

## VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee discussed the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for the Commission. Mr. Sheffey asked if it would be a banquet or a reception. Mr. Starnes stated that staff is looking at sites and costs to determine which is best. Looking at possible members paying for their meal and invitees would be free.

## 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).

**Stormwater Charette** - The Western Virginia Stormwater Charette will be held April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9-4:30 at the Competitiveness Center. The discussion will be of new regulations and a workshop on calculation spreadsheets. Attendees will be local government and project design engineers.

**Planning Commissioner Training** - Scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9 p.m. at the Competitiveness Center.

**Community Conversations** - The final meeting for updating Vision 2020 will be an open house from 3-7 p.m. at the Competitiveness Center to review projects. Suggested items already are: provide incentives and support to local businesses, green infrastructure, assure universal Broadband access, adult educational and training classes, regional transportation opportunities, tourism and community entertainment to name a few.

**FY 10-15 Transportation Hearing** - To be held at New River Community College, Edwards Hall, Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. Subject for May TAC meeting and PDC agenda.

**National Steel Interstate System** - Re-authorization of the Inter-modal Surface Transportation Act. The DoD has identified 34,000 miles. Resolution will be brought to the May meeting.

**Southern Rivers** - Public information session to be held May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Competitiveness Center. Localities and partners have identified 134 sewer projects in the four counties. Thompson and Litton has estimated the total of the projects at \$335.7 million dollars.

**State Water Supply Planning** - DEQ has provided their comments. The updating of the plan is going well. Adoption of the plan including drought ordinances by all localities is targeted for September.

Mr. Rundgren asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Harvey stated that some Virginia counties are banning cul de sacs in future development. Mr. Rundgren stated that VDOT secondary road standards are the driving force for that. The standards provide for having motor vehicle connectivity and alternative transportation such as sidewalks and trails; significant changes are coming. Mr. Garrett asked if it would be worthwhile to send a letter to legislators.

Motion: Mr. Politis moved to authorize staff to draft a letter and bring to next meeting. Mrs. Janney seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

## **VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

None

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

These items were discussed at the March meeting and approved by the Executive Committee and consensus of the Commission members present. They will need to be approved by quorum.

### **A. Resolution for Rest Areas**

Mr. Starnes stated that a resolution of support for keeping Virginia's rest areas open was provided in the Commissioners packet.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved to accept the resolution. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Review and Approval of Changes to Personnel Policy**

Mr. Rundgren went over the changes that had been discussed and recommended by the Executive Committee at the March meeting.

Motion: Dr. Pomerantz moved for approval of changes to the Personnel Policy. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried with 1 nay.

### **C. VDOT Resolution for FY 09-10 Work Program**

Mr. Rundgren stated that the work program is divided into 3 general areas: 1) General Administration, 2) New River Valley Regional Projects, and 3) Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. The amount of funding has changed from \$60,000 to \$72,500. The regional projects are: Transportation Planning Development and State Planning Process Assistance in the New River Valley region; preparation of regional transportation needs assessment; bikeway-walkway planning assistance and update the NRV Regional BW-WW-BW Plan; and Transportation Enhancement

Project Development and Grant-Writing Assistance. The resolution is for support of this Work Program.

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Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved to accept the resolution. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

#### **D. Personnel Matters**

Mr. Starnes stated he reviewed this item under the approval of the March minutes.

#### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Responses to Rest Areas Resolution**

Mr. Rundgren stated that a letter from the Office of the Governor responding to the Commission's resolution concerning rest area closings was provided in the packet. He said it looks as if they will continue with their plans for the closings regardless.

##### **B. Update of Commissioner Attendance**

Mr. Starnes stated that a copy of the Commissioners attendance had been provided at the March meeting. The Commissioners who have not been to meetings for over six months were to be contacted by other Commissioners to see what is their status.

#### **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**

The following projects are presented for review by Department of Environmental Quality

1. Reissuance of VPDES Permit, Federal-Mogul Corporation
2. Reissuance of VPDES Permit, Glen Lyn STP
3. Academic and Student Affairs Building, VT
4. Virginia Department of Veterans Service Cemetery, Dublin

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had questions concerning the proposed projects. He then asked for approval.

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

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Thomas L. Starnes, 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 28, 2009**  
**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. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; 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; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech.

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; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

**II. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES**

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions or corrections to the April minutes.

