

**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 15, 2016
9:30 AM
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval/Modification of Agenda**
3. **Submitted Public Comments**

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

4. **Public Comment Period**

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

5. **Executive Director's Report – Bob Crum (Attachment 5)**
6. **Consent Agenda (Attachment 6)**

- a. **Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2016 Quarterly Commission Meeting**
- b. **Transcribed Public Comments – July 21, 2016 Quarterly Commission Meeting**
- c. **Hampton Roads H2O (HELP TO OTHERS) Program – Memorandum of Agreement**

The Hampton Roads Help to Others (H2O) Program was established by the HRPDC and the participating jurisdictions in 1999. It was incorporated as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation under Virginia law in 2007. The Board of Directors of the Hampton Roads H2O Program consists of the Director of Utilities of the participating localities and the General Manager of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. The HRPDC staff provides staff support for the Program.

The purpose of the Hampton Roads H2O – Help to Others – Program is to solicit community contributions, which are used to provide financial aid to families or individuals in danger of losing residential water service due to a family crisis. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is an agreement between the Hampton Roads H2O Program Board of Directors, Hampton Roads Sanitation District and Hampton Roads Planning District

Commission. It formalizes the relationship among and the responsibilities of the three entities for program operation and management. The agreement has a term of five years and the original MOA was executed in 2010.

The Hampton Roads H2O Program Board of Directors met on August 3, 2016, approved the revised Memorandum of Agreement and authorized the Board Chairman to execute renewing the MOA on its behalf.

Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Hampton Roads H2O – Help to Others – Program Memorandum of Agreement

d. HRPDC Housing Program Budget Amendment

The Housing and Human Services Department of the HRPDC has been working with the City of Portsmouth Planning Department to assist with providing down payment and closing cost assistance to qualified low and moderate income buyers in the City of Portsmouth.

The HRPDC received \$19,364 from the City of Portsmouth-HOME fund grant initiative in FY16, with the remaining \$280,636 to be carried over to FY2017. In addition to these funds, the HRPDC has been awarded an additional \$ 161,520.50 for the current FY17 contract to continue these activities.

Staff recommends that the Commission approved this budget amendment.

Action Requested: The Commission should take action to approve the September 15, 2016 Consent Agenda.

7. Support for Roanoke River Basin Association – Tom Leahy, Deputy City Manager, City of Virginia Beach (Attachment 7)

Mr. Leahy will brief the HRPDC on the importance of Lake Gaston to the water supply of south Hampton Roads, review the importance of water quality protection in the Roanoke River Basin to this water resource and request the Commission's support for the work of the Roanoke River Basin Association.

The Virginia Beach/Chesapeake Lake Gaston project delivers water to the Norfolk reservoirs located in Suffolk and Isle of Wight County. Due to intermixing and interconnecting, Lake Gaston Water ends up in the tap water of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Norfolk. Since Suffolk and Isle of Wight will be purchasing surplus water from Norfolk in the future, Lake Gaston water will provide supply to these jurisdictions as well.

In addition to eliminating a regional water shortage in south Hampton Roads, the Lake Gaston project has resulted in a significant reduction in municipal groundwater withdrawals from the regional aquifer. The USGS has identified groundwater withdrawals as a major contributor to land subsidence, which has compounded the impact of sea level rise in Hampton Roads. The benefits of the Lake Gaston project may go beyond addressing a regional water supply need and help address land subsidence and sea level rise challenges in our region.

Any contamination of Lake Gaston from sources such as uranium mining or coal ash releases would have significant impacts in south Hampton Roads. The Roanoke River Basin Association (RRBA) has been a successful advocate for clean water in the Basin for over 70 years. Their recent advocacy work was instrumental in stopping the threat of radioactive contamination, ensuring the clean-up of other coal ash sites in the basin and addressing potential threats from hog farm lagoons.

The RRBA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that draws contributions from individuals and local county and city governments, but these revenues are not sufficient to fund a full time executive for this organization. The RRBA is asking Hampton Roads for financial support to allow the RRBA to hire a full-time executive director.

On behalf of Virginia Beach, Mr. Leahy will request that the HRPDC agree to support the RRBA in the amount of \$50,000 per year. Combined with other contributions, this funding would allow the RRBA to fund a full-time executive director.

Attached for the Commission's review are two PowerPoint briefings that provide background information on the Lake Gaston project and the importance of water quality protection in the Basin that is tributary to this water source. Mr. Leahy will brief the Commission on this topic and request input from Commission members.

The HRPDC should discuss the information presented and provide direction on this request.

8. Briefing from Old Dominion University President John Broderick and William and Mary President Taylor Reveley

President Broderick and President Reveley will brief the Commission on ongoing initiatives at Old Dominion University and William and Mary, discuss opportunities for collaboration and review initial priorities for the 2017 General Assembly session.

This item is provided for information purposes and does not require action by the Commission.

9. **Three Month Tentative Schedule**

October 2016

Annual Meeting
Regional Poverty Discussion
HRPDC Governance Proposal

November 2016

Regional Legislative Agenda
Joint Land Use Study

December 2016

Tentatively Cancelled

10. **Advisory Committee Summaries (Attachment 10)**

A summary of HRPDC Advisory Committee meetings that were held since the last HRPDC Meeting are attached for review.

11. **For Your Information (Attachment 11)**

The following items are attached for review by Commission members:

- Correspondence from Isle of Wight County and the Cities of Norfolk and Williamsburg appointing new members to the HRPDC.

12. **Old/New Business**

13. **Adjournment**