



**Others Recorded Attending:**

Wanda Bernard-Bailey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Bryan Pennington, Jeff Raliski (NO); Brita Ayers, Bryan Stille, (NN); Sherri Neil (PO); Eric Nielson (SU); Angela Bezik, Bob Matthias (VB); John Cosgrove (Virginia General Assembly); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Kevin Page (HRTAC); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Dennis Heuer (RK&K); Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Dubby Wynne; Citizens: Dianna Howard, Frank Papcin; Amber Randolph (Willcox and Savage); Staff: Randy Keaton, Kelli Arledge, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Katie Cullipher, Rebekah Eastep, Andrea Gayer, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Sara Kidd, Mike Kimbrel, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Camelia Ravanbakht, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jill Sunderland, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur.

Vice Chairman, Clyde Haulman, informed the Commission that due to lack of quorum for a full Commission the meeting would convene in Executive Committee Session and begin with the Workshop Agenda.

**GO Virginia**

Mr. John "Dubby" Wynne, Representative of GO Virginia, informed the Commission that GO Virginia was a bipartisan initiative which provides a new framework for strengthening the economy of each region within the Commonwealth through enhanced collaborative efforts of business, education and local government, incentivized and encouraged by the State.

He indicated the highlights for the program were increased need for private sector growth, collaboration among all regions in the State, and the Commonwealth becoming a catalyst and partner.

Mr. Wynne noted the goal of the initiative would be to create a regional strategy and develop proposals which align and assist in implementation of state and local programs.

He confirmed Go Virginia would not create any additional layers of government or taxes and it is private sector focused and market driven with no requirement or expectation of participation from every locality on every project.

The five funding areas include:

- Innovation
- Investment
- Improvement
- Invention
- Infrastructure

Mr. Wynne stated that innovation, investment, and improvement would be funded by grant monies with objective criteria needing to be met to receive any funds. Invention, and infrastructure would be bonded and funded per the General Assembly.

*Commissioners Mamie B. Johnson, Peter Stephenson, T. Carter Williams, Michael Johnson, Barry T. Porter, John Seward, Tyrone Franklin, Sanford Wanner and George Wallace arrive.*

The Commission was shown a video in regards to the statewide support for the Go Virginia initiative among the regions.

Mr. Wynne outlined the next steps and described the timetable in the coming months.

Discussion among Commission members ensued after the presentation.

### **The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative**

Delegate Ronald A. Villanueva reinforced to the Commission the importance of the GO Virginia initiative and encouraged the HRPDC to support it.

He identified the past and current efforts taken by the State to address coastal flooding and noted the lack of funding available.

Delegate Villanueva explained the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a market based solution in regards to cap and trade, and Virginia is not a current participant state.

The Coastal Protection Act, proposed State legislation introduced by Senator Donald McEachin and championed by the Delegate Villanueva is aimed to generate funds to be allocated toward:

- Sea level rise & flooding adaptation
- Statewide energy efficient programs
- Southwest Virginia economic recovery
- Statewide renewables
- Programmatic expenses

*Commissioners Randy Martin and Sandra Cherry arrive.*

He reviewed the Statewide support and suggested the Commission support the legislation.

### **Election of Officers**

Chairman Wright reviewed the slate of officers for the upcoming year: Dr. Clyde Haulman as Chair, Dr. Ella Ward as Vice Chair, Mr. Marcus Jones as Treasurer and Mr. Bob Crum as Secretary.

Commissioner Thomas Shepperd Moved to approve the election of officers; seconded by Commissioner Barry Porter. The Motion Carried.

### **Approval/Modification of Agenda**

Due to lack of time, Agenda Item #8, Legislative Agenda, would be deferred to the November 19, 2015 Meeting.

Commissioner Kenneth Wright Moved to approve the agenda, as amended, seconded by Vice Chair Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director, informed the Commission the regions which comprise the Urban Crescent will be meeting in regards to public education and possible opportunities for additional State funding. Additionally, he stated the first HRPDC/HRTPO Legislative Forum will occur on December 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Chesapeake

### **Employee Recognition**

Mr. Crum acknowledged and thanked HRPDC employee, Jennifer Coleman for her five years of service to the Organization.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Submitted Public Comments**

Chairman Haulman indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments.

### **Transcribed Public Comments for the September 17, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting**

Chairman Haulman highlighted the Transcribed Public Comments from the September 17, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Ellis W. James, Norfolk Resident, noted the harmful effects of coastal flooding in the region and the negative effect on the residents of Hampton Roads.

### **Approval of Consent Items**

- A. Minutes of September 17, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report of September 2015
- C. Contract Authorization - MMRS
- D. Resolution of Support – Southampton County HB2 Project

Commissioner Thomas Shepperd Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Commissioner Amelia Ross-Hammond. The Motion Carried.

### **HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule**

Chairman Haulman reviewed the Three Month Schedule section of the agenda and reminded the Commission of the Legislative Forum to be held in December.

### **Advisory Committee Summaries**

Chairman Haulman noted the Advisory Committee Summaries section of the agenda.  
**Old/New Business**

Chairman Haulman indicated there was no Old/New Business

**Adjournment**

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

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Clyde A. Haulman  
Chairman

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Robert A. Crum, Jr.  
Executive Director