

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

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr. Chairman (YK)	McKinley Price, (NN)
Kenneth Wright, Vice Chairman (PO)	Neil A. Morgan (NN)
James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)	Marcus Jones (NO)
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)	Thomas Smigiel (NO)
Eric Martin (CH)	Angelia Williams (NO)*
Dr. Ella Ward (CH)	Kenneth L. Chandler, (PO)
Dr. Alan P. Krasnoff (CH)*	Tyrone W. Franklin (SY)
Barry Cheatham (FR)	John Seward (SY)
Brenda Garton (GL)	Harry E. Diezel (VB)
Ashley Chriscoe (GL)	Robert M. Dyer (VB)
Mary Bunting (HA)	Louis R. Jones (VB)
W. Douglas Caskey (IW)	James Spore (VB)
Delores Darden (IW)	Jackson C. Tuttle II (WM)
Robert Middaugh (JC)*	Clyde Haulman (WM)
Mary Jones (JC)*	

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dwight L. Farmer

*Late arrival or early departure.

ABSENT:

Clifton Hayes (CH), Randy Martin (FR), Ross A. Kearney (HA), Molly Joseph Ward (HA), Sharon Scott (NN), Paul D. Fraim (NO), Anthony Burfoot (NO), W. Eugene Hunt (PQ), J. Randall Wheeler (PQ), Michael W. Johnson (SH), Ronald W. West (SH), Linda T. Johnson (SU), Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU), John E. Uhrin (VB), John Moss (VB) Barbara M. Henley (VB).

OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:

John Gergely (Citizen); Earl Sorey (CH), Ron Williams, Jeff Raliski, Dan Montague (NO); Eric Nielsen (SU); Brian DeProfio (HA); Beverly Walkup (IW); Michael King, Jerri Wilson (NN); Sherri Neil, Charles Whitehurst (PO); Eric Nielsen (SU); Ellis W. James, Sierra Club Observer; Tony Kinn, Ryan Pedraza, Office of Transportation Public-Private Partnership; Ted Henifin, HRSD; Randy Grubbs, HDR; L. Frank Mach, USDOT; Mitzi Crystal, Frank Fabian, VDOT; Chris Moore, CBF; Gary St. John, CDM Smith; Cathy Aiello – Aiello Enterprises; Staff: John Carlock, Camelia Ravanbakht, Richard Case, Shernita Bethea, Melton Boyer, Curtis Brown, James Clary, Jennifer Coleman, Katie Cullipher, Nancy Collins, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Lisa Hardy, Julia Hillegass, James Hummer, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Kimbrel, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Benjamin McFarlane, Kelli Peterson, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jennifer Tribo, Joe Turner and Chris Vaigneur.

Chairman Shepperd stated because we do not have a quorum for a full Commission meeting, will open the meeting as an Executive Committee meeting. Last year the Executive Committee addressed the budget and there were some surprised when time came to approve the HRPDC budget. The intent today is to try to make sure there are no surprises. The Chairman recommended Item #13, FY 2013 Draft Budget, be moved behind Item #17, HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule, and hope enough Commissioners arrive to approve the budget and have a Full Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One person requested to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Ellis W. James

