

AGENDA
HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 15, 2012

- 9:30 1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Submitted Public Comments
4. Approval/Modification of Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- 9:35 5. Minutes of January 19, 2012 Meeting
6. Summary of February 16, 2012 Retreat
7. Treasurer's Reports
8. Regional Reviews – Monthly Status Report
- A. PNRS Reviews
- B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review
9. Authorizing Resolutions and Certifications for FY 2011 Metropolitan Medical Response System Grant Application
10. 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Priorities
11. Coastal Zone Management Program – FY 2013 Grants

REGULAR AGENDA

- 9:45 12. Emergency Management and Homeland Security Sustainment
- 10:00 13. Environmental Education Program
- 10:10 14. Coastal Zone Management and Local Comprehensive Planning Programs
- 10:20 15. HRPDC Three-Month Tentative Schedule
16. Project Status Reports and Advisory Committee Summaries
17. Correspondence of Interest
18. Old/New Business

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order by the Chair at 9:30 a.m.

ITEM #2: 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 #3: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS

There are no recently submitted written public comments. Any new written public comments will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

ITEM #4: APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires consideration from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under “Old/New Business”.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Quarterly Commission Meeting
Minutes of January 19, 2012

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr. Chairman (YK)	Robert Middaugh (JC)
James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)	Mary Jones (JC)
William E. Harrell (CH)	McKinley Price, (NN)
Clifton Hayes (CH)	Marcus Jones (NO)
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)	J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
Dr. Ella Ward (CH)	Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)
Barry Cheatham (FR)*	Tyrone W. Franklin (SY)
Brenda Garton (GL)*	Harry E. Diezel (VB)
Ashley Chriscoe (GL)	Robert M. Dyer (VB)
Mary Bunting (HA)	Barbara M. Henley (VB)
Molly Joseph Ward (HA)	Jackson C. Tuttle II (WM)
W. Douglas Caskey (IW)	Clyde Haulman (WM)
Delores Darden (IW)	

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dwight L. Farmer

*Late arrival or early departure.

ABSENT:

Dr. Alan P. Krasnoff (CH), June Fleming (FR), Ross A. Kearney (HA), Neil A. Morgan (NN), Sharon Scott (NN), Paul D. Fraim (NO), Anthony Burfoot (NO), Thomas Smigiel (NO), Theresa Whibley, MD (NO), W. Eugene Hunt (PQ), Kenneth L. Chandler, (PO) Kenneth Wright (PO), Michael W. Johnson (SH), Linda T. Johnson (SU), John Seward (SY) Louis R. Jones (VB), James Spore (VB), John E. Uhrin (VB), John Moss (VB).

OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:

John Gergely (Citizen); Ron Williams, Jeff Raliski, Dan Montaque (NO); Eric Nielsen (SU); Brian DeProfio (HA); Michael King, Brian Lewis (NN); Dave Hansen, William J. Johnston (VB) Christy Everett, Chris Moore - Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Ellis W. James - Sierra Club Observer; Patrick Ctute, Frank Sgromozo, Jim Oliver - HRCCE, Cathy Aiello - Aiello Enterprises; Staff: John Carlock, Camelia Ravanbakht, Richard Case, Shernita Bethea, Curtis Brown, James Clary, Jennifer Coleman, Katie Cullipher, Nancy Collins, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Lisa Hardy, Julia Hillegass, Frances Hughey, James Hummer, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Kimbrel, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Kelli Peterson, John Sadler, Jennifer Tribo, Joe Turner and Chris Vaigneur

Chairman Shepperd welcomed Ashley Chrisco, Gloucester; Delores Darden, Isle of Wight and Mary Jones, James City County as new representatives on the Commission.

Mr. Farmer stated he would like to introduce HRPDC's new emergency management staff member Curtis Brown.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two people requested to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Christy Everett

Good morning, Christy Everett, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Hampton Roads office. I wanted to speak to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Regional Planning framework scenario and strategy on the Total Maximum Daily Load document that was distributed yesterday and will discuss today on the agenda. Hampton Roads Planning District staff should be commended for their work in pulling together such a comprehensive document. It is obvious that staff invested significant resources in this effort. Section five of the document lists initiatives for policies support, and its impressive implementation of these initiatives will provide additional tools and water quality benefits throughout our region and watershed. CBF hopes that the municipalities and elected officials of the region will take an active role in advocating for these initiatives at the state level and this General Assembly, as well as future General Assembly sessions. CBF pledges assistance to help with many of these initiatives. For example, wastewater treatment funding, explicit mentioned in there. We have been actively engaged for the past several months and are engaged today with a coalition of eleven statewide entities, including Virginia Association of Counties, Virginia Municipal League, Hampton Roads Sanitation District, Virginia Manufacturers Association and two bills, Senate Bill 494 and House Bill 1180, to increase funding for wastewater treatment plants, particularly using Virginia Public Bonded Authority. We are also working to support budget amendments for agricultural best management practical cost share and technical assistance. While on paper the estimated nutrient sediment reductions under this regional scenario does meet and in some cases exceed pollution reduction goals needed by 2025, without municipalities or county specific data, there is not any reasonable assurance really available to the public regarding how and where the proposed plans for pollution reduction would effectively be implemented. We do believe this is one thing missing and one thing needed to round out the process. We also look to our Hampton Roads elected officials to encourage their staff to share their specific commitments and strategies with their constituents. CBF remains concerned that some of the in stream technologies proposed, such as submerged aquatic vegetation and oyster restoration, further investigation of these technologies and their propriety for in stream treatment for nutrient reduction is warranted, and we will remain open-minded and reserve judgment until this further investigation is concluded. Thank you very much.

Ellis W. James

Thank you, Chairman Shepperd and members of the commission. My name is Ellis James. I reside in Norfolk and have done so for a couple of years. I, first of all, would like to endorse and echo the comments that you have just heard. She does an excellent job and I would commend the information to you strongly. I had the privilege of being able to travel on Tuesday with a bus load of citizens from this area, both on the Southside as well as the Peninsula, with the Virginia Interfaith Center Group. We went specifically to address health

issues, ID issues, immigration, and my favorite subject, uranium mining of the moratorium. Now, at the last meeting, you heard from me on that issue. I would like to point out something to you just so that you can keep pace with what is happening. We had an opportunity to meet with about a dozen senators in Richmond and a number of delegates, and one of the meetings that we had was I thought very significant. We packed conference room 4e at the State House Building, and we were able to have a very vigorous and meaningful exchange with our delegates and our senators at that meeting. They strongly committed to not voting to lift the moratorium, and I am very hopeful that you in turn will now make sure that there is no back door effort to introduce legislation. Senator Phil Puckett assured me that if there were such an attempt at the last moment, and tomorrow of course is the cutoff date, that he would oppose that. I was very happy to see him willing to take that position, and I think it is extremely important and instructive for Hampton Roads. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Shepperd asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Chairman Shepperd asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Harrell Moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Dyer seconded. The Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Shepperd stated there were two people receiving Resolutions of Appreciation today, Mr. Gregory Woodard who served on the Commission for a number of years was not present, and Mr. Robert Jacobs who has been an employee of the Hampton Roads Planning District for 44 Years.

Chairman Shepperd presented Mr. Jacobs with a Resolution of Appreciation for his many years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

Mr. Farmer stated Mr. Jacobs preceded him, John Carlock and Art Collins.

The Commission and staff recognized with applause.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Shepperd stated he would like to make one modification to the consent agenda, remove Item #11, Litter Control Funding Letter – HR Clean.

Chairman Shepperd stated this is a small item, but it is something he thought the Commission should be aware of and he knows his constituents will comment on. HRPDC staff is recommending the Commission send a letter of support to the Hampton Roads Members of the General Assembly concerning the Litter Control and Recycling Advisory Board and Litter Control Recycling Fund. If the letter is approved by the Commissioners, it

will be sent to the state asking them to ensure funding for this program. Billions of dollars in our state offers the things we are struggling with, transportation and different issues, one of the things the state does is provides \$2 million that is spread across the state to help control the litter that you see along the roadsides. This program's \$2 million is spread across for volunteers and contributions to the program by the municipalities which equals \$18 million and is a great leverage.

Chairman Shepperd stated he wanted to make sure the Commissioners were aware of this program, it is small but has a major impact on the quality of life in our community because it is a reflection of what we feel about our community. Those of you that have driven down the roads, and see the explosion of paper or down the expressways or anywhere in your community, the cans and the bottles that end up in Chesapeake Bay, which we are getting ready to spend billions of dollars to fix. He stated this is something he thought was very important and wanted to bring to the Commission's attention.

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

Minutes of December 15, 2011 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Regional Reviews

A. PNRS Items Review

Chesapeake Media Service – Bay Journal – Chesapeake Media Service, Inc.

B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

Demolition of the Aircraft Landing Dynamics Facility Complex, Langley Research Center, National Aeronautics & Space Administration

Community Solar Power Program and Certification of Proposed Distributed Solar Generation, State Corporation Commission

Air Field Clear Zone Management Plan at Naval Air Station Oceana, DOD/Department of the Navy

Multidisciplinary Biomedical Research Center, Hampton University, DHHS/National Institutes of Health

Emergency Management – Jail Assessment Contract

Urban Areas Security Initiatives (UASI) Funding

Amendment – Legal Consultant – Legislative Representation

Chairman Shepperd asked for a motion to move Item #11 from the consent agenda and send the letters to the Hampton Roads Members of the General Assembly.

Chairman Shepperd asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the modification.

Commissioner Harrell Moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the modification; seconded by Commissioner McReynolds. The Motion Carried

(Commissioner Cheatham arrives)

CHESAPEAKE BAY TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)

Chairman Shepperd introduced Whitney Katchmark to present the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan Update.

Ms. Katchmark stated at the December 15, 2011 Executive Committee meeting there were three action items taken. Item #2 authorized HRPDC staff to select BMPs to fill the gap between local scenarios and the Phase I WIP level of treatment. BMP scenarios for the James and York basins will be included in the Regional report. HRPDC staff was not able to create a regional scenario for both the James and the York basins. HRPDC staff combined both scenarios into one, but felt that the information is adequate to satisfy the state's request.

HRPDC staff wants to remind the Commission of item #3, the HRPDC is not submitting the report to the state. Localities will each submit an individual plan to DCR that focuses on narrative strategies and include the Regional Report as an appendix.

Ms. Katchmark stated she would go over the highlights of the report. She stated that DCR asked localities to provide a scenario with the nutrient and sediment reductions equal to the Phase I levels of effort. Ms. Katchmark presented a slide that showed what the Phase I level of effort is; the amount of pounds of nutrients and sediment removed if localities apply the regional scenario, which is implementing all of the BMPs that localities proposed; it also shows whether or not localities met that target. Localities exceeded the target for nitrogen and sediment; they reach 93% of the target for phosphorus. Localities can exceed the phosphorus target if DCR would acknowledge two other actions. The first one is localities' efforts to minimize sanitary sewer overflows and, secondly, localities do a lot of street sweeping.

