

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #9: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written public comments were received. Any new written public comments will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

ITEM #10: TRANSCRIBED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 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 10

ITEM #11: 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 #12: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Minutes

The Minutes of September 17, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting are attached.

Attachment 12-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 August 2015 activities is attached. This Statement reflects the financial status of the HRPDC as a whole.

Attachment 12-B

Recommended Action:

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

One person addressed the HRPDC on September 17, 2015:

Ellis James

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Ellis W. James. I reside at 2021 Kenlake Place in the city of Norfolk. I would like to call your attention the Workshop Agenda this morning. Those are extremely important assets, you've seen, gotten good reports and reviews of what progress we're making in Hampton Roads. We need to protect those assets, and part of the danger and the threat is offshore drilling. Please think about this from the standpoint of connecting these dots and not shooting ourselves in the foot after we've made good progress. I wanted to pick on ozone just for a moment. I read the letter, I understand the concerns, but the fact of the matter is this year we've had no fire in the Dismal Swamp. The big fire is out there on 64 and 664 when there are backups. That's where we have serious, serious problems, and I know that the TPO will tackle that part. One last comment. In the category of threats to our area, there is now very good solid information showing that the boxen oil trains specifically the cars which are no longer legal to use, are now being parked all over the country but let me focus on the East Coast. One train is five miles long. Another train is three miles long. What's the big deal? Well, it's simple. Those cars that are no longer being used are dangerous, they're contaminated and there is the threat of leaks, as well as explosions. I hope that the people, especially who are familiar with Yorktown and the refinery/whatever it's going to be, will pay close attention. I have asked Thelma Drake with the city of Norfolk to please do some work in follow up on these and she has done so already, and I'm supposed to find her somewhere in the meeting today and get the information that I need, but this is a serious, serious issue that we need to pay attention to. There are many, many people in the Commonwealth of Virginia who do not want to see this kind of train storage come to our State. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Summary Minutes of September 17, 2015

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Commissioners:

Kenneth Wright, Chairman (PO)	McKinley Price (NN)
Clyde Haulman, Vice Chairman (WM)	Marcus Jones (NO)
Louis R. Jones, Treasurer (VB)	Thomas Smigiel (NO)
James Baker (CH)	Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)
Debbie Ritter (CH)	Barry Porter (SH)
Dr. Ella P. Ward (CH)	Patrick Roberts (SU)
Randy Martin (FR)	Tyrone Franklin (SY)
Sanford B. Wanner (GL)	Barbara Henley (VB)
George Wallace (HA)	Amelia Ross-Hammond (VB)
Anne Seward (IW)	James Spore (VB)
Mary Jones (JC)	Marvin Collins (WM)
Jim Bourey (NN)	Neil Morgan (YK)

Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

*Late arrival or early departure.

Others Recorded Attending:

Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Paul Holt (JC); Jeff Raliski (NO); Brita Ayers, Bryan Stilley, (NN); Sherri Neil (PO); LJ Hansen (SU); Clay Bernick, Carl Jackson (VB); Cathy Davison (Albemarle Commission); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); J. Elias O'Neal (Daily Press); Tom Ballou (DEQ); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Dennis Heuer (RK&K); Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Martha McClees (VB Vision); Christopher Voight (VDOT); Citizens: Donna Sayegh, Frank Papcin; Peter Huber (Willcox and Savage); Staff: Randy Keaton, Kelli Arledge, Shernita Bethea, James Clary, Jennifer Coleman, Katie Cullipher, Rebekah Eastep, Andrea Gayer, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Sara Kidd, Mike Kimbrel, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Camelia Ravanbakht, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jill Sunderland, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur.

Chairman Wright led the Commission in the pledge of allegiance and welcomed newly appointed Commission members, Portsmouth City Manager, Dr. Lydia Pettis Patton, Williamsburg City Manager, Marvin Collins and Suffolk City Manager, Patrick Roberts.