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and my apologies for not having gotten here in time to fill out the card. Sometimes when you get lab work they really nail you. My name is Ellis W. James. I am a lifelong resident of the City of Norfolk and a proud activist and also a member of the Norfolk Environmental Commission. I would like to urge each of the communities on the HRPDC to carefully consider the issue of the coal-fired plant, power plant that is being proposed. Many of us are very, very concerned about the questions of water quality and air quality. This is the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's report from May 2011. If you have not seen it, I would urge you to avail yourself of it. It is an excellent review of the issue itself, a coal plant's drain on health and wealth. I don't mean to be inflammatory about it, but one of the critical issues that confront this Commission is the issue of air quality and whether or not we can remain in attainment to the regulations that govern that situation and especially in view of our traffic snarls and backups and so on. I think that the coal-fired plant is an issue that spreads across the spectrum. The Asthma Foundation Association has issued grave concerns about what it would do to our children and our seniors, as well as adults, and I might add for those of you who don't know, we have just lost a very fine lady, Maria Lowpresso who died, she was 41 years old she had asthma. One of the great triggers surrounding asthma is the question of stress and of course in the mix is the question of our air quality. I will leave you with this one last observation, as a proud resident of Norfolk, I am very hopeful that on this coming Tuesday, the City of Norfolk will send a clear signal to all of the other communities represented around this table by voting strong opposition to the coal-fired power plant, and I am hoping that our friends in Williamsburg and in other areas who are wrestling with this situation will be able to take note of that action. It is never a done deal, as you well know, when you're dealing with the various resolutions and moves that are made surrounding these items, but now is the time for the communities of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to step up and try to help protect our water and our air quality. Thank you.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Chairman Shepperd stated there was a quorum for a full Commission meeting. The Executive Committee portion is closed and a full Commission meeting is now in session. Since there is a full Commission there is no need for a modification to the agenda.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

Minutes of March 15, 2012 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Regional Reviews

A. PNRS Items Review

Neighbors Drive/Richmond Road Neighborhood Improvements Grant Application – James City County

Section 103 PM 2.5 Air Monitoring Program – Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

Pierside Testing of Signal Analysis System – DOD/U.S. Navy

Reissuance of Nationwide Permits & Virginia Regional Conditions – DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Management of Vulture Damage in Virginia – USDA/Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service/WS

University Entrance/Interior Roads - Christopher Newport University

The Grove at Arboretum – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Scenic Byway – Department of the Interior: National Park Service

Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail MOA

Regional Solid Waste Plan for Southeastern Virginia – Amendment No. 1

Affordable Housing Awareness Week – Resolution

Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable – Final Report

City of Poquoson Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Urban Areas Security Initiatives (UASI) Funding

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

Commissioner McReynolds Moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Price. The Motion Carried

FY 2013 DRAFT BUDGET

Chairman Shepperd introduced Ms. Nancy Collins to present the FY 2013 Draft Budget.

Ms. Collins stated she would like to present a balanced budget for the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. The HRPDC budget is almost 10% lower than last year's. Part of the reduction is a result of the 2.5% decrease in member dues from the \$.82 per capita to \$.80 which resulted in a \$33,000 reduction. The bigger share of the reduction was due to UASI and USDOT programs as a result of program cycles that will have little effect on operations.

Ms. Collins presented a slide which showed revenues coming from a variety of sources, such as homeland security, and transportation grants comprising over half of the funding at \$6.9 million and other local programs and member contributions coming in at \$1.7 million and \$1.3 million respectively. The state DHCD grant for the PDC continues to lag at less than half of its peak. This year, HRPDC will be receiving \$151,943 versus the \$366,628 that was received in 2001. HRPDC's largest categories of expenditures are pass-through to outside consultants and personnel. The projects that require a limited time frame or are one-time work are done mainly by the outside consultants, and those projects that reoccur and require local knowledge and expertise are done in-house.

Because of the revenue shortfall predicted for 2013, HRPDC has factored in significant reductions in all expenditure areas except personnel by cutting back on travel, public promotions, equipment purchases and postage, which electronic agendas will be a big part of that savings. The HRPDC was able to factor in a 2% merit-based adjustment placeholder for all staff.

Ms. Collins presented a slide that showed the HRPDC's reserve status. The HRPDC also plans to continue funding these reserves that were approved by Commission two years ago. These reserves provide funding for the non-routine expenditures that are required for infrastructure operating, building maintenance, including unanticipated equipment purchases such as a new telephone system or an HVAC system, vehicle replacement, computer network system upgrades, interior and capital improvement upgrades, as well as a reserve for the VRS, and the federally mandated GASB 45 retiree liability reserve.

Ms. Collins stated Mr. Farmer feels it is important for the Commissioners to know the HRPDC calculated overhead rate is only 25%. HRPDC operating expenses, excluding personnel, are only 8% of the total budget. In addition, HRPDC plans to fully implement the mandated VRS 5% employee contribution change effective July 1, 2012. HRPDC plans to make its employees whole by increasing base salaries by 5.28% to fully cover this increased premium. This change is not included in the budget numbers presented today,

but the \$40,000 cost will be covered out of the existing contingencies fund. Management feels that this is the right approach to take in these economic times and recommends that the board approve this budget as presented.

