

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

July 24, 2017
Rappahannock Community College
Glenns, Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Chair** – William Beale, **Vice-Chair** – Carlton Revere, Wally Beauchamp, Lou Belcher, Elizabeth Crowther, Jeron Hayes, Lisa Hull, Mike Jenkins, Leslye McDade Morrison, Bryan Teliarferro, John Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Broz, Bruce Davis, Kent Farmer, Darryl Fisher, Kim McClellan, Troy Paino, Deirdre Powell-White, Anne Richardson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Neal Barber, Gene Campbell, Jerry Davis, Delegate Keith Hodges, Lewie Lawrence, Fletcher Mangum, Nick Minor, Ed Moren, Bob Stolle

STAFF: GWRC – Kate Gibson

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Delegate Hodges thanked the Regional Council for its efforts, and gave an update about a potential partnership with the Pamunkey Indian Tribe to expand broadband within the region.

JUNE 29, 2017 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Crowther moved to approve the June 29, 2017 Meeting Minutes, and Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ECONOMIC GROWTH & DIVERSIFICATION PLAN PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

The consultants from Mangum Economics presented the work completed on the Economic Growth & Diversification Plan since the last meeting.

Mr. Fletcher Mangum presented on the 16 target clusters identified through the cluster analysis, as well as the results of the workforce gaps analysis.

Mr. Neal Barber presented on the results of the stakeholder engagement process; the draft vision, goals, and objectives; and potential development strategies.

Mr. Beauchamp moved to include all 16 identified target clusters in the Economic Growth & Diversification Plan, and Mr. Revere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

POTENTIAL COMMITTEES

The Regional Council discussed creating a committee for the review of grant requests, but ultimately decided to review requests as a committee of the whole.

POTENTIAL ADVISORY GROUPS

Due to time constraints, Mr. Beale suggested that the Regional Council discuss potential advisory groups (including economic developers and county administrators) at its next meeting.

POTENTIAL OUTREACH EFFORTS

Due to time constraints, Mr. Beale suggested that the Regional Council discuss potential outreach efforts (including to local and state-level elected officials) at its next meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next two meetings of the Regional Council will take place on August 14 and August 22.

Mr. Beale proposed that starting in September the Council set a regular meeting time of the second Monday of every month. The Council supported this schedule, with the exception of the October meeting being moved to October 16 to avoid conflict with Columbus Day.

Ms. Gibson proposed rotating the location of the meeting between Warsaw, Bowling Green, and Glenss, and the Council members supported this rotation.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Gibson, Senior Planner
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