Mr. Starnes stated that on page 09-32, D. Personnel Matters, changes to the Personnel Policy should be outlined. Mr. Rundgren stated that the changes would be attached to the minutes.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the April minutes with the change. Dr. Pomerantz seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sheffey noted that the VDOT Public Hearing had changed since the last meeting.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Starnes stated he had no report.

**IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Mr. Bain stated that he thought it was not necessary to call concerning attending the meeting unless you are unable to attend.

Mr. Starnes stated that in the past attendance has been low causing the lack of a quorum and agenda items could not be voted upon. By calling to say whether or not you will be able to attend will determine if there would be a quorum, if not, the meeting could then be cancelled.

## V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL

Mr. Weaver stated that all bills have been paid and funds are still available through the end of the fiscal year.

Motion: Mrs. Moses moved to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

## VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee has no report.

Mr. Starnes then stated that he would like to move New Business, Item A. VAPDC Report by Coleman Speece, to this point in the agenda.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. VAPDC Report by Coleman Speece, President

Mr. Starnes introduced Mr. Speece and gave a brief overview of his background and accomplishments.

Mr. Speece stated that attendance for this meeting looked great.

He thanked the Commission for the invitation to visit the PDC and stated that it was his first visit to Radford and the trip was enjoyable. He thanked the Commission for their support and participation in the VAPDC. He stated that Mr. Rundgren is very active and one of the most effective directors; he commended him for this participation.

The VAPDC works to enhance the strength and effectiveness of regional commissions, provides educational forums, and follows the legislative arena. Mr. Speece stated that the VAPDC will be celebrating 40 years and that Governor Holton by Executive Order 15 announced the creation of planning commissions. The regional planning effort has changed the face of local Commissions. With our communities now facing hardships, we have a great responsibility to nurture this effort for another 40 years.

Mr. Speece urged Commissioners to attend the VAPDC summer meeting in Virginia Beach or the winter meeting in Richmond.

Mr. Starnes thanked Mr. Speece for coming to the meeting and that the invitation is always open.

## 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).

**Hazard Mitigation Plan** - Initial meeting of Hazard Mitigation Committee will be June 30 and will focus on a plan update, and an annual report will be presented on the existing plan. Adoption of a plan update by localities is required by May 19, 2010.

**Planning Commissioner Training** - Training was held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9 p.m. at the Competitiveness Center. Fifty-five commissioners and staff attended. The training focused on cluster development and participants requested continued information on the topic.

**VAPDC Summer Conference** - Meeting will be held July 30 - August 1. Theme of the meeting is 'Preparing for Prosperity'. Focus will be on economy, energy and transportation.

**Competitiveness Center** - The Board is working toward re-financing of the Center. Moral obligations have been requested from jurisdictions who own the Center; three have provided the obligations.

**Southern Rivers** - The Souther Rivers Plan has been completed. Thompson & Litton have estimated the total cost of the identified projects at \$335.7 million. The plan needs to be used to educate the General Assembly on the need for an appropriation for improving water quality in the Souther Rives portion of the State.

Mr. Sharp, Regional Planner, reviewed the next items.

**Statewide Transportation Projects Update** - *Vtrans 2035*: Regional and local decision making chapter review May 26 to discuss 11 designated corridors. The next meeting will be in August to discuss prioritization of transportation projects of statewide significance. *Rural Long Range Plan*: Currently meets the first Monday of each month with VDOT and consultants for program updates. Traffic counts will begin in September due to higher education facilities' impact to existing network. *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Funds)*: Secretary Homer delivered Virginia State Plan in May; federal allocations to be \$47.9 billion; \$194 billion submitted to Governors website.

**FY 10-15 Transportation Hearing** - Salem, Bristol, Lynchburg, Staunton districts hearing will be at Northside Middle School, Roanoke, June 3, 3009, 6 pm. On May 19, the TAC discussed project additions and inclusions for the SYIP.

**Regional Projects Prioritization** - A list of the projects are found in the Director's Report attached to the minutes.

**Regional Transportation Planning Organization** - Bill adding to the SAFETEAU-LU re-authorization requiring state DOT's to have formal programs. RTPO would be responsible to work with the state to enhance the planning, coordination, and implementation of statewide transportation and programs on a regional basis.

## VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Progress on 40 Year Recognition

Mr. Rundgren stated that staff has been reviewing materials to be summarized for a look-back of the Commission's 40 years. Possible meeting sites for an event are being contacted.

## **B. Roanoke River Resolution**

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any comments or changes to the resolution.

