

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #7: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written public comments are attached. Any new written public comments will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

ITEM #8: TRANSCRIBED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE MARCH 19, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Each month, the public is invited to verbally comment on the HRPDC, its policies and programs, and items on the Commission agenda. Comments offered during this Public Comment Period, are transcribed and submitted with each month's HRPDC agenda packet.

Attachment 8

ITEM #9: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

ITEM #10: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Minutes

The Minutes of the March 19, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting are attached.

Attachment 10-A

Recommended Action:

The HRPDC staff recommends approval of the minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for February 2015 activities are attached. This Statement reflects the financial status of the HRPDC as a whole.

Attachment 10-B

Recommended Action:

The HRPDC staff recommends the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Two people addressed the HRPDC on March 19, 2015:

Beth McGee

I actually just wanted to highlight that I did talk to some of you this morning and your breakfast club about a report that the bay foundation put out in October of this year which was focused on quantifying the benefits of cleaning up the bay. We hear a lot about the costs and we recognize that groups, local governments in particular, dealing with urban and stormwater areas are facing substantial costs but we did a report that quantifies some of the benefits and for watershed wide we expect the benefits to be on average annually about \$22 billion if we fully implement the cleanup plan for the Chesapeake Bay for Virginia that number is somewhere around \$8.3 billion annually, which we believe is higher than the overall costs for Virginia. There's also a cost to not fully implement the blueprint. So we brought some of you already have the executive summary. It's also on our webpage, the full report. It's been peer reviewed. We were asked to submit it to a journal of coastal management which I will think give it more credibility than it has but we passed out some of the executive summary to you already and I have more copies if anybody didn't get one and would like it. I just wanted to highlight it for you and you can find more information at our webpage at www.cbf.org.

Ellis James

Thank you, Chairman Wright, members of the Commission. My name is Ellis W. James. I reside in the city of Norfolk and have resided close to the water's edge and that's why I want to speak to you briefly this morning about protecting our coast. Mr. Wright, with your permission, may I take a quick poll? How many people saw the fish kill and the news coverage yesterday? I'd like to draw a picture for you. If we decide, now that the push is under way to drill off of our coast, all of those dead fish for two miles, including an unusual blue dolphin, if that were oil, bye bye Virginia Beach's economy. Williamsburg, the whole underpinning of our East Coast could be damaged. Now, most of you know that I am not an alarmist. I'm a fairly rational individual unless you talk to my children. I would like to point out that we are now on the cusp of the original blowout that caused so much damage in the gulf. I believe April is the month, somewhere around the 20th. I remember it well. There have been a number of efforts made to talk to the people on the gulf coast, and they are really, really still getting hammered. Recently they have just discovered another huge area of oil that they didn't even know about as a result of that accident. You don't have to take my word for it. Google it up. I will come up for you real quick. I am hoping that the members of this Commission will examine this issue and this push to establish offshore drilling and decide to join together as a block to oppose it. The promise of jobs is a figment of someone's imagination. The industry does not train people locally to start offshore drilling. They bring their own people from the gulf and from Argentina and lots of other places. And right now, as an example, from an economic standpoint, Virginia's a little sliver of the pie doesn't even bring us any royalties. Now, somebody's blowing smoke and it's not me. I would hope that this Commission will take this matter seriously and really look at the potential damage to the economic aspects of this because all of the communities in one way or another are going to be impacted. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Summary Minutes of March 19, 2015

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

COMMISSIONERS:

Kenneth Wright, Chairman (PO)	John Rowe (PO)
Clyde Haulman, Vice Chairman (WM)	Traci Dale Crawford (PQ)
James Baker (CH)	Barry Porter (SH)
Debbie Ritter (CH)	Peter Stephenson (SM)
Mary Bunting (HA)*	Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)	Robert Dyer (VB)
Anne Seward (IW)	Barbara Henley (VB)
Bryan Hill (JC)	James Spore (VB)
Mamie B. Johnson (NO)	Thomas Shepperd (YK)

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Randy R. Keaton

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dr. Ella P. Ward (CH)	J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
Randy Martin (FR)	Michael Johnson (SH)
Brenda Garton (GL)	Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)
George Wallace (HA)*	Tyrone Franklin (SY)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)	Louis R. Jones (VB)
Mary Jones (JC)	Jackson C. Tuttle (WM)
McKinley Price (NN)	J. Mark Carter (YK)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (ABSENT)

Paul Fraim (NO)	T. Carter Williams (SM)
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*Late arrival or early departure.

OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:

Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Michael Hipple (JC); Britta Ayers, Cindy Rohlf, Bryan Stille, Jerri Wilson (NN); Bryan Pennington, Jeff Raliski, (NO); Dallas O Jones (SH); Eric Nielsen (SU); Nita Mensia-Joseph (PO); Bob Matthias (VB); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Beth McGee, Chris Moore (Chesapeake Bay Foundation); Seth Schipinski (HRTPO); David Broderick, Velvet Grant, Ray Toll (ODU); Suzanne Puryear (Planning Council); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org) Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Angela Bezik (Williams Mullen); Donna Sayegh (Citizen); Staff: Kelli Arledge, Shernita Bethea, Melton Boyer, Dawn Brantley, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Katie Cullipher, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Whitney Katchmark, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Camelia Ravanbakht, Tiffany Smith, Jill Sunderland, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright asked for any modifications or additions/deletions to the agenda.