The VAST tool, which was the accounting tool, did not give localities credit for the reductions of nitrogen and phosphorus associated with street sweeping, and HRPDC feels the Bay Program has already acknowledged that as a legitimate credit. If DCR includes those, that will reduce phosphorus by another 27,000 pounds, which far exceeds the 6,000 pound gap. The localities identified a lot of other types of BMPs that cannot be counted. This is a small selection of those BMPs. If localities can get approval for even a fraction of those BMPs, it will also give localities more flexibility on how they want to meet the targets.

Ms. Katchmark cautioned the localities there are a couple of concerns with the regional scenario. As part of the effort, the localities reviewed their local land use data and existing BMPs they constructed. Once that was complete, HRPDC staff compared the local data to the VAST data, which is the data that is in the bay model; they do not match. There were a lot of discrepancies and inconsistencies. The only way to quantify how much those data corrections would influence nutrient reductions, which is really the target, is to recalibrate the bay program's watershed model.

Ms. Katchmark stated EPA plans to do a recalibration in 2017. HRPDC staff is recommending it as soon as possible. If they recalibrate the model, the state will need to divide the reductions by sector and it will change the localities' targets. If the localities targets are likely to change, then the state should hold off on renewing the MS-4 permits until recalibration is complete. Most likely the MS-4 permits are going to be tied to locality targets. Localities would want to know what they need to do before they start working on new permits.

Ms. Katchmark stated another element DCR requested was to find out what resources localities needed in order to implement all of these nutrient reductions. In the HRPDC report there are some recommendations. Ms. Katchmark stated she would talk about the top four priorities. She wanted to point out that a large portion of the state's plan, which is the Phase I WIP, relies on voluntary actions. HRPDC is concerned that if the voluntary programs are not effective, then more would be asked of the urban stormwater sector and that is also a very costly way to do nutrient reductions. So the priorities are really focused on supporting those other voluntary programs: 1) HRPDC would like to see the budget and the staff increased for the agricultural cost share programs; 2) a new cost share program for all the septic upgrades that are included in Virginia's plan needs to be created because there is no way to get that done; 3) there are a lot of parts of the state in which there are urban areas that are not regulated; 4) it is supporting the state bond proposal to provide a cost share for the upgrades to the wastewater treatment plants.

Ms. Katchmark stated she wanted to recap the cost estimates HRPDC has done in the past and how things may have changed. In October of 2010, HRPDC gave localities a cost estimate of \$9.5 billion that was for the stormwater sector, based on requirements of the EPA backstops. That was the worst case scenario. The backstops asked urban stormwater to do a lot more of the reductions compared to the other sectors. In January 2011, HRPDC gave localities another cost estimate of \$2.5 billion for the stormwater sector which was based on Virginia's Final Phase I WIP which required less of urban stormwater than the backstop.

The cost to implement the regional scenario and the Phase II WIP, which is what localities have today, will change, it will not be the \$2.5 billion. There are a few reasons: 1) HRPDC can now quantify the amount of land that federal agencies and state agencies own in the Hampton Roads region and we can exclude the cost associated with doing the nutrient reductions on those lands; 2) in this past year, localities have gotten a much better handle on the existing BMPs that have already been built and localities can really quantify how much progress has already been made, so those costs can be eliminated; and 3) as part of

this Phase II WIP process, localities identified more cost effective BMPs than the prescriptive ones that were in the Phase I WIP from last year. When localities put all those factors together, HRPDC expects the costs will change. The cost may go down and localities should not assume that the regional scenario will cost \$2.5 billion.

Ms. Katchmark stated the next step is pretty straight forward. The state is going to submit the final Phase II WIP to EPA by March 30. HRPDC is going to keep track of legislation in the General Assembly on expanding the nutrient credit trading program because it will influence how we will get the TMDL requirements done. HRPDC will be watching the MS-4 permit renewal process. The state has indicated it is going to start for quite some time. HRPDC is hoping they will back off for a while and we are going to work on the cost estimate.

Ms. Katchmark stated the recommended action is to approve the report for distribution to local governments. Each locality will be responsible for their submittal to DCR by the February 1st deadline.

Chairman Shepperd asked for questions.

Chairman Shepperd asked who are the localities cost sharing with.

Ms. Katchmark indicated the agricultural cost shares are trying to bring together federal and state funds, and the farmer or the land owner or property owner, would share the cost of doing BMPs. It is to encourage farmers to put nutrient management strategies on their own property. That's the agricultural piece. The cost share for septic would be to ask homeowners to pay part of the cost to get better septic systems, especially if they are not functioning properly, and have the state provide a portion of that.

Chairman Shepperd stated that is one of the problems he has with these kinds of programs because we are asking who wants to spend thousands of dollars out of the goodness of their heart that is when it becomes a problem. One of the things you have an assumption in the report, or you raised it as a problem, is access to BMPs, especially private BMPs. The assumption and strategy is that localities would get that either through voluntary access for municipalities to act upon the BMPs as necessary or, localities would have to buy them.

Ms. Katchmark stated there are a couple of different options localities could have. BMPs on private property that were voluntarily installed and maintained and the localities could ask those property owners or watershed groups to report that those BMPs exist and are being maintained; and another one is for the localities to have easements or condemn land to own the BMPs. That is the most expensive option, and HRPDC is not advocating it.

Chairman Shepperd stated he guarantees the homeowners association would love that. It is a huge bill. When talking about \$2.5 billion, which way that is going to go when localities have to start buying BMPs that are currently owned by homeowners associations. No telling which way that bill is going to go.

Ms. Katchmark stated different localities are trying options and one option is to have maintenance agreements, with homeowners associations, and some localities are already doing that. That was part of the original assumption when the development was created, but there are a lot of details and a lot of specific circumstances that make that decision easier or harder.

Chairman Shepperd asked for a motion to approve the report for distribution to local governments.

Commissioner Franklin Moved to approve the report for distribution to local governments; seconded by Commissioner Wheeler. The Motion Carried.

(Commissioner Garton arrives)

2012 ECONOMIC FORECAST

Chairman Shepperd introduced Mr. Greg Grootendorst to present the 2012 Economic Forecast.

Mr. Grootendorst stated the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission staff has been delivering economic forecasting for over 20 years. He realizes the word forecast and especially the term "economic forecast" is hardly a term that inspires any confidence and accuracy. There are too many unknown factors that affect the economy for anyone to make accurate predictions; from earthquakes, labor disputes, bank policies, international conflicts and unknown factors that are limitless. However, the application of economic theory is important because it enables us to avoid the assumption that the future will be just like the past. Mr. Grootendorst stated he would like to talk about where the economy is right now and then speak on what may lay ahead.

Mr. Grootendorst stated looking back, the great recession has taken its toll. Peak employment was in December of 2007. Currently, employment levels are still 4.5% below that peak. Since the recession began, labor force participation has dropped from 66.2% to 64%; unemployment rate has increased from 4.9% to 8.5%; household debt has declined by 5.3%; 6.3 million jobs have been shed; and GDP has declined by 5.1%.

Mr. Grootendorst showed some graphics that explain how the most recent recession has compared to other post World War II recessions in the United States. However, for further perspective, another chart compared our great recession, with other countries that experienced a recession that has been coupled with the financial crisis.

Much of the discussion in the U.S. has been focused on jobs and the abysmal unemployment rate. The most common description of the unemployment rate often reported by the press and referred to as U3 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has six different measures of unemployment, and looking at their U6 unemployment, which is the broadest measure of unemployment, emphasizes the magnitude of the employment crisis, showing that approximately 16% of the labor force is either unemployed or under

employed. In evaluating the employment crisis several trends have emerged including the disparate rates included in age and race cohorts. It is evident that education is now a key component in finding new jobs.

Mr. Grootendorst showed a chart that compares industry employment in Hampton Roads with that of the U.S. over the past four years. Hampton Roads tended to experience the same direction of growth and loss in employment as the nation, but the extent of those employment gains and losses very substantially. Growth in federal employment was 2.5% in the U.S. and it was 12% in Hampton Roads. Loss of information jobs was 12% in the U.S. versus 24% in Hampton Roads.

Hampton Roads' regional experience of this recession has differed in other ways, most importantly with respect to jobs. The nation began a very slow recovery trend after twenty-four months of employment declines. However, regional employment has been in decline for 4.5 years without a sustained trend toward recovery. Major sectors in Hampton Roads where they lost employment: are in local government, finance, insurance, information, manufacturing, construction, and retail. Combined these six categories account for almost 43,000 lost jobs.

Mr. Grootendorst stated there has been some job growth over the past two years. Hampton Roads sees that in federal government, administrative support, education, transportation, but these job gains have not been enough to counter the job loss effects. For some perspective, to make up for the jobs that have been lost, it would take three years to regain all lost employment if Hampton Roads managed to grow at a sustained growth rate of our best growth rate ever, and that was 2.5%. If Hampton Roads could grow at its best annual growth rate, it would take over two and a half years to regain all those jobs. Conversely, if Hampton Roads managed an average growth at a rate less than one percent, it would take ten years to reclaim the jobs that were lost in this past recession.

One of the difficulties this region is experiencing is related to housing. Hampton Roads experienced a much larger housing boom than the nation. From 2000 to 2003, Hampton Roads had the same rate of growth as the nation before there was a change and the region took off. Therefore, it will take longer for the regional market to correct itself. Construction is typically an industry that helps pull an economy out of recession. Given the current imbalance in the supply and demand for housing in the region, it will likely take several years before Hampton Roads sees strength in the construction market that they are accustomed to.

Mr. Grootendorst stated in looking to the year ahead, there is some positive news. He showed a chart that represents the consensus forecast of growth over the next two years and some of the positive news was the forecasters are looking at: industrial production which is trending upward, manufacturing is up, homebuilder sentiment has improved, mortgage applications have increased, average weekly hours are up, the interest rate spread has come down and initial unemployment claims have come down. Mr. Grootendorst stated just this morning there was a release that indicated initial

unemployment claims dropped 50,000 which is fantastic news because that is a precursor to what Hampton Roads will see in unemployment.

The consensus forecast for the nation over the next two years is for continued growth. To put this growth in perspective, it is unlikely Hampton Roads will see the growth rates that follow recessions; and typically after recessions, there is a spike in growth where growth ramps up. Consensus forecast is that Hampton Roads will not exceed the long-term average growth rate of 3.4%. There are some concerns that lie ahead. The Eurozone crisis, developing countries are overheating and have tightened their monetary policies to curb inflation. And there are cuts in federal expenditures that are looming. Also, there is rising fuel prices tied to tension building.