HRPDC 25th Anniversary Resolution

Chairman Wright introduced Secretary of the Commonwealth, Levar Stoney and noted he was a Hampton Roads native.

Secretary Stoney stressed the importance of the Region's leaders to be able to collaborate to ensure the residents of Hampton Roads obtain the highest standards of living and presented to the Commission, a Resolution, signed by Governor Terrance McAuliffe commemorating the 25th anniversary of the HRPDC.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Commissioner Clyde Haulman Moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner McKinley Price. The Motion Carried.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director, informed the Commission he met with staff and all seventeen localities' Chief Administrative Officers in order to be better acquainted with the region and has presented information in regards to the PDC and TPO to the Suffolk and Chesapeake City Councils. He further detailed the Envision Hampton Roads effort is going to be revived and reviewed his participation in the regional roundtable group.

Nominating Committee Report

Thomas Smigiel, Nominating Committee Chair, reported the potential slate of officers for the upcoming year included: Dr. Clyde Haulman as Chair, Dr. Ella Ward as Vice Chair, Mr. Marcus Jones as Treasurer and Mr. Robert Crum as Secretary.

Commissioner Tyrone Franklin Moved to approve the Nominating Committee Report of Officers, seconded by Commissioner Lydia Pettis Patton. The Motion Carried.

Green Sea Blueway and Greenway Management Plan

Mr. Clay Bernick, City of Virginia Beach, briefed the Commission that the purpose of the Green Sea Blueway and Greenway Management Plan was to develop a long-term management strategy which protects, conserves and manages a unique system of natural resources, open space areas, and selectively-chosen recreational uses, activities and facilities. This plan would not create any new layers of government, but would instead establish a non-governmental entity charged to implement, manage, maintain and promote the plan.

The potential impacts would span the three affected localities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Currituck County, NC. These impacts include, but are not limited to:

- Increase awareness of the Currituck Sound, North Landing River and the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal.

- Improve water quality in the watersheds
- Promote health and wellness
- Increase economic development opportunities
- Ensure no long-term capital improvement expenditures to the county and cities.
- Enhance property values

The Commission was displayed a cross section of a typical Blueway and Greenway system and Mr. Bernick outlined the current plan aligned with previous water management plans performed by the HRPDC and the participating cities.

Mr. Bernick reviewed the origin of the plan name, study area and the plan mission and vision. He further identified a large amount of currently protected land holdings and outlined the existing natural resources and surrounding influences.

The plan is organized around seven core components and as of June 16, 2015 all three localities adopted and endorsed the plan.

The Commission was shown a series of graphs detailing the plan implementation and next steps.

askHRgreen.org: Campaign Results

Ms. Margaret Cahoon, Cahoon and Cross, reviewed the askHRgreen.org brand was composed of four environmental education committees with the main purpose of educating people in developing sustainable environmental practices. There was an increase of 18.2% in regards to awareness of askHRgreen.org since 2012 and reported negative behaviors, except garbage disposal use, have decreased.

She indicated the survey included a utility value factor. Overall, tap water and wastewater are seen as a good value to Hampton Roads residents, although a majority of respondents were receptive to small price increases to accommodate system upgrades.

Ten different media campaigns were conducted over a 52 week period, and the askHRgreen.org website activity increased by five percent to 58,279 visitors in 2014-2015. Ms. Cahoon further reviewed the special promotions, publications and the focal point of the media campaign, the partnership with Coastal Virginia Magazine.

She outlined the total results of the public relations campaign included:

- Total impressions – over four million
- Articles and interviews – 32
- Budget - \$25, 012
- Publicity value - \$307, 996
- ROI – 12.31:1

Additional elements of the askHRgreen.org umbrella include, but are not limited to: the Bay Star Home Program, mini grants, on site events and co-promotions.

HRPDC Response to EPA Ozone Concern

Mr. Tom Ballou, Director of the Office of Air Data Analysis and Planning, DEQ, stated the current standard of air quality set in 2003 is 75 Parts Per Billion (PPB). He displayed a graph detailing the high ozone days in Hampton Roads, and noted since 2013 the region has not experienced any non-compliant days.