Mr. Harvey stated that wording in the last paragraph needs to be changed from “that the Virginia State.....” to read “encourages the Virginia State.....”; and “adequate supplies water.....” to read “adequate water supply.....”. Mr. Garrett stated that the wording “Commission ensure.....” should read “Commission to ensure.....”.

Motion: Mr. Politis moved to accept the resolution with the suggested changes. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

## **C. Letter to Legislators Concerning New Secondary Road Standards**

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any comments or changes to the letter.

Mr. Bain stated that the wording of the last sentence did not flow for trying to show differences in rural and urbanized areas. He stated that the wording needs to be changed from “These are elements that are rather unique in.....” to read “These conditions are rather rare in .....”.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved to accept the letter with the suggested changes. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **B. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Goals & Objectives and Project Selection Criteria**

Mr. Rundgren stated that Marty Holliday has been working on the update of the CEDS. Ms. Holliday reviewed goals and objectives provided to the Commissioners and asked for questions or comments.

Mr. Harvey questioned objective 1 under the 1<sup>st</sup> goal. Ms. Holliday stated that throughout the update process at public meetings there was heavy discussion concerning this objective. Vocational programs had been included but were taken out for fear if tested with broader range of students it might not work out.

Mr. Bain stated that as a Pulaski County School Board member he was concerned with the way Objective 2 under the 1<sup>st</sup> goal is worded. He suggested that the goals and objectives be sent to school boards for discussion and/or changes; have them returned in a timely manner.

Mr. Harvey stated that on page 21, Goal 2, Objective 3, add “encourage AEP to reduce coal generation”.

Mr. Garrett stated he felt that many objectives are without prioritization.

Mr. Rundgren stated that the CEDS from five years ago should be looked at and figure out why some the goals and objectives were never met.

Ms. Holliday stated that the document is not just for use by the PDC, many organizations use it as a means of getting grant funding from other sources.

Mr. Polities asked if there was a way to prioritize the goals and objectives. Mr. Rundgren stated that the project list is prioritized.

Mr. Rundgren asked if the Project Selection Criteria could be adopted at this time.

Motion: Mr. Bain moved to adopt the CEDS Project Selection Criteria. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Consideration of Revised FY 09 Budget**

Mr. Rundgren stated that the reduction in the budget was due to two projects which did not materialize.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to accept the revised FY 09 Budget. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

### **D. Presentation of Draft FY 10 Budget**

Mr. Starnes stated that the Draft FY 10 Budget could be found in the materials on the tables.

Mr. Rundgren stated that no adjustment was made to the per capita rate for FY10. He asked that the Commissioners review the draft for the next meeting.

Dr. Harvey asked if the staff had done any figures on head count versus per capita. Mr. Rundgren stated that has not been done, but could possibly look at it.

### **E. VDOT Six-Year Plan Input**

Mr. Rundgren stated that all jurisdictions come together to form a list of priority projects for the region. The list is provided in the letter which the Commissioners received in their packet (attached to minutes).

Mr. Starnes stated that Mr. Rundgren had indicated that the 114 Bridge Replacement had been funded, however it should be kept on the list to ensure that it stays on schedule.

Mr. Sheffey stated that every time VDOT funding is cut, the 114 Bridge is one of the projects that gets cut.

Motion: Mr. Bain moved to accept the prioritization of projects to be sent to the Secretary of Transportation. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

### **F. Resolution "Steel Interstate"**

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the resolution.

Mrs. Perkins stated that the County's suit with N&S is concerning freight not passenger rail, therefore there should not be a conflict for the Montgomery County members to vote on the resolution.

Discussion followed concerning the wording of paragraph nine.

Motion: Mr. Sullivan moved to table the resolution until next meeting. Mr. Showalter seconded the motion.

Action: Motion to table failed.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved to strike paragraph nine and adopt the resolution. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried.

## **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**

Submitted by Department of Environmental Quality

1. Re-issuance of VPDES Permit #VA 0087084, Claytor Hydro Plant
2. Re-issuance of VPDES Permit #VA 0089290, Giles County PSA WTP
3. Re-issuance of VPDES Permit #VA 0060844, Lower Stroubles Creek WWTP
4. Davidson Hall Renovation at VT, ENV09-075S
5. Human & Agricultural Biosciences Building at VT, ENV09-076S
6. Owens & West End Market Food Courts at VT, ENV09-090S
7. Turner Street Parking & Retail Development at VT, ENV09-081S

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had questions concerning the proposed projects.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he would have to abstain from item #7, Turner Street Parking & Retail Development at VT.