There is strong correlation between national defense outlays and Hampton Roads per capita income. Looking to the year ahead, Hampton Roads is somewhat secure that it will see continued growth in federal expenditures because the budget goes through the end of September and that federal budget sees continued growth.

Chairman Shepperd asked for questions.

Commissioner Diezel asked what is the relationship between manufacturing and natural resources?

Mr. Grootendort stated one of the things that we see in manufacturing is what we expect to see with most recessions is where you see the cutback in consumption that is directly tied to manufacturing. When looking at natural resources and construction, that is how the Bureau of Labor Statistics combines the industries. However, the main category there is actually construction. It is not the natural resources component that's losing jobs. It is the construction components. So manufacturing and construction are kind of tied together in that same way where you see a decrease in consumption. Consumption tied to both the purchase of goods, which is tied to manufacturing and the purchase of homes and buildings, which is tied to construction.

Commissioner Diezel stated he was not suggesting that HRPDC become job creators, but where we have a relationship, we should probably be cheerleaders on the sideline for those industries that are capable of employing folks. In talking to most of the people in the construction industry, the money that is available to them is in rental. It is not the single family. So you may see a boom in that, particularly the impact on higher density units. He has never heard the Commissioners talk about a collective strategy at this meeting in terms of being job supporters or job cheerleaders.

Chairman Shepperd stated we had a benchmark study given to us last time and then this time we got a regional forecast, and it is interesting information in that we get a sense of our region, but to him as a representative of my municipality, he is always hungry for how am I doing, how is my government, how is my piece of the earth doing? He talked with Mr. Farmer about this and Mr. Shepperd indicated we do not have the staff to get into a very comprehensive review, but there might be one or two things that we can use that will help

each of us in our municipalities, cities, or counties to see how we are doing, what is our forecast. This is a subject that will carry over into the next item of the schedule when HRPDC has its retreat, and this is something can be addressed, but he thought that might be of interest to the Commissioners to know when they talk to constituents, or sit in front of the supervisors and go from here to that meeting, one can say, this is what is going on. You get a sense of what you might want to do. I thought something like that might be helpful.

Chairman Shepperd asked for a motion to approve the 2012 Economic Forecast.

Commissioner Dyer Moved to approve the release of the 2012 Economic Forecast; seconded by Commissioner Franklin. The Motion Carried

HRPDC ACTION ITEMS: THREE MONTH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Chairman Shepperd stated February 16th will be the HRPDC Retreat. Mr. Farmer suggested the localities could invite two staff members. The TPO meeting has been canceled and the meeting time is scheduled for 11:30 AM and lunch will be served.

Mr. Farmer stated having the Retreat during the lunchtime is more efficient and effective use of everyone's time. He hopes to be finished by 1:30 PM. Mr. Farmer stated this will be localities' time to talk about where they want this organization and staff putting its resources. If localities have any suggestions, they can get their information to the HRPDC in time to be put on the retreat agenda; otherwise staff is going to lay some things out as they see it, and what they think is important and then wait for the feedback from Commissioners and then HRPDC staff will develop the work program.

Chairman Shepperd stated on the March and April tentative schedules there is the list of subjects that are going to be addressed during that time. He wanted to point out the April meeting is a full Commission meeting and in April the Commission will have the salary discussion with the full Commission, and when the Commission asks for approval of the budget there are no surprises.

Mr. Farmer stated HRPDC will have the anticipated budget information at the February retreat. During the Retreat there will be talk about everything from products, services, budgets, cuts in budgets, and potential salary adjustments for your consideration. In April, during the full Commission meeting, HRPDC will bring the budget back for formal approval. Please note also prior to each budget discussion the Personnel and Budget Committee meets prior to the meeting and HRPDC staff give them the information ahead of time.

Commissioner Franklin asked what time will the meeting begin.

Mr. Farmer stated the meeting will begin at 11:30 and during that hour it will be a buffet lunch and a working lunch so Commissioners and staff can work while they are eating and having discussions.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

No questions or comments were noted.

CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

Chairman Shepperd stated he wanted to point out there are letters in this section from Senators and the House of Delegates. He strongly recommend not to gloss over them, to go in and take a look at some of the letters to see if you are familiar with what we are saying. He wanted the Commissioners to note the kinds of letters in this section, to get a sense of where we are going.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

No questions or comments were noted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No questions or comments were noted.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Chairman

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

Retreat Summary

February 16, 2012

The Retreat of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chairman Shepperd with the following in attendance:

COMMISSIONERS:

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Executive Director:

Dwight L. Farmer

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ABSENT:

Clifton Hayes (CH), June Fleming (FR), Brenda Garton (GL), Ashley Chriscoe (GL), Molly Joseph Ward (HA), Neil A. Morgan (NN), Anthony Burfoot (NO), Paul D. Fraim (NO), Marcus Jones (NO), Thomas Smigiel (NO), Theresa Whibley, MD (NO), J. Randall Wheeler (PQ), W. Eugene Hunt (PQ), Kenneth L. Chandler (PO), Michael W. Johnson (SH), Ron West (SH), Linda T. Johnson (SU), Tyrone W. Franklin (SY), Harry E. Diezel (VB), John E. Uhrin (VB), Jackson C. Tuttle II (WM), James O. McReynolds (YK).

OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:

Brian DeProfio (HA); Stanley Stein (NO), Michael King (NN), Jim Oliver - HRCCE; Ellis James - Sierra Club Observer; Staff: John Carlock, Camelia Ravanbakht, Shernita Bethea, Melton Boyer, Curtis Brown, Rick Case, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Katie Cullipher, Mary Donny, Natalie Easterday, Greg Grootendorst, Lisa Hardy, Julia Hillegass, Frances Hughey, Jim Hummer, Rob Jacobs, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Robert Lawrence, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Brian Miller, Kelli Peterson, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jennifer Tribo, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur.

Chairman Shepperd called the retreat to order and welcome everyone. He then gave a schedule on the order of the retreat. Then open to meeting for public comments.

Public Comment

One person requested to speak.

Mr. Ellis W. James

Thank you Mr. Chairman my name is Ellis W. James I reside in the City of Norfolk. I want to call something to the Commission's attend that I think is going to be growing and a very serious problem. I hope some of you had the opportunity yesterday to hear the eloquent discussion and concerns but forward by Senator Yvonne Miller. Now the black caucus represents in this part of the Commonwealth a large number of people. There are people who are getting hammered as we speak. Those of us who are comfortable should be thankful, as I am sure you are, but there is a growing concern that women's health issues, funds for the safety net for the poor and a number of other issues that would fall into that category are now in serious jeopardy and are now under attack. I happen to agree with that assessment and I think because of the voice of the black caucus is important to each of our communities both our cities and counties that we should pay close attention. Let me give you two quick examples of something that should not be happening but is happening. Gas prices are going up dramatically and unfortunately the front page of I believe it was USA Today talks about \$4.00 gas. Now that is strange because the refinery capacity in this country right now has a surplus, somebody is playing games and the people who are getting hammered are the people who can least afford it. Our good friends in Portsmouth have called attention to a very critical part of this issue it has to do with the question of tolls, and I recognized that you are not the TPO, however you need to address these issues I believe in each one of the communities. The second thing is the cost of drugs are going through the roof. Hello, did anybody mention, I think they did, that we have a growing population of seniors and people who depend upon those medications and they are being charged in many, many rip-off schemes and I think we need to pay some attention to that also. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

(Commissioners Dwarkanath and E. Ward arrive)

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Shepperd stated he would like to change the order of items #15 and #16 and have item #16 come before Item #15. Chairman asked for a motion to change those items.

Commissioner Cheatham Moved to approve the modification to the agenda; Commissioner Ward seconded. The Motion Carried.

Chairman Shepperd opened the retreat discussions by encouraging the Commissioners' engagement to enhance the value of this and future meetings. He briefly reviewed the newly revised Commissioner Handbook and the resources contained in it. Executive Director, Dwight Farmer offered to provide individual briefings and orientations to Commissioners to accommodate their schedules as needed. Mr. Farmer also reviewed the duties and responsibilities of Planning District Commissions as outlined in the State Code of Virginia. He stressed the Chairman's desire to bring the most important topics to the board for discussion, deliberation and decision-making.

ELECTRONIC AGENDAS

Data was provided regarding the cost savings associated with converting to electronic agenda packages. Chairman Shepperd stressed that this would be voluntary and those that prefer hard copies of the packet can still continue to receive them. It was decided that those who wished to receive hard copies should notify the HRPDC and electronic notification would begin with the March meeting materials.

AGENDA NOTES/MEETING STRUCTURE

Mr. Farmer reviewed the utility of the agenda packet, in particular the agenda note format, in assisting Commissioners in preparing for meetings. The Chairman and Mr. Farmer encouraged members to provide feedback regarding any changes they would like to see.

STAFF COMPENSATION

Chairman Shepperd and Mr. Farmer led a discussion about a placeholder for a 2.5% merit-based salary adjustment for staff in FY13. The Personnel and Budget Committee will meet to consider a recommendation for Commission action.

(Commissioner Dyer arrives)

OPERATING BUDGET – FY 13

Ms. Nancy Collins, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief presentation on the anticipated operating budget for fiscal year 2013. The HRPDC overhead rate which is less than 22%, is well below half of typical government and university overhead rates. The budget as presented accommodates a 2.5% merit increase, while also providing a reduction in local contributions. Additional discussion centered on local compensation challenges and approaches to consider.

(Commissioner Moss arrives)

REGIONAL ECONOMIC ANALYSES

Chairman Shepperd reviewed the methodology associated with the typical regional economic benchmark study and broached the subject of developing local-specific economic benchmarks and indicators that might be helpful at the local level. HRPDC Chief Economist, Greg Grootendorst reviewed the various information and formats utilized for regional economic data and analysis. Mr. Farmer reiterated the staff will make concerted efforts to pull out information in a disaggregated format for use by localities. Mr. Grootendorst also provided additional information regarding the impact of defense expenditures in Hampton Roads.

(Commissioner Dyer departs)

WATER RESOURCE STUDIES

Principal Water Resources Engineer, Whitney Katchmark presented an overview of ongoing HRPDC work in Chesapeake Bay TMDLs. Ms. Katchmark also provided insight into an EPA initiative in Integrated Water Resources Planning which hopes to develop better processes to help localities to evaluate and prioritize water quality projects. Groundwater mitigation and analysis efforts were also highlighted. Further Commission discussion on water resources issues centered on the next steps in the Watershed Implementation Plan process and concerns about a potential lifting of the moratorium on uranium mining. The Commission has supported maintaining the moratorium, but Commissioners felt it might be time to take a stronger position on this issue. It was suggested that the staff convene local legislative liaisons to discuss what could be done and report back at a future meeting.

