

February 18, 2009

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

January 26, 2009, 6:30 p.m.  
Gibbons Conference Room  
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

**PRESENT AND VOTING: CAROLINE:** David M. “Maxie” Rozell; **FREDERICKSBURG:** Matthew J. Kelly (Secretary), Mary Katherine Greenlaw; **KING GEORGE:** James B. Howard, Dale Sisson (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman); **SPOTSYLVANIA:** Henry “Hap” Connors (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman), Benjamin T. Pitts; **STAFFORD:** Mark Dudenhefer (Chairman); Robert “Bob” Woodson.

**ABSENT:** Robert J. Popowicz, Caroline County.

**STAFF:** Robert H. Wilson, Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of Transportation; Kevin F. Byrnes, Director of Regional Planning; Diana Burton Utz, Director of GWRideConnect; Andy Waple, Senior Regional Planner; David J-H. Lee, Senior Regional Planner; Jean Hamilton Ivester, Operations Manager; Marti Donley, Public Participation Coordinator; Danny Reese, Assistant Regional Planner.

**GUEST:** Douglas Barnes, Acting County Administrator, Spotsylvania County.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF THE GWRC AGENDA:** Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Woodson to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008**  
Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2008, as presented. The motion was approved, with Mr. Rozell abstaining.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** No comments were offered from the public.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Wilson reported that the audit for 2008 was currently underway and that cash flow had been steady to date.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 09-01, Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation** – On a motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Greenlaw, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 09-01.

**Regional Non-Transportation Stimulus Projects** – There was a discussion of the potential benefit of developing a regionally-endorsed list of non-transportation stimulus projects. Mr. Wilson stated that in the absence of an approved regional comprehensive plan and without a process in place to prioritize needs, it would be very difficult to identify and agree on projects of regional significance. There was consensus on Mr. Wilson’s point and it was agreed that each locality would proceed on its own. Mr. Wilson then reiterated his previously-stated belief that the region would greatly benefit from having an adopted comprehensive plan for a multitude of reasons, including having an officially-adopted list of non-transportation project priorities in the event funding were to become available.

On an unrelated topic, Mr. Byrnes reported that at the last quarterly meeting of the region’s planning directors (which are convened by GWRC) there was a discussion of the schedule for updating the regional emergency management plan. He indicated that state emergency management officials will meet on April 1, 2009 to begin discussions of obtaining funding from federal grant sources to update risk assessment plans.

**Resolution No. 09-02, Approving the Regional Neighborhood Stabilization Program Agreement and Selecting the Central Virginia Housing Coalition as the Responsible Organization to Administer the Regional Program** – On a motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Howard, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 09-02.

**Election of Commission Treasurer** – Mr. Kelly made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Howard to appoint David M. Rozell, Jr. as Commission Treasurer to replace former Treasurer Jeffery M. Sili. There was no 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 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Wilson, AICP  
Executive Director

(Minutes prepared by Jean Hamilton Ivester, Operations Manager)