

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

June 29, 2017  
Bowling Green Town Hall  
Bowling Green, Virginia

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: Chair** – William Beale, Wally Beauchamp, Elizabeth Crowther, Kent Farmer, Jeron Hayes, Lisa Hull, Mike Jenkins, Kim McClellan, Deidre Powell-White, Bryan Teliaferro

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Chair** – Carlton Revere, Lou Belcher, Mike Broz, Bruce Davis, Darryl Fisher, Leslye McDade Morrison, Troy Paino, Anne Richardson, John Wells

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Neal Barber, Jerry Davis, Fletcher Mangum, Nick Minor, Liz Povar, David Zorn

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Beale called the meeting to order at 11:00 am with a quorum present.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**MAY 31, 2017 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

Ms. Crowther moved to approve the May 31, 2017 Meeting Minutes, and Mr. Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT (COIA) TRAINING**

Ms. Gibson reminded Regional Council members that they are required to complete a 25-minute online COIA training and said that she would re-send the link to the training.

**ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY DISCUSSION & APPROVAL**

Ms. Gibson presented a draft electronic meeting policy for the Regional Council, which was adapted from the policy adopted by the State GO Virginia Board. The policy had been reviewed by the State for compliance with FOIA, and DHCD recommended that Regional Councils use the policy as a template.

Mr. Farmer moved to approve the electronic meeting policy, and Ms. Crowther seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DHCD CONTRACT DISCUSSION & APPROVAL**

Ms. Gibson presented the draft contract for financial assistance between DHCD, GWRC, and the Regional Council.

Mr. Farmer moved to approve the contract, and Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

Mr. Ware explained that the Regional Council's Bylaws allow the group to have up to 25 members. Currently the Regional Council has 19 members. Mr. Ware asked the current members to consider whether there were any individuals who should be added to the membership, keeping in mind that a majority of the members of the Council must be from the private sector with demonstrated significant private-sector business experience.

Council members asked Ms. Gibson to send the list of the current Regional Council members, including the sector that each represents.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Ms. Gibson overviewed the upcoming meeting schedule. The next Regional Council meeting will be on July 24 from 11 AM-1 PM. Ms. Gibson asked for a recommended location in Middle Peninsula, and Ms. Crowther suggested the Rappahannock Community College Glens Campus.

Ms. Gibson also highlighted the dates for the five stakeholder meetings for the Economic Growth & Diversification Plan.

## **VIRGINIA GROWTH & OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION**

Mr. Beale reported on the recent Virginia Growth & Opportunity Foundation meeting that he attended. He reported that the Foundation and State GO Virginia Board's priorities are workforce development, site development, industry cluster scale-up, and start-ups tied to university and government research.

## **ECONOMIC GROWTH & DIVERSIFICATION PLAN PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

For the remainder of the meeting, the consultants from Mangum Economics presented the work completed so far on the Economic Growth & Diversification Plan.

Mr. Neal Barber presented on the finding of the existing economic development plans review, and distributed the draft report. Mr. Fletcher Mangum presented on the regional and sub-regional economic conditions and industry cluster analysis.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Gibson, Senior Planner  
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