(Commissioners Wright, Haulman, Kearney and Price depart)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUSTAINMENT

Curtis Brown, Emergency Management Administrator reviewed the capabilities brought to the region by the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds and the risk of losing those funds in the future. Key concerns now focus on how best to sustain the region's increased capacity to prevent, protect, respond and recover from acts of terrorism, as well as natural disasters. The UASI process is the only vehicle in the region which brings together fire, emergency management and law enforcement to collaborate on cross-jurisdictional responses. Commissioners reaffirmed the need to maintain collaborative efforts.

(Commissioners Krasnoff, Seward, Cuffee-Glen, Henley and Spore depart)

HAMPTON ROADS STRATEGIC PLAN

Chairman Shepperd proposed coordination of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRFFA) and Hampton Roads Partnership (HRP) to work more closely to develop a regional strategic plan. Deputy Executive Director, John Carlock provided a presentation on potential approaches. Discussion followed regarding the importance of such an approach to remain regionally competitive and that the Commission is the logical body to coordinate such an effort. It was also suggested that Commission meetings be restructured to allow more time for deliberation of critical strategic issues in the region.

(Commissioner Ward departs)

Due to time constraints, the following items will be discussed at a later date.

- Environmental Education Program
- Housing Studies
- Comprehensive Planning

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Thomas G. Shepperd
Chairman

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #7: TREASURER'S REPORT

**FISCAL YEAR 2012
1/31/2012
BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	541,319	Current Liabilities	1,259,067
Accounts Receivables	1,909,704	Net Assets	5,528,018
Investments	2,938,837		
Other Current Assets	664		
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,396,561</u>		
Total Assets	<u>6,787,085</u>	Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>6,787,085</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Current Month	YTD
Grant and Contract Revenue	6,967,682	1,714,501	3,714,444
VDHCD State Allocation	151,943	37,986	113,957
Interest Income	15,000	2,842	6,273
Local Jurisdiction Contributions	1,362,766	341,297	1,023,890
Other Local Assessment	1,696,891	349,747	1,056,740
Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue	551,150	2,926	22,845
Special Contracts	1,723,517	-	1,189,517
Total Revenue	<u>12,468,949</u>	<u>2,449,298</u>	<u>5,938,150</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Personnel	4,334,115	375,935	2,416,094
Standard Contracts	215,905	16,224	116,858
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	7,147,491	992,401	2,618,206
Office Services	771,438	47,192	309,863
Capital Assets		-	-
Total Expenses	<u>12,468,949</u>	<u>1,431,752</u>	<u>5,461,021</u>
Agency Balance	<u>-</u>	<u>1,017,546</u>	<u>477,130</u>

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #7: TREASURER'S REPORT

**FISCAL YEAR 2012
2/29/2012
BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	190,512	Current Liabilities	1,144,904
Accounts Receivables	1,625,643	Net Assets	4,996,675
Investments	2,938,837		
Other Current Assets	664		
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,385,623</u>		
Total Assets	<u>6,141,279</u>	Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>6,141,579</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Current Month	YTD
Grant and Contract Revenue	6,967,682	173,934	3,921,710
VDHCD State Allocation	151,943	-	113,957
Interest Income	15,000	-	6,273
Local Jurisdiction Contributions	1,362,766	-	1,023,890
Other Local Assessment	1,696,891	-	1,023,409
Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue	551,150	2,050	24,895
Special Contracts	1,723,517	4,500	4,500
Total Revenue	<u>12,468,949</u>	<u>180,484</u>	<u>6,118,635</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Personnel	4,334,115	333,032	2,749,125
Standard Contracts	215,905	4,817	121,675
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	7,147,491	332,533	2,950,739
Office Services	771,438	41,746	351,609
Capital Assets		-	-
Total Expenses	<u>12,468,949</u>	<u>712,128</u>	<u>6,173,148</u>
Agency Balance	<u>-</u>	<u>(531,644)</u>	<u>(54,514)</u>

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #8: REGIONAL REVIEWS – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

A. PNRS Items (Initial Review)

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of applications for grants to support projects involving federal or state funding. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. Review and comment by more than one locality is requested when a project may affect the entire region or a sub-regional area. There were no outstanding comments as of March 2, 2012 on this project.

Attachment 8A - PNRS

B. Environmental Impact Assessment / Statement Review

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of environmental impact assessments and statements for projects involving federal funding or permits as well as state development projects. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. Attached is a listing and summary of projects that are presently under review.

Attachment 8B – Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None required.

Project Notification and Reviews

Date 2/1/2012 **CH #** VA120125-1223740

Title Empowering Low Income Students to Restore the Elizabeth River

Applicant The Elizabeth River Project

State/Federal Program Environmental Protection Agency

Type of Impact Elizabeth River watershed **Project Staff** Sara Kidd

Project Description

The Elizabeth River Project will partner with two school systems to empower 1,900 inner-city students to make behavioral changes to help restore the urban Elizabeth River to conditions safe for swimming and eating shellfish. Norfolk and Portsmouth Public School systems are participating.

Federal	\$60,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$7,500.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$67,500.00	

Date 2/29/2012 **CH #** VA120209-1323760

Title Virginia's NO2 Near-Road Monitoring Program

Applicant Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Air Pollution Control Program Support (EPA)

Type of Impact Hampton Roads **Project Staff** Sara Kidd

Project Description

DEQ will utilize this funding mechanism to identify candidates on near-road NO2 (nitrogen dioxide) monitoring locations in Northern Virginia/Metro DC area, Richmond Metro Area, and the Hampton Roads Metro Area. Once these three sites are approved, DEQ will construct, outfit, implement, install, and operate these permanent near-road NO2 monitoring stations.

Federal	\$418,645.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$418,645.00	

Environmental Impact Reviews

Received 1/19/2012

Number 12-008F

Name Commercial Renewable Energy Transmission on the Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Mid-

Sponsor DOI/Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Description

The Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is requesting public comments on an unsolicited application for an electrical transmission right-of-way (ROW) grant supporting renewable energy. On March 31, 2011, BOEM received an application from Atlantic Grid Holdings LLC (AGH) for a ROW grant on the OCS offshore New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. AGH's proposed project, Atlantic Wind Connection (AWC), would entail the construction and installation of a two-circuit, high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line that would collect power generated by wind power generation facilities on the OCS and deliver it to the grid operated by PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM) and possibly also the New York Independent System Operator, LLC (NYISO). When the wind power generation facilities are not functioning at full capacity, the AWC facilities would facilitate the transmission of conventionally generated electricity between points on the onshore grid. The AWC project is proposed as a single integrated system constructed in five phases over ten years. There are two construction phases that would occur in the Virginia OCS: Phase D-offshore facilities from Maryland to Virginia (about 175 statute miles) with a capacity of up to 1,000 MW; and Phase E-offshore facilities from Delaware to Virginia (about 165 statute miles) with a capacity of up to 1,000 MW. Circuits would connect to the onshore transmission grid at up to seven locations where AWC terrestrial converter stations would convert the HVDC current to HVAC and connect to the grid. In Virginia, interconnections are planned at two of the following three potential interconnection points: one in Virginia Beach; and two more at Fentress. BOEM provided public notice in the Federal Register (Vol. 76, No. 245, December 21, 2011), in part, to solicit public input regarding the proposal, its potential environmental consequences, and the use of the area in which the proposal would be located. BOEM requests information about site conditions and multiple uses within the ROW area that would be relevant to the proposed project or its impacts.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

Based on this review, the proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies. Both the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the City of Virginia Beach support the development of offshore wind energy facilities as an important part of the nation's energy infrastructure. Integrating offshore facilities into the existing grid involves significant planning issues. Any specific proposal to establish an interconnection point in the City of Virginia Beach will need to be addressed through the City's existing planning processes and policies as well as reviewed for consistency with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Comments Sent 2/14/2012

Final State Comments Received 2/17/2012

Received 1/19/2012

Number 12-007F

Name Air Field Clear Zone Management Plan, Naval Station Norfolk

Sponsor DOD/Department of the Navy

Description

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes to establish an Airfield Clear Zone Management Plan (ACZMP) for Naval Station Norfolk in the City of Norfolk. The ACZMP will be implemented within the installation's Airfield Operations Area (AOA) boundaries. An AOA consists of infrastructure and airspace of an airfield to include the runway complex, taxiways and ramp area and overlying airspace both on and off the airfield property. ACZMPs address vegetation management in the AOA to ensure vegetation is maintained at acceptable heights over a plan's 10-year lifespan. The Navy is considering three alternative ACZMPs, including a no action alternative. The two action ACZMPs (which includes the preferred alternative) would include the use of manual, mechanical and herbicide vegetation control methods depending on the type and density of the vegetation. The Navy has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Affected Localities Norfolk

Finding

The proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 2/13/2012

Final State Comments Received

Received 2/9/2012

Number 12-027F

Name Commercial Leasing for Wind Power Development on the Outer Continental Shelf Offshore

Sponsor DOI/Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Description

The Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has issued a Call for Information and Nominations (Call) from interested and affected parties for the construction of a wind energy project(s) on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore Virginia. BOEM will use the response to the Call to gauge specific interest in the acquisition of commercial wind lease(s) in some or all of the area and to determine whether competitive interest exists in any particular area, as required by 43 U.S.C. 1337(p)(3). Although the publication of this notice is not itself a leasing announcement, the area may be subject to future leasing. In addition, BOEM is seeking comments from interested and affected parties regarding site conditions, resources, and multiple uses of the identified area that would be relevant to BOEM's review of the nominations submitted and any subsequent decision concerning whether to offer all or part of the area for commercial wind leasing. More specifically, BOEM is seeking information on (1) geological and geophysical conditions (including bottom and shallow hazards); (2) known archaeological and/or cultural resource sites on the seabed; (3) historic properties potentially affected by the construction of meteorological towers, the installation of meteorological buoys, or commercial wind development; (4) multiple uses of the area, including navigation (in particular, commercial and recreational vessel use), recreation, and fisheries (commercial and recreational); and (5) other relevant socioeconomic, biological, and environmental information. The Call Area was delineated in consultation with the BOEM Virginia Renewable Energy Task Force. The western edge of the Call Area is approximately 23.5 nautical miles (nmi) from the Virginia Beach coastline, and extends to an eastern edge that is approximately 36.5 nmi from the same location. The longest north/south portion is approximately 10.5 nmi in length and the longest portion of the east/west portion is approximately 13 nmi in length. The area is made up of 19 whole OCS blocks and 13 sub-blocks. The entire area is approximately 112,799 acres, or 45,648 hectares.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS FOR FY 2011 METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM GRANT APPLICATION

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC has received its award for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program for FY2011. Commission action to formally apply for and accept the grant is necessary. This award constitutes the 10th award for this program since 1999.