Chairman Shepperd asked for questions.

(Commissioners Mary Jones and R. Middaugh arrive)

Chairman Shepperd stated he wanted to re-emphasize the spreadsheet that gives a clear picture of the organization's pass-through funds. One other aspect the Commissioners are going to have to talk about eventually, is the UASI funding that is on the line. There is a possibility HRPDC staff are going to have two emergency management positions that will be eliminated. It is also going to affect the things such as the communication for emergencies for the cities and counties to talk to each other within the region. Hampton Roads has fallen off the Homeland Security table. They perceive Hampton Roads is not that important, which he finds a little incredible and so does everybody else when you look at the military, the ports, and the economic activity; these are items the Commission will talk about later at another meeting. Chairman Shepperd wanted to highlight that the great work the HRPDC is doing because the overhead is a small portion of the budget.

Chairman Shepperd stated his recommendation is for the motion to approve the budget and in a separate motion he suggests the 2% merit increase issue wait until June when all the municipalities are through with their budgets and the Commissioners will have that as a comparison for what they want to do for HRPDC staff.

Mr. Farmer stated he agreed with approving the HRPDC budget, but the 2% will come back in June on a separate action.

Chairman Shepperd stated the motion will need to be to defray or delay the approval of the 2% merit increase until June. Chairman asked for a motion.

Commissioner Wright Moved to delay the approval of the 2% merit increase; seconded by Commissioner Price. The Motion Carried.

Commissioner Morgan stated he wanted to thank Mr. Farmer for the voluntary budget reductions to the localities.

Commissioner Garton stated with regard to the salary adjustment when the Commission convenes in June, could HRPDC have information about the raises the localities have agreed on over the past three or four years.

Chairman Shepperd stated the Personnel and Budget Committee met and they suggested when the Commission meets in June for this particular item to have a history comparison for five years.

Chairman Shepperd asked for a motion to approve the 2013 Budget.

Commissioner Franklin Moved to approve the 2013 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Garton. The Motion Carried.

(Commissioner Krasnoff arrives.)

FY 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Chairman Shepperd stated the HRPDC staff prepared the 2013 Unified Planning Work Program which explains the work for the future. He pointed out the HRPDC staff does a lot of work; they will be working on such items as the Hampton Roads Water Efficiency Team activities, the Williamsburg Comprehensive Plan and the Franklin Comprehensive Plan, water resources, regional groundwater management program, mitigation, water priority project, housing and human services projects, emergency management and metropolitan medical response system and economics, and the Regional Benchmarking Study. The Chairman stated these are the projects the HRPDC staff will undertake in support of the Commission and its member localities.

Chairman Shepperd asked for a motion to approve the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program.

Commissioner Seward Moved to approve the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program; seconded by Commissioner E. Ward. The Motion Carried.

Chairman Shepperd asked for questions.

Commissioner Mary Jones stated the Housing and Human Services section and under the Housing Transportation Study she would like to suggest when the committee is developed for the Regional Steering Committee she would like to have representation from the private sector on the Steering Committee.

Mr. Farmer stated that was a great suggestion.

Chairman Shepperd stated the question is how to determine who would participate.

Mr. Farmer stated HRPDC staff will take the information to the local staffs and get their input.

Chairman Shepperd stated the HRPDC staff will inform the Steering Committee and they will determine the best way to include people from the private sector.

HRSD REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION OF SANITARY SEWER ASSETS

Chairman Shepperd introduced Mr. Ted Henifin, HRSD General Manager to brief the Commission on HRSD Regional Consolidation of Sanitary Sewer Assets.