Mr. Starnes then asked that the projects be voted upon as a whole.

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

Action: Motion carried.

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 June 25, 2009**

**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; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech.

ABSENT: Mr. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; 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. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

**II. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES**

Mr. Starnes asked if there were any questions or corrections to the May minutes.

Motion: Dr. Pomerantz moved to approve the May minutes. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

**III. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Mr. Starnes read a letter which the Executive Committee had received prior to the Commission Meeting from Mr. Rundgren stating that he would be retiring September 30, 2009. Mr. Weaver stated that he was on the Commission when Mr. Rundgren was hired and he doesn’t like the fact that he will be leaving. Mrs. Moses stated that his retiring took her by surprise. Others wished him well.

**IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

None.

**V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR MAY**

Mr. Weaver stated that the Commission is still solvent and funds are still available through the end of the fiscal year.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the May Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

## VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee talked about how to go about choosing a new Executive Director. Mr. Rundgren has put together a draft job description and information for an ad. Mr. Starnes stated that a Committee of 3 or 4 needs to be chosen to look at applicants. Dr. Harvey asked where the position was going to be advertised; we need to make sure we get a good pool to screen. Mr. Starnes read the ad that Mr. Rundgren had compiled. It was suggested that the ad may be placed in VML, VAPDC, and Roanoke Times.

Mr. Starnes then asked if Dr. Harvey would serve as Chairman of a Search Committee. She indicated that she would. He then asked Mr. Harvey if he would serve with Dr. Harvey, he agreed. He also asked Dr. Harvey if she would call Holly Lesko and Shawn Utt to see if they would also serve. Mrs. Perkins volunteered to be an alternate if either of them could not serve.

## 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).

**Responses to Transportation Priorities:** Mr. Rundgren stated that Pierce Homer responded to the transportation priorities that the Commission submitted. He stated that additional priorities will be considered if more funding becomes available.

**Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements:** New street requirements became effective March 9, 2009. The state is in the process of developing a map delineating various types of areas (urban development areas, growth areas, compact areas, suburban areas, and transferable development rights receiving areas).

**Federal Transportation Legislation:** This legislation focuses on large MPOs. Congress is pushing for 6 years and \$450 billion and the administration is pushing for an 18 month extension of existing bill that now terminates in September.

**ARC Funding:** The ARC is seeking \$105 million appropriation as included in the re-authorization bill. Senate will be working on a mark-up after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. The House is only recommending \$76 million.

**HOME Consortium:** This consortium, a regional housing program is a result of the designation as a Metropolitan Statistical Area. The consortium is jointly staffed by Blacksburg and the PDC. An audit by the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the first year passed with no major findings.

**Conservation Easement Discussion:** This will take place on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Competitiveness Center Training Room. VOF Chairman and Executive Director will be discussing easements and processes. Everyone is invited to attend and ask questions.

## VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Responses from Legislators Concerning New Secondary Road Standards

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had any questions on comments about the correspondence to the Virginia Department of Transportation Commissioner from John Edwards and Roscoe Reynolds that addresses the Commission's request that a section focusing on rural transportation applications to the Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements. Mr. Rundgren stated that the two senators were listening to the Commission.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. CEDS Annual Report

Mr. Rundgren stated that Marty Holliday reviewed the CEDS goals and objectives at the last meeting. He stated that she is in attendance to answer any questions about the full report.

At the last meeting, Mr. Harvey had questioned objective 1 under the 1<sup>st</sup> goal concerning the literacy rates. Ms. Holliday had stated that throughout the update process at public meetings there was heavy discussion concerning this objective. Vocational programs had been included but were taken out for fear if tested with broader range of students might not work out. Dr. Pomerantz asked if it could be identified at an age that isn't being looked at, under 30 or 40.

Mrs. Holliday stated that the CEDS Annual Report had been completed, however as the draft of the Community First document is being further reviewed, this topic can be addressed.

Mr. Rundgren stated that priority projects could be found starting on page 31, showing how they were ranked by their score.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to adopt the CEDS Annual Report and Project Package. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried, with 2 no votes.