BACKGROUND:

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management required the HRPDC to formally authorize its Executive Director to apply for and accept the FY2011 Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant funds for:

- FY2011 MMRS Program - \$1,126,772.00

The Chairman is requested to sign the following certificate:

- Governing Body Resolution for FY2011 State Homeland Security grant funds.

The Executive Director is requested to sign the following certificates:

- FY2011 State Homeland Security Grant Application
- Grant Assurances
- Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Non-Supplanting Certification

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) has provided the HRPDC with the letters of allocation for the 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program, Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) (CFDA # 97.071) from the National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The obligation period for this program is February 1, 2012 to February 28, 2014. Upon receipt of the allocation letter, the HRPDC was required to submit a completed VDEM grant application by March 2, 2012. To meet the deadline, the HRPDC has submitted all supporting documents (listed above) with the exception of the attached resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the HRPDC Chairman to execute the attached resolution and the Executive Director to sign the grant application for the FY2011 MMRS grant funds for the project listed above.

Attachment 9

Governing Body Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners

(Governing Body)

OF THE Hampton Roads Planning District Commission THAT

(Name of Applicant)

Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director, OR

(Name or Title of Authorized Agent)

Nancy K. Collins, Chief Financial Officer, OR

(Name or Title of Authorized Agent)

John M. Carlock, Deputy Executive Director

(Name or Title of Authorized Agent)

is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the named applicant, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Virginia, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of Virginia.

Passed and approved this 15th day of March, 2012

Certification

I, Thomas Shepperd, Jr., duly appointed and

(Name)

Chairman of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Board of Commissioners

(Title)

(Governing Body)

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by

the Board of Commissioners of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission on the

(Governing body)

(Name of Applicant)

15th day of March, 2012.

Chairman

(Official Position)

Thomas Shepperd, Jr.

15-Mar-12

(Date)

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #10: 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REGIONAL PRIORITIES

SUBJECT:

Prioritize regional non-entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project types and activities.

BACKGROUND:

The Virginia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides funding to eligible units of local government to address critical community development needs, including housing, infrastructure, and economic development. This program has been administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) since 1982. CDBG funds are made available to DHCD by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Each year, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development requests Planning District Commissions to rank regional priorities for the Virginia CDBG Program and provide a list of anticipated CDBG project proposals from non-entitlement localities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the 2012 Virginia CDBG Regional Priorities list for transmittal to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The attached CDBG priorities and project list was coordinated with the planning staffs of the Cities of Franklin, Poquoson and Williamsburg and the Counties of Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton and York.

Attachment 10

**2012 Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program
Regional Priorities**

List of Project Types / Activity Categories and Ranking Worksheet

Project Types / Activity Categories

Please reference the 2012 CDBG Program Design for additional information on the Competitive Grant project types and activity categories. The following nine items must be ranked in one of the three priority groups below. **Please check no more than 3 per group:**

Ranking Worksheet

Planning District Commission: _____

Priority (1 is highest, 3 is lowest)

- | #1 | #2 | #3 | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comprehensive Community Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Job Creation and Retention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Site Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Development Readiness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Business District Revitalization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing – Housing Rehabilitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing – Housing Production Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Service Facility |

Expected 2012 CDBG Proposals:

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #11: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – FY 2013 GRANTS

SUBJECT:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality manages the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. PDCs are eligible for formula grants to support technical assistance programs and for competitive grants for projects addressing a high priority issue, as determined by the CZM Program.

BACKGROUND:

In October 1986, Virginia received its first grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. Since that time, the HRPDC and its predecessors have received over \$2,500,000 through this program to provide technical assistance on environmental issues to the local governments and to complete a variety of technical studies.

The process for distributing funds for FY 2013 is now underway. Under the formula grants for PDCs, the HRPDC is eligible to receive \$60,000 in funding to support the ongoing Technical Assistance Program. The required match is \$60,000. This grant proposal will be submitted to DEQ by March 19, 2012. Additionally, it will be included in the UPWP and Budget for FY 2013.

The process is also underway for distributing funds for the FY 2013 CZM 309 Strategy. CZM 309 funds are match free and must propose creation of enforceable polices in any of nine identified areas: wetlands, coastal hazards, public access, marine debris, cumulative and secondary impacts, special area management plans, ocean resources, energy and government facility siting and aquaculture. The HRPDC 309 proposal focuses on Cumulative and Secondary Impacts and was included in the state's proposed Section 309 Strategy. The FY 2013 HRPDC proposal will build on work completed in FY 2012 and continue the analysis of pilot locality plans and regulations for compatibility with the goals of Virginia's stormwater regulations and Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan. The grant proposal will be submitted to DEQ by March 19, 2012 and will be included in the UPWP and Budget for FY 2013.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit grant proposals to the DEQ to support the CZM Technical Assistance Program & CZM 309 Strategy grant as well as to accept grant offers when they are made.

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #12: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY SUSTAINMENT

SUBJECT:

Through the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant programs, Hampton Roads has been able to develop considerable capability to respond to both man-made and natural emergencies.

BACKGROUND:

Federal funding to support the UASI and MMRS initiatives has been eliminated in fiscal year 2012. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has proposed reorganizing the fiscal year 2013 process for dispersing grants which could further reduce the opportunity for the region to access much needed funding for homeland security initiatives. The Hampton Roads region needs to address sustainment of the capabilities that have been developed over the past several years. As Commissioners are aware, the region's localities have already addressed this issue with respect to the MMRS program. Localities currently contribute \$0.20 per capita to the sustainment of the MMRS Regional Strike Team and the various drug caches.

A number of capabilities acquired through the UASI program remain at risk if program sustainment and governance is not addressed. They include communications interoperability, sheltering, medical special needs and other specialized programs.

Mr. Curtis Brown, Emergency Management Administrator, will brief the Commission on the at-risk programs and proposed regional process for determining sustainment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Hampton Roads Urban Area Working Group, in collaboration with the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee, Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Advisory Committee and other homeland security stakeholders, to develop a sustainment plan that prioritizes homeland security investments and identifies funding opportunities.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #13: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC presently facilitates four environmental education initiatives to assist the region's member localities in addressing local needs and meeting state and federal regulations.

BACKGROUND:

Since the early 1990s, the region's localities have requested the HRPDC staff to coordinate and manage a series of environmental education programs on their behalf. Each program is designed to address local priorities while enabling the localities to comply with state and federal regulatory requirements. Funded by the localities, generally through their utility enterprise funds, these programs include:

HR CLEAN – Litter Control, Recycling and Beautification Education

Priority: What can be recycled

HR FOG – Wastewater Education (Fats, Oils and Grease)

Priority: Minimizing use of garbage disposals

HR STORM – Stormwater Education

Priority: TMDL targeted pollution prevention messaging

HR WET – Water Conservation Education

Priority: Value of tap water

In previous briefings, the HRPDC staff has advised the Commission of efforts to integrate the four programs under the umbrella of askHRGREEN.org

This item was included on the Agenda part of the "Consultant of First Resort" discussion for the HRPDC Retreat on February 16, 2012. Because of time constraints, the presentation and discussion were deferred to the March Executive Committee meeting.

Ms. Julia Hillegass, Public Information and Community Affairs Administrator, will provide an overview of the regional environmental education program priorities and their utility in addressing state and federal regulations. In addition, in FY13 additional research will be conducted to gauge the impact and success of these outreach efforts

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve program priorities and research for FY 2013.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #14: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AND LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROGRAMS

SUBJECT:

The region's localities presently contract on a regular basis with the HRPDC to undertake comprehensive planning and related studies, in addition to grant-funded work in environmental planning.

BACKGROUND:

The HRPDC receives annual funding through the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program to provide a basic level of technical environmental assistance to the region's localities. The HRPDC has been very successful over the years in augmenting this funding through competitive grants to support specialized environmental planning studies, addressing such areas as sea level rise, development of tools for use by localities in managing land use and water quality, environmental education and wetlands management.

Through this program, the HRPDC staff has completed the enclosed report, *Hampton Roads Technical Assistance Program (Regional Coastal Resources Management Program for Hampton Roads) Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Final Report*. The report documents HRPDC activities under this grant program for the period from October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

Additionally, over the past twenty years, the region's localities have contracted with the HRPDC to develop comprehensive plans; parks and recreation plans; and to conduct specialized planning studies. These have included ground water studies, watershed plans and the environmental (Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act) elements of comprehensive plans.

This item was included on the Agenda part of the "Consultant of First Resort" discussion for the HRPDC Retreat on February 16, 2012. Because of time constraints, the presentation and discussion were deferred to the March Executive Committee meeting.

Ms. Jai McBride, Principal Regional Planner, will provide an overview of these programs and HRPDC staff capabilities to assist the localities.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve FY 2010-2011 Coastal Resources Management Program Technical Assistance Report for distribution.
Approve comprehensive planning program for FY 2013.

Separate Enclosure: Hampton Roads Coastal Resources Technical Assistance Program – Fiscal Year 2010-2011

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #15: HRPDC ACTION ITEMS: THREE-MONTH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The HRPDC staff has developed a tentative schedule of issues that will come before the Commission for action over the next three months. These issues are the primary action items the Commission will be considering. Other items may be added depending on new priority requests from the Commission, state and federal legislative and regulatory activities and new funding opportunities.

April 2012

FY 2013 HRPDC Budget
FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program
Chesapeake Bay TMDL
Sea Level Rise
Hampton Roads Strategic Plan – Next Steps

May 2012

Planned Cancellation – HRTPO Retreat

June 2012

FY 2012 HRPDC Budget Amendment
MMRS Oversight Committee Appointment
Oceans 2012 Briefing

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #16: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes of the February 2012 Directors of Utilities Committee Meetings are attached.

Attachment 16A

B. HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting summary of the February 2, 2012 & March 1, 2012 Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee and Regional Stormwater Management Committee Meeting is attached.

Attachment 16B-1

Attachment 16B-2

C. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Attached are status reports on other HRPDC programs.

