

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MARY BALL WASHINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

February 12, 2018
Bowling Green Town Hall
Bowling Green, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Chair** – William Beale, **Vice-Chair** – Carlton Revere, Wally Beauchamp, Elizabeth Crowther, Bruce Davis, Steve Goodall, Lisa Hull, Kim McClellan, Leslye McDade Morrison, Bryan Taliaferro

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lou Belcher, Kent Farmer, Darryl Fisher, Mike Jenkins, Troy Paino, Deirdre Powell-White, Anne Richardson, John Wells

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Davis, Jason Perry, Liz Povar, Kimberly Young

STAFF: **GWRC** – Kate Gibson, Tim Ware

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 11:05 am with a quorum present.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

No members of the public wished to speak.

DECEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Davis moved to approve the December 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes, and Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beale presented the financial report for April-December 2017. Dr. Crowther moved to approve the financial report, and Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH UPDATE

Mr. Beale updated Regional Council members on legislative outreach efforts. Mr. Beale and Mr. Revere are sending letters to each Region 6 Senator and Delegate. The letter template as well as contact information was included in the meeting packet. Ms. Gibson will send these materials to Regional Council members so that each may reach out to General Assembly members.

PROJECT APPLICATION DISCUSSION & DETERMINATIONS

Mr. Beale updated Regional Council members on the status of the project applications submitted to the State Board, the Westmoreland Flexible Office Space Due Diligence and PamunkeyNet Business

Plan projects. Both projects are recommended for approval at the State Board meeting on February 13, 2018. Mr. Beale, Mr. Revere, Mr. Ware, and Ms. Gibson met with Joe Wilson, the State Board member from Region 6, on February 6, 2018 to brief him on the project applications ahead of the State Board meeting.

Regional Council members then discussed the Welder Training application, which was resubmitted per the determination at the December Regional Council meeting. Mr. Beale asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on the application; no members of the public wished to speak. Mr. Revere, who headed the interview panel, summarized the original interview panel recommendations and presented the updated proposal. After discussion, Ms. McClellan moved to approve the application with the strengthening actions recommended in the updated staff report. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Crowther and Ms. Hull abstaining.

NEXT PROJECT ROUND DISCUSSION

Ms. Gibson presented a suggested timeline for the next project application round:

- March/April: Brainstorming Sessions
- May 1: Application Posted/Advertised
- May 15: Letters of Interest Due to Regional Council
- May 16-31: Interested Applicants meet with Staff
- July 1: Applications Due to Regional Council
- July 2-15: Staff Review
- July 16-31: Interview Panel Meetings
- August: Regional Council Meeting
- September: Applications Due to DHCD
- October: State Board Meeting

Dr. Crowther moved to approve the timeline as presented, and Mr. Goodall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Regional Council will take place on March 12, 2018. Additional meetings will be scheduled for April, June, August, October, and December 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Gibson, Senior Planner
George Washington Regional Commission