In December 2014, the EPA proposed and opened a comment period to lower the standard to 65 to 70 PPB. DEQ submitted a comment letter recommending the standard be no lower than 70 PPB. Mr. Ballou further stated the unofficial level range is expected to be 68-70 PPB, although the final decision by the EPA will be published October 1, 2015.

Mr. Ballou confirmed the Region's monitoring levels are within the proposed EPA range of 65-70 PPB, and outlined the Hampton Roads Ozone Action Plan submitted to the EPA on April 23, 2013.

He noted the voluntary actions of the Hampton Roads Region have contributed to the improving air quality and expected the region to stay in compliance with the new standards.

Regional Economic Development Strategy

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director, reminded the Commission that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) completed in 2010, has expired. He indicated the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) is a collaboration of the HRPDC and Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and includes updated information in regards to all transportation projects included in the HRTPO Long Range Transportation Plan and the Rural Transportation Plan. He noted the updated document would assist the localities in obtaining additional points in regards to their HB2 Application Projects.

REGULAR AGENDA

Submitted Public Comments

Chairman Wright indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments.

Transcribed Public Comments for the July 16, 2015 Quarterly Commission Meeting

Chairman Wright highlighted the Transcribed Public Comments from the July 16, 2015 Quarterly Commission Meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Ellis W. James, Norfolk Resident, voiced his concerns in regards to traffic congestion and its effects on the Region's ozone. Additionally, he noted the negative environmental impacts to the region from outdated train cars.

Approval of Consent Items

- A. Minutes of July 16, 2015 Quarterly Commission Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report of July 2015
- C. askHRgreen.org Campaign Results
- D. FY 2016 Budget Amendments
- E. HRPDC Response to Ozone Concern
- F. Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund – License Plate Grant
- G. Consultant Services Contract Task Order – PARS Support
- H. Consultant Services Contract Task Order – SSORS Support
- I. Consultant Services Contract Task Order – HR FOG Online Certification Support
- J. Regional Economic Development Strategy

Commissioner Ella Ward Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Commissioner George Wallace. The Motion Carried.

HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule

Chairman Wright reviewed the Three Month Schedule section of the agenda.

Advisory Committee Summaries

Chairman Wright discussed the Advisory Committee Summaries section of the agenda.

Old/New Business

Chairman Wright indicated there was no Old/New Business

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Clyde A. Haulman
Chairman

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director

**FISCAL YEAR 2016
8/31/15
BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 79,769
Accounts Receivables	2,128,934
Investments	5,343,797
Other Current Assets	664
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,325,643</u>

Total Assets \$ 8,878,808

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	\$ 2,154,985
Net Assets	<u>6,723,823</u>

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 8,878,808

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Restated Previous YTD	Current Month	YTD	% of Year Expended 17%
Grant and Contract Revenue	\$ 3,517,680	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
VDHCD State Allocation	151,943	-	-	-	0%
Interest Income	10,000	354	-	354	4%
Local Contributions	2,871,869	1,165,425	192,442	1,357,867	47%
Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue	83,162	1,707	289	1,996	2%
Special Contracts/Pass thru/Deferred	<u>2,571,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	0%
Total Revenue	<u>9,206,344</u>	<u>1,167,486</u>	<u>192,731</u>	<u>1,360,217</u>	15%
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel	\$ 4,570,037	\$ 360,679	\$ 346,057	\$ 706,735	15%
Standard Contracts	230,855	12,295	12,207	24,502	11%
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	3,957,724	53,342	54,840	108,182	3%
Office Services	<u>447,728</u>	<u>25,734</u>	<u>49,727</u>	<u>75,461</u>	17%
Total Expenses	<u>9,206,344</u>	<u>452,050</u>	<u>462,831</u>	<u>914,881</u>	10%
Agency Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 715,436</u>	<u>\$ (270,100)</u>	<u>\$ 445,336</u>	