Attachment 16C

A. Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee:

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on February 1, 2012. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- The Committee had a follow-up discussion to the December 7, 2011 discussion of the International Paper (IP) Groundwater Withdrawal Permit. HRPDC staff was directed to proceed with drafting a document summarizing the technical information related to the recovery of groundwater levels since IP has ceased withdrawals.
- HRPDC staff provided an overview of the EPA's Draft Integrated Planning Approach Framework for Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Planning and planned listening sessions. Mr. Jim Pletl, HRSD, attended the January 31, 2012 EPA listening session and provided a summary of the listening session format and key points. The Committee echoed many of the concerns summarized by Mr. Pletl. HRPDC staff indicated that it would attend the February 17, 2012 EPA listening session and report back to the Committee.
- During staff reports, hard copies of the revised draft HRPDC water and wastewater program budgets were distributed (to be followed by electronic copies via email), and staff alerted the Committee to be prepared for a March presentation and discussion of the HRPDC socio-economic analysis and 2040 Forecast.
- Mr. Richard Stahr, Brown and Caldwell, provided a briefing on recent coordination efforts with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the Special Order by Consent for sanitary sewer system overflows. The Capacity Team will work toward consensus on a path forward and plans to meet with DEQ again in mid-February; meanwhile, HRSD has informed EPA, as required by the federal Consent Decree, of these developments and the potential impact on compliance with the schedule.

ATTACHMENT 1A
THE DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE, THE
REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE
CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
February 2, 2012

1. Summary of the January 5, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee

The Summary of the January 5, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee was approved as distributed.

2. Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Update

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). The HRPDC regional appendix has been sent out to localities for inclusion in their plans. All localities should have submitted their plans to DCR. Regional DCR offices are conducting the initial reviews. Localities should, if possible, send digital copies to Todd Herbert (todd.herbert@dcr.virginia.gov). Also, localities should submit hard and/or digital copies to HRPDC staff along with DCR. The Regional Steering Committee will not be meeting on February 15; the next meeting will be March 1. HRPDC staff does not expect anything to occur regarding the TMDL prior to March. In addition, HRPDC staff received an email from Ms. Joan Salvati, DCR, stating that DCR is treating the Phase II WIPs and Permit processes as separate.

Questions or comments on the WIP or TMDL should be sent to either Ms. Tribo (jtribo@hrpdcva.gov) or Ms. Whitney Katchmark (wkatchmark@hrpdcva.gov).

3. HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Update

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on HRPDC's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application. HRPDC's grant debriefing from HUD has been postponed until February 9. HRPDC staff will report on the findings at the March Committee meeting. In addition, HUD has released the funding notice for the 2012 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grants. These grants are available for planning or implementing redevelopment plans. Eligible applicants include public housing authorities, local governments, tribal entities, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. More information is available on HUD's website and through Grants.gov. The CFDA number for the notice is 14.889, "Choice Neighborhoods."

4. Great American Cleanup Update

Ms. Lisa Hardy, HRPDC, updated the Committee on The National Kickoff of the Great American Cleanup™. Hampton Roads has been selected by Keep America Beautiful (KAB) as one of 10 Kickoff locations across the country. Kickoff events include litter cleanups, park spruce-ups, beautification projects, garden planting, graffiti removal, or waste reduction/reuse/recycling. Events are scheduled across Hampton Roads on April 27-28. . The Kickoff will generate national media attention as well as some funding from KAB. HRPDC is partnering with askHRgreen.org, Keep America Beautiful, and Keep Virginia Beautiful to organize the region's Kickoff events. The region's goals for the Kickoff are:

- To hold a transformational project in each Hampton Roads municipality
- To recruit at least 1,000 volunteers from across the region
- To raise at least \$100,000 for future projects
- To heighten awareness through media coverage
- To engage more people in local stewardship through askHRgreen.org

Information about the Great American Cleanup can be found at <http://askhrgreen.org/the-great-american-cleanup/>.

Ms. Hardy also updated the Committee on askHRgreen.org's recent educational campaigns. These include campaigns focusing on garbage disposal use and proper disposal of fats, oils and grease during the holidays and the Superbowl, fertilizer use and pet waste management during the spring, and water pipe leaks and promoting the use of tap water instead of bottled water during the spring. On April 19th an askHRgreen.org editorial tab will be published and included in the Virginian Pilot and the Daily Press. Ideas for FY13 campaigns include a TMDL/water quality media campaign, recycling basics, and garbage disposal use. FY 13 will include a 6th grade edition of newspapers in education.

Questions about the National Kickoff of the Great American Cleanup or askHRgreen.org should be directed to Ms. Hardy (lhardy@hrpdcva.gov), Ms. Julia Hillegass (jhillegass@hrpdcva.gov), or Ms. Katie Cullipher (kcullipher@hrpdcva.gov).

5. Legislative Agenda Update

Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, updated the Committee on bills of interest to the Committee.

Bill	Description	Status
HB426	Planning districts preparing regional strategic plans	Assigned to subcommittee
HB823	Planning district functional areas	Assigned to subcommittee
HB105	Machinery and equipment recyclable materials tax credit	Passed by indefinitely
HB913	Solid waste management plans made optional	Subcommittee recommended reporting to GA with amendments
SB676	Recycling survey reports must be submitted	Referred to committee

HB114	Cigarettes deemed litter	Tabled
HB124	Plastic bag tax	Tabled
HB67	Nonnavigable state waters regulated exclusively by the Commonwealth	Assigned to subcommittee
HB169	Enterprise zones criteria	Assigned to subcommittee
HB222	Locality legal notices	Tabled
SB129	(Unfunded) State mandates on localities temporarily suspended by Governor	Re-referred to committee
SB123	Environmental covenants; compliance with Uniform Environmental Covenants Act not required	Referred to committee
HB1137	Properties within a historic district can be excluded if a majority of affected property owners object to district	Assigned to subcommittee
HB732	Transfer of Development Rights; sending area may be used for parks and campgrounds	Assigned to subcommittee

Several subcommittee studies have also been called for by the House. These include H.J.R. 85, which calls for a study of the multiplier effects of various types of income tax credits, public-private partnerships, and other public-private investment programs; H.J.R. 132, which calls for a study of the ongoing planning and preparedness efforts throughout the Commonwealth with regard to homeland security and emergency management; H.J.R. 137, which calls for the Secretary of Natural Resources to study the possibility that regulatory requirements may be modified to alleviate the cost and time required to pursue land-disturbing activities; H.J.R. 141, which calls for the study of the impact of unfunded federal mandates in the Commonwealth; H.J.R. 243, which calls for DEQ to study the benefits and costs of seeking authority from U.S. EPA to administer the Section 404 permitting program under the federal Clean Water Act; and H.J.R. 50, which calls for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to study strategies for adaptation to relative sea level rise in Tidewater localities.

6. Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System (GEMS) Training

Mr. Nick Meade, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, gave a presentation and workshop to the Committee on the Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System, or Coastal GEMS, an online GIS that allows individuals to access many of the Commonwealth's water and land natural resources data layers. Coastal GEMS is designed for all users, from basic to advanced. Data providers for Coastal GEMS include DCR, VIMS, VDH, VCU, and DEQ. Coastal GEMS includes fact sheets for each dataset, including a description, its source, and other information. VCZMP is currently working on the next version of Coastal GEMS, which will utilize Microsoft Silverlight to add functionality, including adjustable transparency of layers. The new version will be based on ArcGIS 10. At this point, there are no plans to share raw data through Coastal

GEMS, but many datasets can be downloaded directly from the providing agency. The new version should be out by summer 2012.

7. Status Reports

A. Hampton Roads Sanitation District

HRSD representatives had nothing to report.

B. Hampton Roads Planning District

HRPDC staff reported that Frank Dukes, Institute for Environmental Negotiation, will be at the next Stormwater Committee meeting (2/15). HPRDC staff is currently working on the Section 309 Grant, which will be looking at the impacts of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Stormwater Regulations on locality plans and policies; Committee members should encourage their planner counterparts to attend the next JEC meeting. The Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable met at the Norfolk Zoo on January 25 to discuss ideas for private property BMPs and how to count them for TMDL credit; attendance was excellent.

C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

In the absence of a SWCD representative, there was no report.

D. Department of Conservation and Recreation

In the absence of a DCR representative, there was no report.

E. Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ representatives had nothing to report.

F. U.S. Geological Survey

In the absence of a USGS representative, there was no report.

G. Department of Transportation

VDOT representatives had nothing to report.

H. U.S. Navy

In the absence of a U.S. Navy representative, there was no report.

I. Local Programs

Norfolk staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR and is now working on long range plans for BMPs.

Virginia Beach staff reported that initial results from the City's oyster reef BMP studies indicate that oyster reefs could be the most cost-effective water quality BMP.

Chesapeake staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Hampton staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Poquoson staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Newport News staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

The Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association (VLWA) will be holding the Virginia Water Conference in Richmond from March 4-6; the conference will include technical sessions.

8. **Other Matters**

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for March 1, 2012 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake, Virginia. Materials will be sent in advance for review.

MEETING SUMMARY
CHESAPEAKE BAY AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES
March 1, 2012

The Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees met on March 1, 2012. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committees on the results of HRPDC's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application debriefing with HUD staff.
- Mr. Bill Conkle and Ms. Janit Llewellyn Allen, DCR, gave a presentation to the Committees on the next update to the Virginia Outdoors Plan. They led a discussion of potential needs in the region related to the plan.
- Mr. McFarlane and Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, gave presentations to the Committees on HRPDC's Section 309 Land and Water Quality Protection study, funded by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

1. Regional Housing Program

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

HRPDC staff is preparing for an upcoming program performance review by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) as it relates to the HOME grant for downpayment and closing cost assistance. DHCD routinely monitors sub-grantees for fiscal/recordkeeping, as well as, adherence to HOME regulations such as affordability and Fair Housing compliance. The staff is continuing to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance to qualified first-time homebuyer in the region.

Housing & Human Services Technical Assistance

Staff members are also continuing to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium and currently working on activities to celebrate Affordable Housing Awareness Week in April. A resolution was signed in April of 2011 proclaiming the last week of April as Affordable Housing Awareness Week. Staff is assisting in the planning of an event tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2012. A symposium is scheduled to discuss Housing and the Impact on the Economy.

Regional Housing Portal

HRPDC staff members are continuing to work on the implementation of the Regional Housing Portal. A second stakeholders meeting will be held in April with regional partners to discuss the initiative. Software and programming needs are still being explored.

2. Regional Economics Program

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Information from both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provides easy access to a great deal of regional information. Staff also provides special reports on topics of timely significance, most recently on the HRPDC forecast and the employment benefits of higher education. Over the past two months, staff has delivered presentations to the Newport News Rotary Club, the City of Chesapeake's Proffer Policy Committee, Kiwanis of Colonial Capital in Williamsburg, Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth, Surry County Board of Supervisors, the Hampton Roads Retail Alliance, and Chesapeake City Council. Staff has also responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

Analysis of Energy Development Strategies

Staff has begun work on an analysis of energy development strategies in Hampton Roads. At present, very little is commonly understood as to the feasibility and ability for the region to capitalize on various forms of energy development. Staff will be collecting and compiling information on the region's capacity to develop energy and will research the potential economic benefits associated with energy development.