Chairman Wright led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced recently appointed Commission Member from Norfolk, Ms. Mamie B. Johnson.

Mr. Randy Keaton indicated Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, would present an update on the Dutch Dialogues.

Commissioner Clyde Haulman Moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner James Baker. The Motion Carried.

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

Mr. John Broderick, Old Dominion University President, reviewed the economic and social impact of ODU in the region and stated the National Science Foundation ranked the University 55 out of 640 for institutions without a medical school in regards to research expenditures.

Commissioner George Wallace arrives.

He stated the sea level rise initiative began in 2010 and creates opportunities for the region's experts and stakeholders to find solutions. He further noted this effort is a multidisciplinary effort at ODU.

The Intergovernmental Pilot Projects mission is to develop a regional "whole of government and community" approach to sea level rise. The steps in this process include:

- Convening intergovernmental planning organization
- Effectively coordinating preparedness and resilience planning
- Incorporate perspectives and concerns of the region's citizens.

He reminded the Commission the pilot project was White House sponsored and to date, two events have been held at the University and future goals included ODU being federally designated as a national hub of research on sea level rise and resiliency.

Mr. Ray Toll reviewed the membership of the Steering Committee and outlined the next steps included effectively incorporating the resources from the Steering Committee and numerous Working Groups to create a cohesive plan.

Commissioner Mary Bunting arrives.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Ms. Suzanne Puryear, Planning Council President, informed the Commission the Planning Council is a regional human services planning organization created 75 years ago to assist in

identifying the social needs of the region. She noted regional endeavors include homelessness, early childhood, childcare and education, and nutrition.

She stated the poverty rate in Hampton Roads is 13%, which has stayed constant for awhile. An additional index utilized by the organization is the nature of calls from the 211 phone line. In 2014, over 50,000 calls were processed in regards to the following topics:

- 41,000 – housing
- 11,000 – utility assistance
- 1,200 – financial support

Additionally, Ms. Puryear identified a growing vulnerable population is the asset limited/income constrained employed.

RETREAT SUMMARY

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, summarized the February 19, 2015 retreat and stated Commission Members overwhelmingly voiced the HRPDC continues to be an unbiased entity and provides sound analysis. He reviewed the feedback the HRPDC received from the Commissioners in regards to the following topics:

- Education
- Sea level rise
- Economic and work force development
- Emergency management
- Shared Services
- Housing and vulnerable populations
- Regional branding and identity

Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC Public Information and Community Affairs Advisor, briefed the Commission on the electronic polling responses.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Comment

Ms. Beth McGee indicated the Chesapeake Bay Foundation released a report quantifying the benefits of cleaning up the bay.

Mr. Ellis James voiced his concern in regards to offshore drilling in the region.

Submitted Public Comments

Chairman Wright noted the submitted public comments section of the agenda.

Approval of Consent Items

- A. Minutes of January 15, 2015 Quarterly Commission Meeting and February 19, 2015 Annual Retreat
- B. Treasurer's Report of January 2015
- C. FY 2015 Budget Amendments
- D. Coastal Zone Management Program – FY16 Grant

Commissioner McKinley Price Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Commissioner Haulman. The Motion Carried.

HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule

Chairman Wright acknowledged the Three Month Tentative Schedule section of the agenda.

Old/New Business

Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, reminded the Commission of the steps which have already occurred in assembling a Dutch Dialogue workshop in the region and indicated the site selection criteria included:

- Visibility and follow through
- Engaged local stakeholders, including local governments
- Problem reasonably solvable in terms of time and budget
- Prototypical of other areas in the region
- Scalable
- More than just flood-risk reduction

He further outlined the five recommended sites in Hampton Roads and identified the next steps.

Commissioner Debbie Ritter requested the HRPDC staff to research the EPA's potential efforts in regards to tracking water use in hotels.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Kenneth I. Wright
Chairman

Randy Keaton
Interim Executive Director

FISCAL YEAR 2015
2/28/15
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 949,661	Current Liabilities	\$ 1,698,029
Accounts Receivables	871,009	Net Assets	5,593,242
Investments	4,246,064		
Other Current Assets	664		
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,223,874</u>		
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,291,272</u>	Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 7,291,272</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Previous YTD	Current Month	YTD
Grant and Contract Revenue	\$ 5,475,927	\$ 2,824,267	\$ 30,462	\$ 2,854,729
VDHCD State Allocation	271,943	113,957	-	113,957
Interest Income	16,000	8,132	3,021	11,154
Local Jurisdiction Contributions	1,402,710	1,358,370	-	1,358,370
Other Local Assessment	1,124,190	1,208,295	-	1,208,295
Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue	11,000	18,248	565	18,813
Special Contracts/Pass thru	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 8,301,770</u>	<u>\$ 5,531,270</u>	<u>\$ 34,048</u>	<u>\$ 5,565,318</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Personnel	4,957,156	2,305,324	343,728	2,649,052
Standard Contracts	235,756	116,578	23,889	140,467
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	2,713,679	1,266,872	194,016	1,460,888
Office Services	395,179	225,616	39,184	264,800
Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,301,770</u>	<u>\$ 3,914,389</u>	<u>\$ 600,817</u>	<u>\$ 4,515,206</u>
Agency Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,616,880</u>	<u>\$ (566,769)</u>	<u>\$ 1,050,112</u>