

July 20, 2009

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

June 15, 2009

Gibbons Conference Room
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

PRESENT AND VOTING: CAROLINE: David M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr. (Treasurer), Robert J. Popowicz; **FREDERICKSBURG:** Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Matthew J. Kelly (Secretary); **KING GEORGE:** James B. Howard, Dale W. Sisson (2nd Vice Chairman); **SPOTSYLVANIA:** Hap Connors (1st Vice Chairman), Benjamin T. Pitts; **STAFFORD:** Mark Dudenhefer (Chairman), Paul Milde (Alternate).

ABSENT: Robert “Bob” Woodson, Stafford County.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: Mr. Beverly Cameron, Acting City Manager, Fredericksburg; Mr. Douglas Barnes, Acting County Administrator, Spotsylvania; Mr. Anthony Romanello, County Administrator, Stafford.

ELECTED OFFICIAL: M.S. “Joe” Brito, Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

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, Senior Regional Planner; David J-H. Lee, Senior Regional Planner; Jane Wills, Regional Mobility Coordinator; Jean Hamilton Ivester, Operations Manager; Marti Donley, Regional Planner; Laurel Hammig, Regional Planner; Danny Reese, Associate Regional Planner.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dudenhefer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Dudenhefer informed the members that Mr. Milde was acting as Mr. Woodson’s alternate.

APPROVAL OF THE GWRC AGENDA: Mr. Kelly then made a motion seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 18, 2009: Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 18 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: No comments were offered from members of the public.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Wilson indicated that the financial report was contained in the meetings packet and that he would entertain questions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Wilson stated that there was a strong possibility that the Stafford Telework Center will not be funded for continued operation in Fiscal Year 2010 and that he is continuing to work with GSA to come up with an alternate plan. He also reported that Catherine McDermott had resigned the week before as executive director of REDCO.

Additionally, he noted he would convene a meeting of the Executive Committee to review the final audit report and to begin reviewing the Regional Strategic Plan.

OLD BUSINESS: No other old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 09-10, Approving the Slate of Officers to Serve in Fiscal Year 2010

Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Milde to amend the draft resolution to nominate Mr. Dudenhefer to serve as secretary in place of Mr. Woodson, and to approve the following slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2010: Henry “Hap” Connors, Jr., Spotsylvania County, Chairman; Dale Sisson, King George County, First Vice Chairman; Robert J. Popowicz, Caroline County, Second Vice Chairman; Mary Katherine Greenlaw, City of Fredericksburg, Treasurer; Mark Dudenhefer, Stafford County, Secretary. Mr. Wilson then explained that the By Laws call for the other Commission member from the locality of the outgoing chairman to ascend to the secretary position, although he added that there was a precedent for the outgoing chairman to become secretary, as was the case when Mr. Rozell’s term as FY 2007 chairman ended and he assumed the title of secretary in FY 2008. The Commission then unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 09-10, as amended.

Resolution No. 09-11, Approving the Fiscal Year 2010 George Washington Regional Commission Budget

Following a brief explanation by Mr. Wilson of the draft FY 2010 budget that he prepared – which included his proviso that he would have to come back to the Commission in September or October to have it amended pending the receipt of certain information – Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to adopt the Fiscal Year 2010 Commission Budget. There was no further discussion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 09-12, Selection of Consultant to Update the Regional Congestion Management Process

Mr. Connors made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve Resolution No. 09-12 naming Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. as on-call consultants to update FAMPO’S Congestion Management Process. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 09-13, Selection of Consultant for Regional Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (RHSTCP)

Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. as the consultant to assist staff in the development of the RHSTCP. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Regional Elected Officials’ Dinner Meetings

As recommended by the region’s chief administrative officers, it was decided that only two dinner meetings would be held in 2010. Meetings were scheduled for September 29, 2009 and March 30, 2010. The scheduling of subsequent meetings will be discussed in 2010. Mr. Kelly asked that the Commission have more input on dinner meeting topics.

Regional Produce Cannery

Mr. Rozell described the history of Caroline County’s produce cannery and explained that the Board of Supervisors was exploring the concept of “regionalizing” the cannery to make it available to non-County residents. Mr. Byrnes suggested that the topic be presented at the July meeting of the Region’s planning directors to get their input and to identify potential funding opportunities.

Other New Business: No other new business was discussed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Jean Hamilton Ivester, Operations Manager)