HRPDC Socio - Economic Forecast

Every four years the Federal Highway Administration requires that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) complete a long-range transportation plan. One of the first steps in putting the plan together is to conduct a regional socio-economic forecast.

HRPDC economics staff will begin the process of developing the 2040 forecast for the region that will include information on the region's population, households, employment, workers and passenger vehicles. This work product will be conducted in concert with the HRTPO and member jurisdictions and will comply with the regulation mandated by the FHWA. Staff will also work to include the needs of other local and regional organizations that rely on the socio-economic forecast for their planning efforts.

Hampton Roads Economic Quarterly

The region's economy is in a constant state of change. Expectations change as new information become available and forecasts are revised in the face of unforeseen developments. Economics staff provides regionally significant up-to-date information through the Hampton Roads Economic Quarterly. The most recent report includes the most current relevant economic indicators as well as a narrative on the tourism industry.

3. Emergency Management Project Update

Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee and its associated tasks and committees. The REMTAC last met February 28, 2012. REMTAC's recent activities included:

- Welcoming the addition of Mr. Curtis Brown, Regional Emergency Management Administrator and Ms. Mary Donny, Regional Special Needs Planner
- REMTAC-supported UASI project status and sustainment

- Fuel Commodity (scarcity) Workgroup, Special Needs Subcommittee, and 2012 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminar planning activities and support.
- Further development of WebEOC standard operating procedures granted the recent milestone of reaching the WebFUSION v2 upgrade and its related data communication enhancements among localities and community partners (i.e. universities, health departments and more).
- Possible procurement of one additional Pet Shelter Supply Trailer
- Support of Metropolitan Medical Response System Shelter Support Unit trailers deployment and development.
- Further development of ReadyHamptonRoads.org as an inclusive regional one-stop preparedness resource.
- Full support of the Regional Communications Planning initiative that begun on a kick-off meeting February 9th at the HRPDC

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

HRPDC staff continues to work with interoperable communications leadership to begin HRTacRAN augmentation installation. Recent efforts include coordinating meetings to identify strategies for ensuring that UASI grant funds are effectively utilized within FEMA guidelines.

FY12 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The HOEPS Subcommittee met in February. Venue contracts have been signed for May 8th at the Point Plaza at City Center in Newport News and May 9th at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center in Virginia Beach. The much anticipated seminar attendee registration opened March 1, 2012, at <http://hoeps.org>. The draft agenda has been set, with seminar content development and finalization ongoing by the HOEPS Planning Subcommittee.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

HRPDC Emergency Management staff continues to support Hazard Mitigation Planning Committees for updates to the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, City of Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Southampton County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Locality adoptions of the final plans are currently underway.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP)

HRPDC staff continues to provide support for the RCPGP Committee and coordinate efforts with the RCPGP program manager.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). In February, 2012, the HRPDC received official notice that Hampton Roads has been eliminated from the UASI program in fiscal year 2012. As such, the HRPDC and UAWG leadership have been primarily focusing on the sustainment of UASI funded initiatives after September, 2014 (end of fiscal year 2011 performance period). Additionally, HRPDC staff has been providing assistance with the expenditure and closing out of prior fiscal years UASI grant funds.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs

The Special Needs Subcommittee met in February and discussed transitioning and program evaluation strategies and priorities with the new Regional Medical Special Needs Planner. A Hurricane Irene Medical Special Needs Registry and Sheltering survey was developed and distributed among local emergency management and shelter support staff. The final results will be discussed at the upcoming March meeting. The Special Needs Registry has been updated and has well over 900 validated registrants.

4. HR Green



The regional environmental education committees continue to promote a unified regional message on environmental concerns in Hampton Roads. Of particular note this month is the development of a spring newspaper insert in partnership with both The Virginian-Pilot and the Daily Press. The content will include messages about the value of tap water, containing fats, oil and grease, pollution prevention and reducing, reusing and recycling. Special features about the region's upcoming Great American Clean-Up and Help-to-Others program will provide calls to action for area residents. This special supplement will be distributed on April 18th.

5. Regional Planning Program

Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail Support

Planning staff has been involved in the development of the Virginia portion of a new interstate blueway known as the Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail (SECSPT), connecting Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. The planning process for the Trail has been underway since 2010. The process has been facilitated by the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) in conjunction with a planning partner in each state.

The end result was the identification of a 'main corridor' for a blueway along the Atlantic Coast. The Trail will connect with the highly successful and well-known Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail and another blueway system,

the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail on the Chesapeake Bay. The Virginia portion of the trail connects the Lynnhaven River to the North Landing River.

To date, the state project partners have worked with local and regional partners to identify existing canoe and kayak access sites and camping/overnight accommodations to provide for day or multi-day paddling trips.

HRPDC staff is supporting the trail effort by developing a website to provide a uniform identity for the new Trail and make trail maps and other information available to the general public. A geographic information system (GIS) database, as well as maps, will also be developed by staff to centralize Trail access sites and accommodations locations across four states.

6. Uranium Mining

At the HRPDC Retreat on February 16, 2012, the issue of uranium mining and its potential adverse impact on Lake Gaston and the water supply system that serves the southside Hampton Roads localities was discussed at length. The Commission requested the HRPDC staff to monitor state activity related to uranium mining very closely. A number of actions have occurred since the Retreat:

- HRPDC staff contacted the region's legislative liaisons to determine their ability to assist in addressing this issue. Through Bob Matthias, the liaisons advise that they will be tracking this issue and that most of the larger localities could use their lobbying firms as well. The consensus of the liaisons was that the HRPDC did not need to hire a lobbyist on this issue at this time.
- No legislation has been enacted by the General Assembly during its 2012 Session.
- On March 3, 2012, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in cooperation with the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME), issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant assistance in providing a framework for potential regulations if the General Assembly were to lift the current moratorium on uranium mining. Proposals are due to DEQ by April 3, 2012 with a final report to be completed by October 15, 2012.

The HRPDC staff will work with the Legislative Liaisons and the Directors of Utilities Committee to monitor this effort.

7. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

At the September 15, 2011 Executive Committee meeting, the HRPDC approved the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Southeastern Virginia. The Plan, which covers the sixteen cities, counties and towns in the service area of the Southeastern Public Service Authority of Virginia, was subsequently adopted by SPSA on September 28, 2011. On January 19, 2012, the Virginia Department of

Environmental Quality (DEQ) advised SPSA and HRPDC that it had accepted the plan as the region's approved plan.

Concurrently, the region is pursuing the re-designation of the region's solid waste planning agency. At press time, thirteen of the affected sixteen localities have acted to request DEQ to change the planning agency designation from SPSA to the HRPDC. Once all localities have acted, DEQ will begin the formal re-designation process.

8. Chesapeake Bay TMDL

As approved by the HRPDC at its January 19, 2012 Commission meeting, the HRPDC staff provided all localities with the final report: **Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan - Hampton Roads Regional Planning Framework, Scenario, and Strategies**. The region's localities all met the February 1, 2012 deadline for submission of their input and plans to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). DCR is in the process of developing its Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), which is to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency by March 30, 2012. The staff understands that the WIP will be made available for public review and comment following the submittal to EPA.

The state's Stakeholder Advisory Group is scheduled to meet on March 15, 2012. Ms. Jennifer Tribo serves on the Stakeholder Advisory Group and will participate in the meeting.

The HRPDC staff will brief the Commission at the April 19, 2012 Quarterly Meeting on the Phase II WIP and regional comments and concerns.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #17: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

- A. **Letter to Mr. Rowland Taylor, Director, SPSA, from Mr. Sanjay Thirunagari, Manager, DEQ, Office of Land Protection & Revitalization, January 19, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Mr. Rowland Taylor, Director, SPSA, from Sanjay Thirunagari, Manager, DEQ, Office of Land Protection & Revitalization, accepting the Southeastern Public Service Authority's Solid Waste Management Plan five year update as part of the approved Regional Solid Waste Plan,

Attachment 16A

- B. **Letter to Mr. Thomas G. Shepperd, Chairman, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission from the Honorable Thomas K. Norment, 3rd District Senatorial District, January 24, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Mr. Thomas Shepperd, Chairman, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission from the Honorable Thomas K. Norment, 3rd District Senatorial District thanking the Commission for supporting the preservation of the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board.

Attachment 16B

- C. **Letter to Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist, HRPDC from Mr. Brent Nielson, Chesapeake Planning Director, City of Chesapeake, January 27, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist, HRPDC from Brent Nielson, Chesapeake Planning Director, City of Chesapeake thanking him for giving an excellent presentation on the economic trends and forecast for Hampton Roads.

Attachment 16C

- D. **Letter to Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist, HRPDC from Mr. John Hite, President, Kiwanis Club of Colonial Capital, February 4, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist, HRPDC from John Hite, President, Kiwanis Club of Colonial Capital thanking him for sharing his thoughts on the economic trends and forecast for Hampton Roads.

Attachment 16D

E. Letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Mr. R. Breckenridge Daughtrey, City Clerk, City of Norfolk, February 21, 2012.

Attached is a letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from R. Breckenridge Daughtrey, City Clerk, City of Norfolk, in reference to appointing Angelia M. Williams to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Attachment 16E

F. Letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Ms. Mary Ellen Simmons, Senior Legislative Assistant, York County, February 23, 2012.

Attached is a letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Ms. Mary Ellen Simmons, Senior Legislative Assistant, York County, notifying the Commission that York County Board of Supervisors elected Thomas Shepperd as Chairman for 2012.

Attachment 16F

G. Letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Mr. Robert Matthias, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Virginia Beach, February 27, 2012.

Attached is a letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Mr. Robert Matthias, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Virginia Beach regarding the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Retreat.

Attachment 16G

H. Letter from Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director to the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation, February 28, 2012.

Attached is a letter from Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director to the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation regarding Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding

Attachment 16H



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January 19, 2012

Mr. Rowland L. Taylor
Executive Director, SPSA
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Subject: Southeastern Public Service Authority's Solid Waste Management Plan Five-Year Update

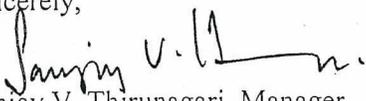
Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Southeastern Public Service Authority's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) 5-year Update received by the Department on July 27, 2010 per § 9 VAC 20-130-175.F is hereby accepted. This update should be considered as part of the Southeastern Public Service Authority's approved plan. All Solid Waste Planning Units are required to maintain plans current, including any updates submitted to the Department.