### B. Vision 2020 Draft

Mrs. Holliday stated that the new Vision 2020 is now titled Community First...*Regional Partners in a Global Marketplace*. The project priority listing in the Annual Report is also included in this document. The identified projects as well as others to be undertaken by participating agencies and organizations are focused upon achieving the goals identified in the CEDS.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved to approve the draft Vision 2020 - Community First. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried, with 2 no votes.

**C. New Revised FY 09 Budget**

Mr. Rundgren explained that a project which was not known before the revised budget was presented in May changed the total revised budget. The Commissioners received this in their packet and were asked to approve it for a final revised budget.

Motion: Mr. Weaver moved for approval of the final revised FY 09 Budget. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

**D. FY 10 Budget**

Mr. Rundgren stated that the FY 10 Budget is presented for approval. He noted that during the course of the year, projects may change, either go away or come on board, which will change the overall budget during the year.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the FY 10 Budget. Dr. 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)**

None

**B. Regular Project Review**

None

**C. Environmental Project Review**

1. Re-issuance of VPDES Permit #VA 0000370, Glen Lyn - DEQ
2. STARS Dead Pine Mountain Site No. 1414 ENV09-111S - Department of State Police

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had questions concerning the proposed projects and if the projects could be voted upon as a whole. The comment from Pulaski County would be forwarded with the determination letter.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved that the projects be found not in conflict with regional plans, policies and

goals and that Pulaski County's comment be forwarded. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Sheffey asked if a welcome letter could be sent from the Commission to the new Montgomery County Administrator, Craig Meadows. Mr. Rundgren stated that he could do that.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Thomas L. Starnes, 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 27, 2009

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; Ms. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. M. Patton, Town of Floyd; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech.

### II. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

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

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the June minutes. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

### III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that there will need to be a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

### IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mrs. Perkins introduced Mr. Craig Meadows, the new Montgomery County Administrator. Mr. Meadows stated that he was glad to be on board. Mr. Starnes welcomed him.

### V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE AND JULY

Mr. Weaver stated that the new fiscal year began in July and funds are available.

Motion: Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the June and July Treasurer's Reports. Mrs. Moses seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starnes asked that Item A. Under New Business be moved to this section of the Agenda.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Presentation by Elaine Carter, Christiansburg Institute

Mr. Starnes welcomed Elaine Carter to the meeting. She then introduced Anne Brinckman, President of the Institute, and Wayne Muhammad, staff member.

Ms. Carter presented a slide show and talked about the 4.4 acres that were secured and are used for the historic campus. Three of the proposed 14 campus buildings have been completed and 2.2 million dollars has been raised to finance a new building; however, another 3.5 million needs to be raised. Their goals are to be a community learning center, a dynamic tourist attraction, and achieve national recognition as an African-American Emancipation Era Educational History site. She invited the Commissioners to come by the campus for a tour.

## VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that with the new Director coming on board, a Bank Resolution will need to be approved and new signature cards signed by the Director, Chair, and Treasurer. He asked for approval of the Bank Resolution authorizing any two of the Chair, Treasurer, or Director to sign checks; the Chair or Treasurer will sign the resolution.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved to approve the signing of the Bank Resolution. Mrs. Moses 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).

**Drought Ordinances:** Mr. Rundgren stated that each locality will need to adopt a drought ordinance along with the Regional Water Supply Plan.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Commission will be celebrated at the Farmhouse Restaurant on September 24, 2009, with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., with a program to follow. The guest speaker will be Bill Shelton from the Department of Housing and Community Development. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

**Broadband:** The New River Wireless Authority was formed by Pulaski and Giles counties. The service will be run from Wythe County to R. 114/460. An application has been sent to the National Telecommunication Infrastructure Agency for funding consideration.

**Hazard Mitigation:** The Steering Committee is working with the PDC and Radford University to update the Hazard

Mitigation Plan. The localities will need to adopt the plan by May 2010 to remain eligible for mitigation funds.

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**Employment Mobility:** This study has won the NADO Innovation Award. Mr. Rundgren commended Jennifer Wilsie, regional planner, for her work on this project.

## VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Update on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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

## X. NEW BUSINESS

Item A. covered earlier

### B. Review and Approval of Annual Report for DHCD

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Report had been provided in the Commissioners packet for review. He reviewed some of the highlights of the report and asked for its approval.

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved to approve the Annual Report for DHCD. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

### C. Distribution of FY 10 Work Program

Mr. Rundgren stated that the Work Program had been placed at the tables for the Commissioners for their review, and he would answer any questions. Dr. Harvey asked what percent of the staff work on the projects listed. Mr. Rundgren stated that approximately 80% of tasks the staff will undertake during the fiscal year are identified in the work program. There is flexibility to undertake additional tasks throughout the year.