Mr. Henifin stated this is the idea of regional consolidation of sanitary sewer assets, he presented to the Chief Administrative Officers in March. A number of Commissioners have already seen this presentation and considered it at their council or board meetings. Everyone is familiar with is the SSO work that is going on throughout the region. The basic premise on sanitary sewer overflows is too much stormwater is getting into the sanitary sewer system, and it can result in overflows, which obviously have public health impact, and potential environmental issues. The concept on moving forward is we need to work as a region. HRSD is compelled to do that by some regulatory agency actions at DEQ and EPA and the concept is to either remove as much of the Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) stormwater that is getting into the system or build larger regional infrastructure to transport and treat it without losing it during periods of wet weather.

Mr. Henifin stated the bottom line would be an investment in removing inflow and infiltration costs on the upper access. As you invest more and remove more I/I, the region can build smaller regional infrastructure, but have two separate entities building. There are fourteen separate entities dealing with it. The responsibility to remove inflow and infiltration lies with the local government. The responsibilities to build bigger regional infrastructure is with the regional sewer agency. There are two different groups working to come up with what the regional rate payor would pay. The minimal cost is the ideal combination of those two efforts and this is where we have been struggling as a region to define them.

HRSD started out with the enforcement activities. HRSD really wanted to focus its investments on where it would do the most good in the localities, and to do that, the enforcement actions were set up to look at all of our sewer basis. HRSD did flow monitoring and put its efforts in the ones that exceeded the benchmark that was established as part of the enforcement. We do not have at the regional level, the same concept of looking at applying resources where they are going to be the most cost effective, which is the driving factor behind looking at a regionalization solution.

Mr. Henifin commended the localities' staffs for doing a great job of protecting their locality interests. Unfortunately, sometimes those interests are colliding with what is best for the regional rate payor. HRSD collects our rates from your rate payors just like localities do, and the bottom line is it all comes out of the same pocket. HRSD is trying to come up with the most cost effective solution as a region. The alternative was to take a strong look to see if there is any benefit to consolidating the regional assets and looking at a different approach to solving this regional wet weather management problem. We could apply these resources where they would make the most use on a regional basis, and save some capital costs in reaching the wet weather management plan that is required by the enforcement agencies and at the same time there could be other benefits that can come from consolidation.

Mr. Henifin stated regional consolidation is not necessarily a new concept. HRSD was formed 70 years ago as the result of dealing with an issue that the Hampton Roads area had at the time, which was 30 million gallons a day of raw sewage was being dumped into Hampton Roads. It took a while for everyone to come together as a region. It took from

1925 to 1940 to decide to form this regional agency and HRSD has been in the business of cleaning the water ever since, so there are potential benefits. There are also a lot of complications and many challenges ahead. We will not know the answers unless we do a comprehensive study. It is going to take a lot of effort to gather the data and really understand the impacts of both the challenges and benefits of regional consolidation.

Mr. Henifin stated in order to move forward at this point, obtaining support through the resolution approved by local governments is necessary. Nine localities have already approved that resolution. We are moving ahead with getting support for the study. HRSD is proposing to pay for the study. Again, the money comes out of all the rate payors, and it seemed like a fair allocation of costs by getting it from everyone who is already connected to the sanitary sewer system in the region. There should be a steering committee appointed to work with this contract. HRPDC would administer the contract and HRSD would be a player on the steering committee, along with the rest of the localities. It would take approximately a year to complete, in HRSD's estimation, and in the July 2013 time frame you should see the results of the study and be presenting them back to the local governing bodies to consider the result and make a decision as a region as to whether there is real benefit in moving ahead in this. The key piece is negotiating the appropriate stay or deferral of rehabilitation activities as we are doing with DEQ and EPA. There is a meeting scheduled in May 2012 to talk about what this would require and try to slow down some of the dates that are in the state order that everyone is under and the federal consent decree that HRSD is under to allow time to make this study work.

Chairman Shepperd asked for questions.

Chairman Shepperd stated the HRPDC staff will manage the contract with an estimated \$500,000. Chairman asked for a motion.

Commissioner Sheppard Moved to authorize the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposals, pursue selection of a consultant and execute contracts with HRSD and the selected consultant for the Sanitary Sewer System Asset Consolidation Study; seconded by Commissioner Krasnoff. The Motion Carried.