We acknowledge that SPSA and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission are working on a proposed amendment to change the current designation of Regional Solid Waste Planning Agency from SPSA to HRPDC, and that the members of the region are voting to signify their support for this change. Our records indicate that six (6) of the sixteen (16) members have passed resolutions.

Thank you again for your efforts and cooperation in these matters. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Steve Coe at (804) 698-4029 or steve.coe@deq.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,


Sanjay V. Thirunagari, Manager
Office of Land Protection & Revitalization

cc: Dwight L. Farmer – HRPDC
Steve Coe – VADEQ; Milt Johnston, VADEQ-TRO

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SENATE OF VIRGINIA

THOMAS K. NORMENT, JR.

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January 24, 2012

The Honorable Thomas Shepperd
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Chairman Shepperd,

Thank you for your recent email expressing your support for the preservation of the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board. The elimination of this board was included in Senate Joint Resolution Number 66, the Governor's Executive Reorganization Plan. I appreciate your taking the time to share with me your support for this organization. As a legislator, I am committed to protecting the rights of voters and encouraging civic participation within our Commonwealth.

As you are aware, Senate Joint Resolution Number 66 was introduced by Senator Ryan McDougle and sets out the Governor's executive reorganization plan. This bill in its original form included the elimination of the Litter Control and Recycling Advisory Board.

Senate Joint Resolution Number 66 has been assigned to the Senate General Laws and Technology. I am happy to tell you that the bill was amended to remove the section of the resolution that would have resulted in the elimination of the Litter Control and Recycling Advisory Board. The resolution was passed from committee with this and several other amendments and made its way to the Senate floor, where it was passed by the Senate. The resolution will next be considered by the House of Delegates.

As your representative in the Virginia State Senate, I realize the importance of your input. Please continue to keep me aware of issues that are of significance to you. You may continue to track this bill and other issues that are important to you at <http://leg1.state.va.us/>. Please contact my office if there is any other matter with which I may assist you. With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Norment, Jr.".

Thomas K. Norment, Jr.

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Attachment 17B

City of Chesapeake
Department of Planning
Post Office Box 15225
Chesapeake, Virginia 23328-5225
(757) 382-6176
FAX (757) 382-8356

January 27, 2012

Mr. Greg Grootendorst
Chief Economist
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Greg:

On behalf of Chesapeake's Proffer Policy Review Committee and City staff, I wanted to take this opportunity to express our thanks for your excellent presentation on the economic trends and forecast for Hampton Roads at yesterday's committee meeting. Your presentation on the status of key economic indicators related to growth and development, as well as your predictions on how our regional economy may track over the next year, were very beneficial to the committee's understanding. The insights that you shared will be helpful to the committee as it begins to develop recommendations to present to our City Council.

We will endeavor to keep you apprised of further developments with the committee and may, as appropriate, follow-up with you if additional information is needed from HRPDC. Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Brent R. Nielson
Chesapeake Planning Director

cc: William E. Harrell, Chesapeake City Manager
Amar Dwarkanath, Deputy City Manager – Operations
Dwight Farmer, Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Planning
District Commission

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KIWANIS CLUB OF COLONIAL CAPITAL

February 4, 2012

Mr. Greg Grootendorst
Chief Economist
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Greg:

On behalf of Kiwanis of Colonial Capital, thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on the economy with our membership. I realize that you came a long way, and your effort was much appreciated. Your remarks were very thought provoking, and we were all impressed with the depth of your preparation. I hope that you had an uneventful trip back to the 'other' side of the James.

Sincerely,

John Hite
President

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P. O. BOX 612, WILLIAMSBURG VA 23187-0612

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City of Norfolk
Virginia

Office of the City Clerk

February 21, 2012

Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District
Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Mr. Farmer:

Attached for your records is a copy of Resolution 1506 adopted by the Norfolk City Council on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, appointing Angelia M. Williams (replacing Theresa W. Whibley) to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for a term beginning February 14, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2012 and reappointing Paul D. Fraim and Anthony L. Burfoot a term beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 664-4253.

Sincerely,

R. Breckenridge Daughtrey
City Clerk

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Office of the City Attorney

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R-11

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING OR REAPPOINTING 23 PERSONS TO 1 BOARD AND 6 COMMISSIONS FOR CERTAIN TERMS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the following persons are hereby reappointed to the **Public Arts Commission**:

1. Maizelle Brown (citizen-at-large), for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
2. Craig Reilly (citizen-at-large), for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
3. Stephanie Short (business representative), for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
4. Robert Wojtowicz (education), for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.

Section 2:- That the following persons are hereby appointed and reappointed to the **Norfolk Recreation Commission**:

1. George H. Curtis, IV, reappointed, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
2. Donald J. Musacchio, reappointed, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
3. Charlette Williams, reappointed, for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
4. Charles Melcher, appointed, for a term beginning February 14, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.

Section 3:- That the following persons are hereby reappointed to the **Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees**:

1. Christopher R. Neikirk (citizen), for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2015.
2. Nicholas E. Nelson (firefighter/para), for a term beginning January 1, 2011 and expiring December 31, 2014.
3. Eric G. Tucker (general employees), for a term beginning January 1, 2011 and expiring December 31, 2014.

Section 4:- That Robert Hudson is hereby appointed to **The Tree Commission**, for a term beginning February 14, 2012 and expiring April 4, 2013, which is the unexpired term of Linda Hyatt Wilson, resigned.

Section 5:- That the following persons are hereby appointed and reappointed to the **Hampton Roads Planning District Commission**:

1. Paul D. Fraim, reappointed, for a term beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2013.
2. Anthony L. Burfoot, reappointed, for a term beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2013.
3. Angelia M. Williams, appointed, for a term beginning February 14, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2012, which is the unexpired term of Theresa W. Whibley, resigned.

Section 6:- That the following persons are hereby appointed and reappointed to the **Civic Facilities Commission**:

1. Suzanne Daffron Allen, reappointed, a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
2. Glen Bonney, reappointed for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
3. Charles Gifford, reappointed for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
4. Melvin L. Holloman, reappointed for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.
5. Blake Cullen, appointed for a term beginning February 14, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014.

Section 7:- That the following persons are hereby appointed and reappointed to the Norfolk Environmental Commission:

1. David Brenner, reappointed, a term beginning December 22, 2011 and expiring December 21, 2014.
2. Louise C. Rosmer, appointed for a term beginning February 14, 2012 and expiring December 21, 2014.
3. Robert T. Vitek, appointed for a term beginning February 14, 2012 and expiring December 21, 2014.

Section 8:- That this Resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

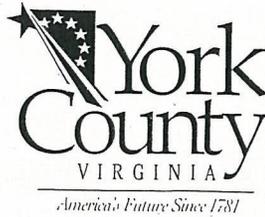
Adopted by Council February 14, 2012
Effective February 14, 2012

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TESTE:

R. BRECKENRIDGE DAUGHTREY, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
James O. McReynolds



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Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
District 5

February 23, 2012

Mr. Dwight Farmer
Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Dear Mr. Farmer:

This is to notify you that at its organizational meeting held January 3, 2012, the York County Board of Supervisors elected Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., as its Chairman for 2012. Please forward any future Commission or Mayors & Chairs correspondence or information for Mr. Shepperd to his home address, 131 Chinquapin Orchard, Yorktown, Virginia 23693. For meeting and scheduling purposes, he can be contacted by telephone at 890-3332 or by email at shepperd@yorkcounty.gov.

Chairman Shepperd will continue to serve as York County's appointed representative on the HRPDC and the Transportation Planning Organization.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 890-3325.

Sincerely,


Mary Ellen Simmons, MMC
Senior Legislative Assistant

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February 27, 2012

Dwight L. Farmer
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Subject: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) Retreat

Dear Dwight:

In response to your letter concerning the need for the HRPDC to hire lobbyists on the uranium issue, I spoke to a number of my fellow liaisons. At this time, the consensus among the liaisons is that this would be unnecessary. In the near future, Governor McDonnell will be releasing a request for proposal (RFP) for the creation of the regulations for possible mining of uranium in Virginia.

The envisioned process will have a consultant create draft regulations over the next eight months or so. This will likely be a fairly closed process with little to no public input opportunity. The uranium mining regulations will be released to the public for review and comment prior to the 2013 session. After the referenced regulations are released, I will be happy to work with you to organize a meeting with all of the Hampton Roads Liaisons to further discuss the potential need for additional lobbying assistance at the HRPDC regional level.

Obviously, the liaisons will be following the regulation process to the extent possible. Most of the larger jurisdictions in Hampton Roads have lobbying firms that can also assist with consultants monitoring the regulation creation process.

If I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Matthias
Assistant to the City Manager

RRM/tdr

c: James K. Spore, City Manager
Hampton Roads Legislative Liaisons



THOMAS G. SHEPPERD, JR., CHAIRMAN • KENNETH J. WRIGHT, VICE CHAIR • JAMES D. McREYNOLDS, TREASURER
DWIGHT L. FARMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

February 28, 2012

This letter was sent to the attached list.

CHESAPEAKE

FRANKLIN

RE: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Funding

GLOUCESTER

Dear :

HAMPTON

Last month the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission requested your support to urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide much needed funding to ensure Hampton Roads is able to sustain homeland security capabilities built over the last five years. Unfortunately, DHS has announced that the Hampton Roads will no longer receive funding from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. Virginia's elected leaders initiated a bipartisan effort over five years ago to push for the Hampton Roads inclusion in this risk-based program. The strong case for the Hampton Roads inclusion in the UASI program remains given the complexities of the terrorism threat and increased intensity of natural disasters. As you know, the region houses the largest military-industrial complex in the world. Recent international attention on the valiant efforts of elite military units housed in the region only heightens the need to sustain homeland security capabilities. The first responders who work to protect those who visit and call Hampton Roads home will be severely hampered by the loss of UASI funding.

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Hampton Roads homeland security stakeholders request that you review the risk assessment process utilized by DHS to ensure it takes into account all the factors that increase the Region's vulnerability. A thorough analysis of the Hampton Roads risk profiles, which includes an interconnected transportation network and unique critical infrastructure, provides a clear case for the Region's inclusion when comparing it to other urban areas. Finally, as Congress discusses the Fiscal Year 2013 budget we request your support for including provisions for UASI funding to sustain the Hampton Roads homeland security capabilities.

PORTSMOUTH

SOUTHAMPTON

SUFFOLK

SURRY

Thank you for your continued support of the Hampton Roads. If your staff has any questions, please contact Mr. Curtis Brown at (757) 420-8300 or via e-mail (cbrown@hrpdcva.gov).

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WILLIAMSBURG

Sincerely,

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Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

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Norfolk, VA 23510

The Honorable Jim Webb
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Bobby Scott
Congressman
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AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #18: OLD/NEW BUSINESS