Mrs. Perkins asked what is the relationship between Virginia's First and the PDC. Mr. Rundgren stated that Virginia's First and the Commerce Park have a contract agreement with the Commission to provide staffing. In the past the agreement included service as Executive Director (ended with Joe Morgan's appointment), financial management/accounting and project planning and management. The latter services continue.

### D. Discussion of Joint Planning Commission Meeting for October

Mr. Rundgren stated that staff is working with Kevin Sullivan who has asked Virginia Tech to co-host the meeting on

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Garrett stated that he would like to see the PDC working toward creating jobs by bringing manufacturing jobs to the New River Valley; before fixing roads or needing to upgrade existing ones. Mr. Starnes stated that is the job of the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance. They work with jurisdictions to see what their needs are and then they pursue bringing industry and jobs to the area. Mr. Utt stated that perhaps the Director, Aric Bopp could be invited to a meeting to present how the Alliance works toward this effort. Mr. Utt volunteered to speak with Mr. Bopp.

**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**

None

Mr. Starnes asked for a motion to go into a closed session under Section 2.2-3711 under paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia as amended, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved for approval to go into a closed session. Mr. Utt seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Proceeded into a Closed Session.

Return to Open Session

Motion: Mr. Patton moved for approval to return to an open session. Mrs. Lesko seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Certify

Motion: Mrs. Moses moved to certify that the only business conducted during the closed session was for personnel matters. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous vote by roll call:

Mr. T. Starnes - yes  
Ms. R. Moses - yes  
Mr. S. Weaver - yes  
Mr. L. Clevinger - yes  
Mr. T. Garrett - yes  
Mr. F. Gerald - yes  
Dr. H. Harvey - yes

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Mr. M. Harvey - yes  
Ms. E. Janney - yes  
Ms. H. Lesko - yes  
Mr. M. Patton - yes  
Mrs. A. Perkins - yes  
Mr. J. Politis - yes  
Mr. J. Sheffey - yes  
Mr. H. Showalter - yes  
Mr. S. Utt - yes

Motion: Mrs. Lesko moved that the Commission offer Kevin Byrd the position of Executive Director beginning October 1, 2009. Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous vote by roll call:

Mr. T. Starnes - yes  
Ms. R. Moses - yes  
Mr. S. Weaver - yes  
Mr. L. Clevinger - yes  
Mr. T. Garrett - yes  
Mr. F. Gerald - yes  
Dr. H. Harvey - yes  
Mr. M. Harvey - yes  
Ms. E. Janney - yes  
Ms. H. Lesko - yes  
Mr. M. Patton - yes  
Mrs. A. Perkins - yes  
Mr. J. Politis - yes  
Mr. J. Sheffey - yes  
Mr. H. Showalter - yes  
Mr. S. Utt - yes

Motion: Mr. Patton moved that the Commission offer Mr. Byrd a salary of \$70,000.

Action: Motion carried by roll call:

Mr. T. Starnes - yes  
Ms. R. Moses - yes  
Mr. L. Clevinger - yes  
Mr. T. Garrett - yes  
Mr. F. Gerald - yes  
Dr. H. Harvey - yes  
Mr. M. Harvey - yes  
Ms. E. Janney - yes  
Ms. H. Lesko - yes  
Mr. M. Patton - yes  
Mrs. A. Perkins - yes  
Mr. J. Politis - yes  
Mr. J. Sheffey - yes  
Mr. H. Showalter - yes  
Mr. S. Utt - yes

Mr. S. Weaver - no

Meeting adjourned.

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## NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

### Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on September 24, 2009

5:30 p.m.– Farmhouse Restaurant, Christiansburg, VA

#### I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mr. Starnes called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Starnes, Chair; City of Radford; Mrs. 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; Mrs. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; 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. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mr. L. Light, Giles County; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; and Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech.

#### II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

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

It was noted that on page 10-05 the last motion was not showing that Mrs. Perkins seconded the motion and that it should be put in the minutes as such. It was also noted that a motion concerning Mr. Byrd's hire date had been inadvertently omitted and should also be put in the minutes as follows:

'Motion: Ms. Lesko moved that Mr. Byrd's hire date be September 16, 2009 for the transitional period before becoming Executive Director on October 1, 2009. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.'

Motion: Mr. Utt moved to approve the August minutes as corrected. Mr. Patton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

#### III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Starnes thanked Mr. Rundgren for his 25 years of dedicated service to the PDC and the region, and wished him the best as he retires. The Commissioners also wished him well. Mr. Rundgren thanked Mr. Starnes and the Commissioners.

#### IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mr. Harvey stated that the clean-up of the New River at Fosters Falls starts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and lunch would be served. He asked everyone that could to please come out and help. Mr. Starnes thanked Mr. Harvey for all the hard work he and other had done last week on the New River in Radford.

#### V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

Mr. Weaver stated that funds are still available.

Mr. Weaver stated that Mr. Rundgren has done a remarkable job over the 25 years and he will be greatly missed.

Motion: Mr. Sheffey moved to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

#### VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that they had no report.

#### VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rundgren stated that the FY09 Audit is being conducted and should be available in late October or early November.

#### VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Update on Joint Planning Commissions Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mr. Rundgren stated that the invitations had been sent for the dinner event which will be co-hosted by Virginia Tech at the Hilton Garden Inn in Blacksburg.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Review and Approval of NRVPCD Annual Report

Mr. Rundgren stated that this annual report contains information about activities and projects that have been on-going during the past fiscal year. The report will be sent to all the jurisdictions.

Motion: Mr. Patton moved to approve the PDC’s Annual Report. Mr. Sheffey seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Review and Approval of New River Valley Planning District Route 114 New River Bridge and N&W Railway Bridge Utility Crossing Agreement

Mr. Rundgren asked for approval of the agreement. Mr. Starnes asked if any of the jurisdictions have passed the agreement. Mr. Rundgren stated that he does not know of any at this time. Mr. Harvey asked if conduit for fiber optics under the bridges had been included. Mr. Rundgren stated it has been included.

Motion: Mr. Harvey moved to approve the Agreement. Dr. Leighton seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Starnes asked Mr. Rundgren if any budget cuts will affect the PDC. Mr. Rundgren stated that the PDC would be losing a total of \$6,500.

**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**

None

Meeting adjourned.

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# NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

## Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on December 10, 2009

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; Mrs. R. Moses, Vice-Chair, Town of Pearisburg; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. M. Harvey, Montgomery County; Mrs. H. Lesko, Town of Blacksburg; Dr. A.T. Leighton, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; and Mr. S. Utt, Pulaski County.

ABSENT: Mr. J. Bain, Town of Pulaski; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Ms. D. French, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; 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; Mr. J. Politis, Montgomery County; Dr. N. Pomerantz, Radford University; and Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg.

### II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

Mr. Starnes stated that without a quorum, approval of the minutes will be taken up at the next meeting.

### III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Starnes stated that a thank you note had been received from Mr. Rundgren for the celebration party in his honor for his retirement. Mr. Starnes read the note.

Mr. Starnes stated that Dr. Leighton was attending his last Commission meeting. He then presented him a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated service to the Commission. Dr. Leighton thanked the Commissioners and stated that he would certainly miss everyone.

### IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None

### V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Mr. Starnes stated that without a quorum, approval of the Treasurer's Report will be held over until the next meeting.

### VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### Development Corporation/Competitiveness Center

Mr. Starnes stated that the Committee met briefly to discuss the PDC's lease with the Development Corporation (DC). Mr. Byrd stated that the PDC did not have a lease but the DC is in the process of refinancing and the bank wanted a lease in place. The Executive Committee recommends that the lease stay the same as in past year's and the staff would

continue to help with management of the Center.

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Mr. Starnes stated that Dr. Harvey has been serving as the PDC's representative to the DC and has done an outstanding job. She was asked if she would continue serving as the PDC's representative. She agreed.

### **Surplus Equipment**

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee had discussed and brought to the Commission the possibility of selling several items that are no longer in use. The Commission agreed that first the NRV jurisdictions should have first refusal. A letter was then sent to the jurisdictions with a list of the items to be sold. Only one jurisdiction responded for one of the items. Floyd County put in a bid of \$11,000.00 for the 1994 dump truck. Mr. Byrd stated that staff researched the value of the truck and determined this was a reasonable amount. The Executive Committee approved the sale of the vehicle. The other items will be listed on a website, GovDeals.com.

It was the consensus to put on next month's agenda the surplusing of other items.

### **Budge Process**

Mr. Starnes stated that the Executive Committee discussed the per capita rate for FY 11 and recommends the current rate of \$1.23 stay for next year. Mr. Sheffey commended the Committee for their recommendation.

Mr. Sullivan stated that it has been several years since the rate has been increased. He was concerned that in several years the rate would need to be increased significantly and the jurisdictions may frown upon that.

Mrs. Lesko stated that we're certainly trying to be cognizant to what everyone else is going through and the jurisdictions need to know this.

Mr. Byrd stated that he has begun meeting with county administrators and town/city managers.

### **Other**

Dr. Harvey stated that year after year the staff prepares Christmas goodies for them and we very much appreciate it; but I would like to see us do something from them. She asked if the staff could be given some time off their last day before the holidays. It was agreed that the staff should be allowed to take half a day on their last working day.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Byrd reported on the following:

### **Regional Accomplishments:**

- Public Transportation in Christiansburg
- Employment Mobility Excellence Award
- Regional Energy Plan Application
- Tourism Website Initiative
- Rt. 114 Bridge Utility Agreement
- Regional Broadband

### **Transportation:**

- Christiansburg kicked-off transit on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Partnership with Town of Blacksburg/Blacksburg Transit
- 3 route types: deviated fixed route (the explorer); on-demand (go anywhere); fixed route (shopper express)

- Free until January 1<sup>st</sup>

- US Rt. 460/Southgate Drive Interchange Study
- Smartway fare increased from \$3 to \$4 one-way
- Transportation Enhancement Grant Applications

**Employment Mobility Study:**

- Won NADO Innovation Award and NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Award

**Energy Grants:**

- Virginia Department of Mine, Mineral and Energy Grant
- PDC's serve as grant program coordinators for non-entitlement communities
- \$9.2 million available of non-entitlement (Towns of Christiansburg and Floyd, City of Radford, Counties of Giles and Pulaski, and the PDC submitted applications)
- Regional Energy Plan application (all localities provided letters of support)
- Potential demonstration project for rural & suburban

**Tourism:**

- Informal working committee representing chambers and local governments
- Asked to prepare a grant to Virginia Tourism Corporation for a regional tourism website
- If funded, PDC asked to serve a fiscal agent
- All four counties and the City provided letters of support and varying levels of financial commitment.
- Potential to be a unique regional project for the NRV

**Rt. 114 Bridge Utility Agreement:**

- Utility encasements in bridge abutments
- Pepper's ferry WWTP, Pulaski County, Montgomery County PSA, B-C-VPI Water Authority
- PDC serving as pass through from localities to VDOT
- Construction in 2012, provided SYIP does not change

**Regional Broadband:**

- Application to NTIA earned 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (Pro Forma, Environmental, System Design, 2 weeks)
- New River Wireless Authority (Pulaski & Giles, Citizens Co-Op as a partner)
- Local Meetings (with county administrators and town/city managers and making presentations to Boards/Councils in New Year)

**VIII. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

None

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Development Corporation Update**

Dr. Harvey stated that as a PDC member she didn't know much about the DC and the Competitiveness Center, but after serving as the PDC's representative she has become familiar with which jurisdictions signed off on going forth with the building of the Center to further economic growth. The Center has gone through the economic slowdown and Pulaski County has stepped up to take over the management of the Center. The Board is still negotiating with the bank concerning a possible loan. The Board is in the process of getting in touch with each municipality to possibly request

a monthly contribution, not a huge amount.

10-14

Mr. Utt stated that Pulaski County now knows how dire the situation is with the Center's funds and would like to have a sit down meeting with all jurisdictions who are a part of the Center.

Mr. Sullivan asked what exactly is the issue. Mr. Utt stated that with the economic down turn the occupancy is down.

Dr. Harvey stated that the rent structure is now being reviewed, however we don't want to get too expensive for entrepreneurs.

Dr. Harvey stated that the negotiations with the bank have been stalled because the 1<sup>st</sup> lien holder is RD and the bank wants to be the 1<sup>st</sup> lien holder. The DC will continue to negotiate.

Mr. Starnes stated that the meetings with each municipality is a good idea.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Review and Approval of FY09 Audit**

Mr. Starnes stated that the audit will be put on next month's agenda for review.

## **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. Communications Network Services Duct Bank ~ Virginia Tech

Mr. Starnes asked if anyone had questions concerning the proposed project. It was the consensus to approve the project and any comments received would be forwarded.

Meeting adjourned.

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