(Commissioner A. Williams arrives)

CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL: PHASE II WIP COMMENTS

Chairman Shepperd stated he found out the Poquoson River and he suspect there are other rivers that have their own TMDL also, not only does it have its own TMDL, but also its own measurements. The Poquoson River has its own TMDL that the staffs have been working to try to solve the problem under consent order as it deals with the coliform or some other type of bacteria that is in the water. The Chesapeake Bay TMDLs, we all know that is not what is being measured. The question is if we are spending millions of dollars to fix the sewer system and take people off septic systems and put them on to the HRSD system to stop the leaching of sewage and, therefore, reduce the coliform bacteria how are we getting credit for that, and my big question what other rivers have their own TMDL and how is that

TMDL going to support our cost of doing business for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL which we have always heard is in the billions of dollars.

Ms. Katchmark asked if he wanted her to try and answer his questions.

Chairman Shepperd stated yes.

Ms. Katchmark stated there are a lot of other TMDLs in this region. There are a lot of impaired waterways due to bacteria, high bacteria concentrations. We know that is one of the highest priority water quality issues for localities, so one of the things that we are looking into is doing some research on what types of BMPs both reduce the bacteria concentrations and also get us the nutrient reductions associated with the bay TMDL so you do get to make progress on both fronts by taking one action; that is a good strategy and we will continue to get more ideas in front of everybody to find cost effective solutions.

Ms. Katchmark stated this is an update from her brief in January. The state submitted their Phase II WIP to the EPA and it is out for public comments until the end of May. The MS4 permit renewal properties are underway. The state has drafted a permit for Arlington and their plan is to use that permit as a template for all of the localities Phase I MS4s. The larger communities would like to get all the permits issued by the end of the year. Ms. Katchmark stated in January the localities talked about doing a regional cost estimate for the Phase II WIP. She had hoped to consolidate local cost estimates, but most localities did not do one. HRPDC staff is looking at different ways of doing a cost estimate but we are waiting until next month to make sure it is accurate enough to be useful.

Ms. Katchmark stated she wanted to focus on the draft comments on the Phase II WIP. The reason she was talking about it was because she did not anticipate the Commission meeting in May. The HRPDC packet had a draft letter with localities' initial comments. HRPDC staff has requested some additional comments from the regional steering committee, and once we get those, staff will have the localities review the letter before we submit it at the end of May.

Ms. Katchmark stated the best element of the Phase II WIP is that Virginia asked the EPA to take the individual waste load allocations for the Phase I MS4 out of the TMDL. The WIP includes commitments from the federal facilities, especially military bases, saying what they are going to do to make their nutrient reductions. The General Assembly passed legislation to expand the nutrient credit trading program, and HRPDC got a lot of the elements that they really wanted in that legislation.

There were a few more negative comments than positive comments. The BMP data or the local land use data that was submitted to the state was incorporated into the Phase II WIP. The state indicated they had intended to report that data as part of their first progress report. HRPDC staff wants the state to look carefully at how they are going to assess the impact of all these corrections on locality targets because we know that it will have some impact, and we would like to have a sense of what that is as soon as possible. The WIP continues to use 2009 progress scenario as the BMP baseline. The problem with that is

many localities discovered that DCR estimates of the BMPs that were built before 2006 is much higher than the actual acres treated by BMPs. That may be good news, but it could come back to hurt us. HRPDC staff suggested that the state use a 2010 no action scenario that would have no BMPs included and then localities can track their progress without the confusion of including BMPs that do not exist.

Ms. Katchmark stated another concern is the lack of commitment from the state to implement nutrient reductions on state-owned land. The WIP did not identify the strategies and the funding resources that the state was going to use to do their part. HRPDC staff is continuing to wait for the state and EPA to estimate the quantity of the fertilizer reductions on nutrients, how much nutrients will be removed by that ban, and to explain how or if that fertilizer ban will affect locality targets, will they divide up that credit to each locality. HRPDC staff wanted to emphasize the need for the state to work with localities before the 2017 model calibration is done. HRPDC staff has a lot of data corrections they wanted to incorporate in that calibration and need them to partner to get a better model result and better progress in status information at that point in time.

