

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting

held on

October 27, 2011

5:30 p.m.– Chateau Morrisette, Floyd

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mrs. H. Lesko, Chair, Town of Blacksburg; Mr. R. Chambers, Montgomery County; Mr. L. Clevinger, Town of Pulaski; Mr. F. Gerald, Floyd County; Ms. E. Janney, Floyd County; Mrs. C. Newcomb, Town of Blacksburg; Mrs. A. Perkins, Montgomery County; Mr. J. Sheffey, Pulaski County; Mr. K. Sullivan, Virginia Tech; Dr. D. Warren, Pulaski County; and Mr. M. Welker, Town of Pulaski.

ABSENT: Mr. S. Weaver, Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. M. Patton, Vice-Chair, Town of Floyd; Mr. R. Alvarez, Radford University; Mr. C. Bopp, Pulaski County; Mr. T. Cox, City of Radford; Mr. D. Dent, Virginia Tech; Mr. G. Eaton, Town of Rich Creek; Mr. T. Garrett, Town of Narrows; Dr. H. Harvey, City of Radford; Mr. R. McCoy, Giles County; Mr. H. Showalter, Town of Christiansburg; Mr. C. Via, Town of Pearisburg; and Vacant, Giles County.

II. CONSENT OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of September Minutes
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report for September

Mrs. Lesko stated that a quorum was not present and the Minutes and Treasurer's Report would be carried until the next meeting.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mrs. Lesko introduced Cecile Newcomb, who will be replacing Don Langrehr for the Town of Blacksburg. Mrs. Newcomb stated she looked forward to working with the Commission.

IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS

None

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Lesko stated the Executive Committee did not meet.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Economic Development:

- Provided technical assistance to Development Corporation to issue loans through NRV Revolving Loan Fund to small business in Montgomery County, 3 Birds Berry Farm (Prices Fork); and another is being considered in the Town of Floyd.
- Two new CEDS members for appointment consideration at Commission meeting.
- United States Assistant Secretary of Commerce, John Fernandez, coming to visit region on November 9th to observe regional success with TEMCI project and VT-CRC.
- Commerce Park water/sewer infrastructure installation nearing completion in December. PDC providing technical assistance for grant administration.
- Participated in discussion at Mountain Lake concerning their future operations.

Transportation:

- VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan Public Hearing scheduled for October 26th at Montgomery County Government Center at 6:00pm. PDC will display rural transportation plans for the region.
- Coordinated meetings with Dana Martin, the Commonwealth Transportation Board Member for the Salem District, on October 17. Several localities met with Mr. Martin to discuss upcoming Transportation Enhancement grant applications along with general transportation issues in their community.

Regional:

- Volvo Plant Tour POSTPONED from October 27th to December 16th 10:00-12:30. RSVP by December 9th to Ken Hall at khall@nrvpdc.org.
- PDC reconvened Green Infrastructure collaborators on October 13th discuss wrapping up existing report due on December 1st and determining future directions for the effort.
- All locality Water Supply Plan adoptions are scheduled to be complete by end of October, just prior to the November regulation deadline.
- Livability Initiative working groups are taking shape in October/November. www.nrvlivability.org for more information about the project and to engage.

PDC:

- GMS (financial software) returned for a site visit October 17-19 and resolved all issues.
- Advertisement for Director of Finance and Personnel position closed on October 21. Interviews should occur in early November.
VAPDC meeting with state agency heads on October 25th to discuss how PDCs can support state agencies from a regional perspective.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. CEDS Committee Appointments

Mr. Byrd stated that each year the PDC reviews and updates the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The purpose of the CEDS Committee is to identify projects that communities are looking to

implement. It serves the planning needs required by the US Department of Commerce, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Appalachian Regional Commission. As a designated EDD, the Committee is required to engage a CEDS Committee comprised of 51% or more private sector members. New members for this year are Tommy Loflin and David Denny.

B. Discussion of Commission's Per Capita Assessment for FY' 13

Mr. Byrd stated that this is the first year 2010 population figures will be used for the local assessment. Previous local assessments were based on census 2000 data. In some instances the population decreased in communities while others have increased. Mr. Sheffey commented that more funds from localities mean more projects the region can match. Mr. Byrd stated that is true and for every \$1 invested in the PDC a \$12 return is typical. Discussion followed as to which localities were affected by an increase/decrease. Mrs. Perkins asked if there would be an increase in the overall budget amount. Mr. Byrd stated the 2010 population figures do represent an overall increase because the region grew.

Mr. Byrd recommended that the per capita rate not be increased. There was a consensus that the per capita rate remain at \$1.25.

C. Regional Meeting of Mayors/Board Chairs/Chief Administrative Officials/PDC Commissioners

Mr. Byrd stated that on behalf of the NRVPCD and the City of Radford, all Commissioners are invited to a regional meeting of Council Mayors, Board of Supervisors Chairs and Chief Administrative Officials. The meeting will be held at the new City of Radford Council Chambers on December 8, 2011 (10 Robertson Street, Radford) A reception will start at 6:15 p.m., with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss key issues/legislative priorities for each locality. This will also be a great opportunity to meet your fellow government leaders across the region.

Mr. Byrd stated also that the Volvo tour has been rescheduled for December 16 at 10:00 a.m., and a new invitation has been sent.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None

X. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Mrs. Lesko stated that Mr. Patton usually encourages someone to give a report. She asked if anyone would like to do so. Mrs. Perkins reported that Back Country will be locating in Montgomery County as a Distribution Center. It will be a catalog store similar to Sears.

Mr. Byrd stated that Mr. Rundgren stopped by the office and left a report of his attendance at the RC & D Council Meeting. He stated that Gary Boring has been hired as the Director of the Council. Charles Shorter has been working hard to get funds to continue the important work of the Council.

XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
None
- B. Regular Project Review
None
- C. Environmental Project Review
None

The meeting was then adjourned.

Holly Larson Lesko, Chair
New River Valley Planning District Commission