

March 19, 2010

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION**

March 15, 2010

Robert C. Gibbons Conference Room
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Caroline:** David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr.;
Fredericksburg: Mary Katherine Greenlaw (Treasurer), Matthew J. Kelly; **King George:** Joseph W. Grzeika, Dale W. Sisson (1st Vice Chairman); **Spotsylvania:** Jerry I. Logan, Benjamin T. Pitts (Chairman); **Stafford:** Mark Dudenhefer (Secretary), Susan Stimpson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert J. Popowicz (2nd Vice Chairman).

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Paul V. Milde, III, Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Anthony Romanello, Stafford.

INVITED GUEST: Eldon James, Eldon James & Associates.

STAFF: Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of Transportation Planning; Kevin F. Byrnes, Director of Regional Planning; Andy Waple, Principal Regional Planner; David J-H. Lee, Senior Regional Planner; Jane Wills, Regional Mobility Coordinator; Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner; Danny Reese, Associate Regional Planner.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Pitts called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE GWRC AGENDA: Mr. Wilson asked that the agenda be amended to include one new informational item: 10.f. “2010 General Assembly Legislative Update.” Mr. Kelly then made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Stimpson to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010: Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rozell to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: No comments were offered from the public.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Wilson directed the Commissioners’ attention to the financial statements contained in the meeting packet and offered to answer questions. None were posed to him.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Wilson stated the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee would be convened to discuss how to move forward in light of the recent resignation of former chairman Hap Connors.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 10-23, Commenting on Draft Regulations Promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with Respect to Ozone Air Quality and Secondary Standards

Mr. Robinson briefed the Commission on the implications of the proposed new ozone air quality and secondary standards, including their potential negative economic impact on the Region. After a short discussion, Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve Resolution No. 10-23. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 10-24, Approval of Request for Proposals for Auditing Services

Mr. Wilson explained his rationale for seeking proposals for a new auditing firm. Mr. Kelly then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve Resolution No. 10-24. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 10-25, Adoption of Regional Priorities for the Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program and Support for Project FAITH's Community Improvement Grant Proposals

After a brief discussion, Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve Resolution No. 10-25. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kelly then expressed his admiration for the impressive accomplishments of Project FAITH.

Resolution No. 10-26, Supporting the Development of Affordable Housing in the Town of Bowling Green

Mr. Wilson informed the Commission that the Town of Bowling Green has formally expressed its support for this project and that the predecessor to GWRC – RADCO – had expressed its support for this project in 2005. Mr. Dudenhefer then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rozell to approve Resolution No. 10-26. The motion carried unanimously.

Local Comments Regarding Chesapeake Bay Act Phase II Local Compliance Evaluation Review

Mr. Byrnes briefed the Commission on local staff comments about the regulations that were shared with the Region's representative to the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board (CBLAD). Mr. Dudenhefer requested that additional information about CBLAD be distributed to the Commission members, and Mr. Byrnes stated that he would do so.

2010 General Assembly Legislative Update

Mr. James provided an update of legislation actions of interest to the Region that were approved in the 2010 General Assembly.

Other New Business

No other new business was discussed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner)