

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

October 26, 2009  
Gibbons Conference Room  
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** **Caroline:** Robert J. Popowicz (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman), David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr.; **Fredericksburg:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw (Treasurer), Matthew J. Kelly; **King George:** Dale W. Sisson (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman); **Spotsylvania:** Henry “Hap” Connors (Chairman), Benjamin Pitts.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** **King George:** James B. Howard; **Stafford:** Mark Dudenhefer (Secretary), Robert “Bob” Woodson.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:** Beverly Cameron, Fredericksburg; Douglas Barnes, Spotsylvania; Anthony Romanello, Stafford.

**STAFF:** Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of Transportation Planning; Kevin F. Byrnes, Director of Regional Planning; Diana Burton Utz, Director, GWRideConnect; Andy Waple, Principal Regional Planner; David J-H. Lee, Senior Regional Planner; Jane Wills, Regional Mobility Coordinator; Marti Donley, Regional Planner; Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Connors called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. *without* a quorum present. Mr. Rozell then led those present in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

(In the absence of a quorum, Mr. Connors moved up the following three agenda items.)

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** Marty Work of Spotsylvania posed the following rhetorical question: “Is Virginia transportation, with all its nooks and crannies, multi-modal agendas, funding mechanisms, forms and forums – today and tomorrow – too big to fail?”

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Wilson directed the commissioners’ attention to the financial statements contained in the meeting packet and offered to answer questions. He also reported that the Executive Committee had met immediately before the Commission meeting and were briefed on the recently-completed Fiscal Year 2009 financial statements by the Commission’s auditor, Heather Foley, CPA. Mr. Wilson informed the members that they would receive the draft audit in advance of the November Commission meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Wilson indicated that he had nothing to report.

(Messrs. Kelly and Pitts arrived at approximately 6:42 p.m., at which time a quorum was established.)

**APPROVAL OF THE GWRC AGENDA:** Mr. Wilson asked that the agenda be amended to add two action items under New Business: 10.f. “Request for Legislation to Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel to Administer Vaccinations,” and 10.g. “Request for Legislation Concerning the National Capital Region Telework Center Program.” Mr. Sisson then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009:** Mr. Sisson made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Appointments to the Regional Communications Interoperability Working Group**

On the recommendations of Messrs. Cameron and Romanello, Mr. Connors appointed Fire Chief Edwin Allen of Fredericksburg and Carol Adams of Stafford, respectively, to serve on the Working Group. Mr. Connors then appointed John Brown of Spotsylvania to serve as well. He then stated that he would like to make all the remaining appointments at the November Commission meeting.

**Other Old Business**

Mr. Wilson informed the commissioners that he had been contacted by Congressman Rob Wittman's staff and told that Rep. Wittman would introduce legislation in response to the Commission's adoption of Resolution No. 10-07 in September, which requested that the General Services Administration's National Capital Region be redefined to include the Commission's five member localities. However, when Mr. Wilson read the proposed legislation, it called for the localities to be included in the region served by the National Capital Planning Commission, which is also known as the "National Capital Region." He brought this to the attention of the Congressman's legislative director and she indicated that she would investigate further and have Rep. Wittman hold the bill until such time that the matter was clarified to the Commission's satisfaction.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 10-09, Establishing the Fiscal Year 2011 Local Contribution Rate**

Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve Resolution No. 10-09. Mr. Connors then expressed his strong feeling that the work performed by the Commission during the past three years represented a "great value" to the localities, and Mr. Kelly stated his concurrence with Mr. Connors' opinion. The vote was then called and the motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 10-10, Support for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park's General Management Plan Update**

Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Popowicz to approve Resolution No. 10-10. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 10-11, Support for the City of Fredericksburg's Application for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant**

Mr. Wilson reminded the commissioners that he had contacted them via e-mail earlier in the month to ascertain if anyone objected to him writing a letter of support for the City's application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant, and that no one expressed an objection. He also stated that the action requested of the Board was merely a ratification of the letter of support he had sent on October 9, 2009. Mr. Kelly then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve Resolution No. 10-11. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 10-12, Authorization for the Commission to Submit an All-Hazards Mitigation Planning Grant Application on Behalf of Participating Local Governments**

Mr. Byrnes briefed the commissioners, after which Mr. Sisson made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve Resolution No. 10-12. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Sisson then encouraged Mr. Byrnes to ensure that the resulting plan is "locality-specific," as opposed to "boilerplate," which he felt was the case with the existing Regional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.

### **Strategic Plan Committee Update**

Mr. Connors provided a briefing on the first meeting of the ad hoc Strategic Plan Committee, which was held on October 19, 2009. He stated that the Committee had established April as the target date for the completion of the Plan update.

### **Resolution No. 10-13, Request for Legislation to Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel to Administer Vaccinations**

Following a briefing by Messrs. Romanello and Wilson, Mr. Sisson made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve Resolution No. 10-13. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 10-14, Request for Legislation Concerning the National Capital Region Telework Center Program**

Following a briefing by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve Resolution No. 10-14. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Other New Business**

No other new business was discussed.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Executive Director