Ms. Katchmark stated the state needs a more structured system to collect data from local governments. The state asked for data without specific forms and instructions on what they want from us and the data gets to be inconsistent and also creates a problem of transparency where local governments cannot see this is what was submitted, and this is what the state used and passed onto EPA and what went into the model. The overarching concern is the need for better communication. The state proposed continuing to use implementation teams so staff that reach out to each of the PDCs to provide updates and information; in the past year and each time they did not deliver the same quantity or quality of information. Sometimes the information we received was the worst or we received the information last. Another issue is the state promising to do a lot of things the localities want in terms of creating tools and finding grants, but they have not provided deadlines and a process. It is hard to have a lot of confidence that the state is going to be able to get this done and if the state really thought through how long it is going to take to get all these things done when they have not put the details out there for people to see and plan for.

Ms. Katchmark stated her last topic is different it is not a WIP comment. It concerns the MS4 permit renewals. The WIP says in the first five year permit cycle, localities will be required to do 5% of the level 2 implementation; so the level 2 is tied to your local target. However, the local two goals are not that well defined if localities have a Phase I MS4 that had a Phase II in it. Military bases within the boundaries are not divided up clearly. Also, those goals are tied to the amount of urban land, and since the local version of land use does not match the model land use, we do not know which set of data the permit is going to be tied to. It is unclear which BMPs will count towards that 5%. Does the time start in 2006, 2010, or when the permits were issued? There are a lot of details that still need to be worked out, and we are going to stay on top of that. Ms. Katchmark wanted to point this out because we have all these data corrections and changes, we know the local targets will change, and she knows it is frustrating, when talking and trying to make a long-term plan; but in some ways it is a good thing because we need them to make corrections so that

localities know where they are going. There are the two action items: 1) to approve the draft letter and additional comments that may be included based on input from the Regional Steering Committee; and 2) authorize the Chairman to sign the final letter and submit it to the Secretary of Natural Resources by the May 31 deadline.

Chairman Shepperd stated he wanted to make it clear that before this letter goes out the Commissioners know they have an opportunity to provide more input by mid-May.

Chairman Shepperd asked for questions.

Commissioner McReynolds asked if the state had received the local data from the localities before the Phase II WIP was submitted.

Ms. Katchmark asked if he meant did HRPDC submit it before the Phase II?

Commissioner McReynolds asked did the localities submit it, because it seems it is going to be harder to get that corrected if it had not been included in the front end. He wanted to know if the state did not pass it on or did they not have the data?

Ms. Katchmark stated they had the data as of February 1st, which was not much time to put it in the report that was finished at the end of March. Prior to like when they wrote the Phase I or Phase II WIP, there was some debate over the land use data but did everyone provide it? Certainly what HRPDC found when we first started this a year ago not everybody had the same data quality because when we say land use in the case what they are really asking for is amount of impervious land that is in a specific format.

Chairman Shepperd asked for a motion.

Commissioner McReynolds Moved to approve the draft letter and additional comments that may be included based on input from the Regional Steering Committee and authorize the Chairman to sign the final letter and submit it to the Secretary of Natural Resources by the May 31 deadline; seconded Commissioner Franklin. The Motion Carried.

THREE-MONTH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Chairman Shepperd stated the HRPDC meeting for the month of May has been canceled because of the HRTPO Retreat.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Chairman Shepperd stated this is a status report on the actions by the HRPDC staff. The HRPDC staff is involved in a lot of regional work to help our organization such as the Directors of Utilities Committee, Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee, Regional Stormwater, and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Steering Committee. He wanted to thank the staff for the project support.

CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

Chairman Shepperd noted a letter from Senator Webb which addressed the issue and his concern that our region is falling off the Homeland Security list. He encourages everyone to talk to Senator Warner and their Congressman and maybe they might show some interest in this project.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Smigiel stated he would like to recognize the City of Norfolk's new member to the HRPDC Board Councilwoman Angelia Williams.

Chairman Shepperd welcomed Ms. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Chairman

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary