Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Summary Minutes of January 19, 2017

The January 19, 2017 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order by the Chair at 12:30 p.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Commissioners in Attendance

Dr. Ella P. Ward, Chair (CH)  
Michael Hipple, Vice Chair (JC)  
Randy Martin, Treasurer (FR)  
James Baker (CH)  
Debbie Ritter (CH)  
Barry Cheatham (FR)  
J. Brent Fedors (GL)*  
Randy Keaton (IW)  
Rex Alphin (IW)*  
Bryan Hill (JC)  
McKinley Price (NN)*  
Jim Bourey (NN)  
Mamie B. Johnson (NO)*  
Andria McClellan (NO)*  
David Hux (PQ)  
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)  
John Rowe (PO)  
Dr. Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)  
Michael Johnson (SH)*  
Barry Porter (SH)*  
Patrick Roberts (SU)  
John Seward (SY)  
Tyrone Franklin (SY)  
Robert Dyer (VB)*  
Louis R. Jones (VB)  
Dave Hansen (VB)  
Barbara Henley (VB)*  
Marvin Collins (WM)  
Paul Freiling (WM)  
Neil Morgan (YK)  
Thomas Shepperd (YK)

Commissioners Absent:

Lonnie Craig (CH)  
Phillip Bazzanni (GL)  
Mary Bunting (HA)  
Donnie Tuck (HA)  
James Gray (HA)  
Sharon P. Scott (NN)  
Kenneth Alexander (NO)  
Doug Smith (NO)  
Thomas Smigiel (NO)  
T. Carter Williams (SM)  
Linda Johnson (SU)  
John Moss (VB)  
John Uhrin (VB)

Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

*Late arrival or early departure.
**Others Recorded Attending:**
Brian DeProfio (HA); Brian Stilley (NN); Jeff Raliski, Wynter Benda (NO); Robert Baldwin (PO); Dannan O’Connell (PQ); Randolph Cook (SH); Shelia Noll (York); Germaine Fleet (Biggs and Fleet); Robert Bowen (Norfolk Airport Authority); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouth City Watch); Diane Kaufman (Senator Tim Kaine); Ellis W. James (Sierra Club); Eric Stringfield (VDOT); Kelly Harris-Braxton (Virginia First Cities Coalition); Citizens: Frank Papcin, Donna Sayegh, Felecia Shearin; Staff: Keith Cannady, Kelli Arledge, Shernita Bethea, Rebekah Eastep, KC Filippino, Andrea Gayer, Greg Grootendorst, anetta Jankosky, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Sharon Lawrence, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Camelia Ravenbakht, John Sadler, Jill Sunderland, Chris Vaigneur.

**Approval/Modification of Agenda**

Chair Ward requested modifications or additions to the agenda. Hearing none Commissioner Michael Hipple Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Thomas Shepperd. The Motion Carried.

**Acknowledgments**

Chair Ward welcomed new Commissioners John Rowe, David Hux, Sharon Scott, and Doug Smith to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC).

**Submitted Public Comments**

*Commissioners Robert Dyer, Mamie Johnson, Andria McClellan arrive*

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments and asked to proceed to the Public Comment period.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Ellis James addressed issues pertaining to the recent nominees put forth by the new administration for the departments of Energy and Housing and Urban Development. He also expressed concerns over the administration’s attacks on EPA, and the potential impacts deregulation of current EPA policies could have on Hampton Roads.

Ms. Donna Sayegh addressed the budget amendments approved by the HRPDC and HRTPO for FY2017. She expressed concern that the approval of the budget amendments was without the public’s consent.

Ms. Felecia Shearin expressed concern with the housing issues in the City of Norfolk. She informed the Commission of how difficult it is to apply for housing and the length of time one must remain on the waiting list once approved for that housing.
Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Crum reported that the Hampton Roads Caucus will continue to meet at 8:00 a.m. every Thursday morning in Richmond during the General Assembly session. At their last meeting, he provided the Caucus an overview of both the HRPDC and HRTP0 legislative agendas. He also briefed the Commission on a request submitted to the chief elected officials regarding the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program. In the past Hampton Roads received $35 million in funding; however, it is not receiving any federal funding today.

Mr. Crum introduced Ms. Jane Bennett as the local representative for the American Cancer Society. Ms. Bennett informed the Commission about the National Colon Cancer Roundtable. She stated that the American Cancer Society is partnering with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to substantially reduce colorectal cancer. The goal is to increase the number of people over the age of 50 being screened for colon cancer by the year 2018. The event will take place at Dominion Enterprise in the City of Norfolk. Colon cancer is a major public health problem, but it is treatable if detected early. However, it is the second leading cause of death in women and men. Virginia is a hot spot for colorectal cancer, and the American Cancer Society has been working with four other health systems including, Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) to improve access to healthcare, reduce barriers, and educate the public.

Approval of Consent Items

Mr. Crum highlighted the following items in the Consent Agenda for approval:

A. Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting
B. Treasurer’s Report
C. Transcribed Public Comments – November 17, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting

Mr. Crum briefly spoke on the Regional Proclamation which is a Consensus from the Hampton Roads region requesting the assistance of State and Federal Governments to secure funding for the completion of critical infrastructure to support the Hampton Roads economy. He asked the Commissioners to consider signing onto the proclamation. The following regional organizations have approved the Regional Proclamation:

- Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA)
- Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA)
- Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
- Virginia Shipbuilders Association
- Reinvent Hampton Roads
- Opportunity, Inc.
- The Peninsula Council for Workforce Development
Mr. Crum introduced HRPDC’s Deputy Executive Director, Keith Cannady, to the Commissioners by giving them a brief overview of his experience within the Hampton Roads region. He informed the board of the working relationship between the HRPDC and Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, and recommended the Commission appoint Keith Cannady to serve on their board.

Chair Ward called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the recommendation for Keith Cannady, to serve on Senior Services of Virginia Board of Directors. Commissioner Tyrone Franklin Moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Louis Jones. The Motion Carried.

Regional Poverty Forum Debrief/Virginia First Cities

Mr. Crum briefed the Commission on the anti-poverty forum hosted by the HRPDC on November 21, 2016. He gave an overview of the presentation made by Purpose Built Communities during the forum. Some of the key points he presented were:

- There are 43.1 million Americans living in poverty
- 16.1 million children live in poverty – 1 in 4 American children
- 50% of poor children live in areas defined as concentrated poverty
- 86% of 3rd graders living in concentrated poverty read below grade level

He also gave a brief overview of the economic impacts of childhood poverty. He presented a video showing how Purpose Built Communities was able to address poverty within a concentrated area in Atlanta. Mr. Crum discussed the key players involved and informed the Commissioners how the project attracted over $4 million in additional private investments within the neighborhood.

Ms. Shernita Bethea stated that reenergizing communities and making them more viable is possible. She also stated that Purpose Built Communities uses a holistic approach to make it successful. Ms. Bethea reviewed suggestions by attendees on how to address the issues from a regional perspective. Some of the ideas presented were:

- Creation of a regional one-stop database of programs and services
- Job creation and skills development
- Continuity between public and private sector businesses
- Break down silos between service areas
- Improve transportation options
- Strengthening public school education

Chair Ward stated that in order for Hampton Roads to prosper, education and training need to be addressed. The Commission needs to work together to ensure that all students learn. She also stated that there are jurisdictions that do not have extreme poverty, but are in need of programs such as early childhood education in their local communities.
Commissioner Andria McClellan recommended creating a regional housing database. She asked if the Commission could start with an assessment of what each municipality is doing. Mr. Crum stated that a database is necessary in order to connect the public and private sectors.

Commissioner McKinley Price stated that the City of Newport News received a $500,000 grant towards neighborhood initiatives. If that program is successful, then Newport News will receive $30 million. He stated he would like to offer this resource of information as the Commission goes through the planning process.

Commissioner Rex Alphin stated that this is a complicated issue with several variables. He asked if the nuclear family and the role it plays in a child’s life is addressed. Chair Ward agreed that the family does play a key role.

Commissioner Lydia Patton stated that some of the comments made today are some of the same questions that were asked in October when the CAOs met with the Police Chiefs. She suggested taking a portion of the issues they are aware of and collectively working on those issues across the region.

Commissioner Randy Wheeler stated that he attended the forum, and the information exceeded his expectations. He also stated that what made the project successful in Atlanta was the non-profit not being funded by the government and the project eventually becoming a foundation not controlled or funded by the government. He suggested getting a clear understanding of how to provide resources and training to community groups, resident associations and church communities that want to take on the primary role; and, to guide them in beginning their leadership rather than inviting them to become a part of a government led effort.

Mr. Wynter Bender stated that the City of Norfolk has a Poverty Commission and suggested visiting their website to view presentations on their work.

Commissioner Dave Hansen stated that he took away three things from the poverty forum. (1) It was the fortitude of the community leaders coming together and taking charge of their own neighborhoods. They had a benefactor that enabled them to provide private funding to get things done. (2) There certainly was a piece of government involved such as police who dealt with drug dealers, and there was a very strong housing authority in place that was able to have the authority of the government, and the commitment of the leadership to follow through. (3) Public transportation.

Commissioner Hansen stated that Section 8 housing in the City of Virginia Beach has a backlog. Collaboratively as leaders, both from management and elected officials, there is a need to get a hold of the issues which are different from city to city. He appreciated the HRPDC for taking leadership on the issue.
Commissioner Debbie Ritter stated that she was interested in the video where it talked about the charter school, and asked if there will be a consideration to talk about education, and how it is delivered to children. She stated that in the past there were a lot of failures in charter schools, but if there are models of success, perhaps school boards should be invited to the discussion. She also suggested putting an emphasis on trade and vocational education. She stated that watching entire classes of vocational education go unfulfilled, it would seem like this should be an area of focus.

Mr. Crum stated that the CAOs will be hosting their retreat in February, and one of the issues they will be discussing is public safety and how to deal with issues of poverty. He stated that he will take all of the input from the Commission meeting and strategize with Commissioner Jim Bourey, the chair of the CAO Committee, and bring some ideas back to the Commission.

**Virginia First Cities Community Wealth Building Fund (CWBF)**

Mr. Crum introduced Ms. Kelly Harris-Braxton, the Executive Director of Virginia First Cities, to present legislative requests. He stated that it is important to present this information to the Commission in order for them to determine if they would support this proposal.

Ms. Braxton introduced Virginia First Cities Coalition to the Commission stating that they are an organization that works on the state level to advocate for the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, and Portsmouth that face similar issues of poverty and economic development. Some of the key concepts that Virginia First Cities focuses on are: at risk education, urban economic development, public safety, criminal justice, and transportation. She briefed the Commission on the Community Wealth Building Fund (CWBF), stating that it provides a mechanism for local governments to break the cycle of intractable poverty. The fund was created to help leverage local dollars. If any particular locality has a level of at least 18% poverty, or a census tract that has 25% poverty, they can apply for funding. Ms. Braxton presented an overview of the CWBF:

- Will use $10 million in FY 2018 from federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds
- Allocated to qualifying local programs ($2 million per locality maximum) through an MOU with the State Department of Social Services
- Local match requirement of at least 25%, including in-kind services
- Localities will be expected to articulate year-by-year program metrics, people served, and explain how three to five year improvement targets connect with longer-term community goals

Ms. Braxton informed the Commission of the Hampton Roads General Assembly Delegation’s involvement and support of the program, and presented an overview of ways that each locality can help:
Contact Hampton Roads General Assembly Delegation to let them know of your support
Specifically thank Senator Tommy Norment (Patron)

Vice Chair Hipple stated there is poverty in all jurisdictions, and for counties, poverty is spread out geographically unlike cities where it is more concentrated. He asked how counties fare in this initiative, and suggested making the program broader so that delegates and senators will know that this is a regional priority. Ms. Braxton stated that the program is not just limited to cities. If a locality meets the guidelines that are set, then they can apply as well.

Commissioner Andrea McClellan asked if the state is doing more than facilitating the program such as making contributions. Ms. Braxton stated that the funds will come from the TANF funds that are at the state level. That is the general fund that will be transferred from federal funds to localities once they apply.

Commissioner Mamie Johnson informed the Commission of her service on the Executive Board of Virginia First Cities, and stated that a main focus is to find a way to come together to reach out to other localities in order to represent the entire region. Understanding that there is regional poverty that needs to be addressed, she suggested that this initiative be presented as a region in order to continue to reach out to legislators so that counties like James City will receive help.

Commissioner Randy Martin stated that the plan would be more effective if the HRPDC presented a letter of advocacy to the legislative board in support of the program. Chair Ward stated that was a good suggestion and that the idea will be taken into consideration.

Commissioner Barbara Henley departs

FY 2017 Regional Economic Forecast

Mr. Greg Grootendorst briefed the Commission on the current economic landscape. He compared the national indicators to Hampton Roads in order to determine how well the region is doing, and stated that the nation has seen positive changes over the past few years. He briefed the Commission on the past recession and stated that Hampton Roads is struggling more than the state and the nation. However, there has been positive growth in health care, federal government, leisure and hospitality. Mr. Grootendorst stated that initial unemployment claims are a leading economic indicator and Hampton Roads’ unemployment rate is now slightly above the national level. He also expressed concerns about a decline in the region’s labor force, as it has contracted while employment remained stagnant. A recovery in the employment-to-population ratio would be beneficial to the region, as that ratio has declined significantly from 2007. In regards to housing, home
values across the region experienced depreciation from 2008 to 2013. Since that time, there has been relatively slow growth, and we likely will continue to see slow growth in the coming years. Foreclosures have declined, and if that continues, it will ease the downward pressure on housing prices. He also stated that there has been no significant change to single family building permits in the past few years.

Mr. Grootendorst gave a brief overview on retail sales stating that the region has been underperforming since 2007-2008, but the auto/truck industry sales have experienced continued increases for seven straight years. Mr. Grootendorst presented charts and graphs to the Commission on economic diversity, and presented an overview of the decline in military personnel and defense contracts. He explained how sequestration significantly decreased federal DoD expenditures.

Mr. Grootendorst then went on to deliver the 2017 economic forecast for Hampton Roads. There is an expectation for continued growth in the national economy which will have a positive effect on Hampton Roads. The Hampton Roads economy will grow, but at a slower pace than national growth. He expects to see a modest increase in civilian employment, a small uptick in the unemployment rate, moderate growth in retail sales, and a slight increase in the value of single-family building permits. After seven years of growth, a slight decline is expected for the auto/truck industry. Mr. Grootendorst concluded his presentation by offering to answer any questions that the Commission might have.

Commissioners Brent Fedors, Rex Alphin, McKinley Price, Mamie Johnson, and Barry Porter depart

Coastal Resiliency Committee Recommended Legislative Priorities

Mr. Ben McFarlane briefed the Commission on the recommendations of the Coastal Resiliency Committee on potential resiliency initiatives to be added to the regional legislative agenda. The Coastal Resiliency Committee was created in March 2014 to develop recommendations related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise adaptation and mitigation by local governments; to advocate for support and action by the state and federal governments; and to serve as the primary regional contact to coordinate efforts with federal agencies and academic institutions.

In December of 2016, the Coastal Resiliency Committee recommended the Commission support three items for the current General Assembly session:

1. Support the appropriation of funds for the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund
2. Support the appropriation of funds to match federal funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 3x3x3 studies
3. Support the creation of a standalone Virginia Chief Resiliency Officer
Mr. McFarlane presented a brief overview of each recommendation, and requested the Commission’s approval to add the three priorities to the current regional legislative agenda.

Chair Ward called for a motion to approve the addition of the three priorities to the regional legislative agenda. Commissioner Wheeler Moved to accept the item; seconded by Commissioner Barry Porter. The Motion Carried.

**HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule**

Mr. Crum noted the three month tentative schedule.

**Advisory Committee Summaries**

Mr. Crum highlighted the Advisory Committee Summaries section of the agenda.

**For Your Information**

Mr. Crum noted a letter from the HRPDC member jurisdictions regarding a FEMA requirement for permitting development in a Flood Plain.

**Old/New Business**

There was no old or new business.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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Ella P. Ward          Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Chair                 Executive Director
### FISCAL YEAR 2017
12/31/16
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
50% OF FISCAL YEAR COMPLETE

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** - Includes FY2016 money invoiced and received in FY2017
Transcribed Public Comments of the  
January 19, 2017 HRPDC Commission Meeting

Mr. Ellis James: My name is Ellis W. James. It's not Greg. I am a lifetime resident of Norfolk. I live at 2021 Kenlake Place. Happy New Years to all of you on the Commission. I hope that your coming year is as nice as your celebration during the holidays and Christmas and any particular faith you happen to be, including those who don't practice necessarily. There are two things that are happening right now that are going to have a direct impact on Hampton Roads. One is the attacks on EPA which will run counter too much of the work that is being done to try to guarantee our region clean air, clean water, and the ability to function in cities and the counties. I hope that you all will take note of that. One of the dangers obviously is pushing for the appointment of an individual who would like to do away with the energy department, and that is something of great concern. There is also Hampton Roads Planning District Commission who has been working on housing and poverty issues. The question of whether or not the proposed nominee for HUD has the interest of many thousands of people in Hampton Roads, especially covering all of our areas in the region when he said unfortunately recently that fair housing was a failed socialist experiment. Some of us almost drove over the cliff. That is outrageous in my estimation, and I will use one quick example and then I will be finished Dr. Ward. Norfolk, as an example for those of you who do not know, is in the top five most well desegregated cities in the United States. We are number three. Many people work for many years to create the kind of effective region that we have and we do not need to go back to the days of segregation and discrimination. It is unfortunate that my friend Dr. Ben Carson has that particular attitude. Two days ago he doubled down again, and said that people who live in public housing areas need to get off of food stamps and stop using Section 8 Housing, etc. That is outrageous. Think about how many of our communities both on the Peninsula side as well as Southside are dependent upon those housing programs and housing units. I call this to your attention so you can pay close attention. Thank you Dr. Ward.

Ms. Donna Sayegh: Good Afternoon. My name is Donna Sayegh and I live in Portsmouth. In the agenda you will notice this information. FY2017 there is a budget amendment for HRPDC/HRTPO. Several awards were received and adjustments were made to existing awards. There was an additional $895,000 added to the budget. Where did this money come from, and why is HRTPO acknowledged here? There are the new amended awards to the HRPDC of $460,000 with $353,000 going to consultants. Where did the money come from and what consultants received the money and why? For the FY2016, the carrying forward funding for HRTPO of $51,000 which $47,000 will go to HRT. Why is this money noted in the HRPDC and not noted in the HRTPO record? What is HRT using this money for? Donna wants to know the answer. There are deferred revenues carried forward from previous years to HRPDC totaling $383,000 with $273,000 going to existing consultants contracts. Where are the deferred revenues coming from and who are the existing consultants? Internal transfers accounted for $58,000, an increase to various operating schedules that was offset in HRPDC of $26,000 and HRTPO of $32,000. HRTPO has its own funding account. Why does this body continue to have an enmeshment between these accounts? This accounting needs to be corrected. This is bad management of public affairs and it creates suspicion. Donna needs some answers. There is the regional proclamation that lists the regional organization that has approved or plan to approve the proclamation. I don’t see where the citizens are part of this
discussion or vote. The projects included in the proclamation are consistent with the HRPDC and HRTPO legislative agenda and represent projects critical to the health of the regional economy. The health to the regional economy would be for Portsmouth to have lower real estate taxes. This body is causing Portsmouth’s citizens’ demise. Donna wants to know about all the money in sub-recipient grants that the HRPDC is receiving from Portsmouth and for membership to it. This organization is taking the citizens’ money and spending it without their consent. The federal government is dictating the planning for physical development, social development, and economic development of our country. In 1935 under FDR, the federal government started the planning for the United States. In 1968, the General Assembly opened its doors for the dictatorship of the federal government. This centralization of power has got to stop. Thanks for listening.

Ms. Felecia Shearin: How are you all doing again? My name is Felecia Shearin. I am a resident of Norfolk, VA. I just want to speak on housing. I don’t have a lot of figures to show you. When Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) opens up the list for Section 8, hundreds of people come out because that’s how great the need is. I remember going to a meeting, and sign up was not until the next day. Just like me and hundreds of others, we came out the day before to get the spot in line. We slept outside all night to get housing. Even with a disabled child, you meet all of the criteria. Why is it like this? It’s a block to get housing. You want us to work and be productive citizens, but when you don’t have a home, you can’t go out and do everything that is demanded of you. Once you are on NRHA list, it can be years before you hear anything. In the midst of that, you will be homeless and have to move from place to place. NRHA will find any little discrepancy to take you off the list after you stayed and slept on the streets all not long. One little thing can knock you off the list, and you have to start all over again. Myself, as well as many other people in the community have experienced this, and if anyone here can help with this issue, and enlighten me, I would greatly appreciate it. The need is very, very great. Thank you for listening.
February 2, 2017

Alecia F. Crichlow, Membership Coordinator
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RE: Nomination of Edward (Ted) Henfin for the Environmental Financial Advisory Board

Dear Ms. Crichlow,

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission nominates Mr. Edward (Ted) Henfin to serve on the Environmental Financial Advisory Board. Ted Henfin, a registered professional engineer, has served as General Manager of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) since 2006. He leads over 800 professionals in the efficient operation of southeast Virginia’s regional wastewater treatment system, which serves nearly one-fourth of Virginia’s population with 9 major treatment plants, 4 small treatment facilities, more than 100 pump stations, and over 500 miles of pipes. With 34 years of professional experience in the wastewater sector, Mr. Henfin stands to contribute relevant dimension to the board’s deliberations on reducing the cost of financing environmental facilities, developing new and innovative environmental financing approaches, and increasing the capacity of state and local governments to carry out environmental programs.

In 2014, as HRSD and the local governments of Hampton Roads struggled with an assessment of how to finance billions of dollars of mandated sewer system improvements, HRSD offered to regionalize the wet weather sewer capacity obligations across all localities in the service area to provide significant capital and operational cost savings to the region’s rate payers. A Memorandum of Agreement between HRSD and fourteen localities was finalized in March 2014. This is a significant real world example of Mr. Henfin’s ability to build consensus around a cost-effective means of meeting environmental goals.

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In 2015, Mr. Henifin galvanized local, state, and federal support for the first integrated plan that involves separate sanitary sewer systems and stormwater systems. HRSD is currently pursuing the Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT), a groundbreaking water purification project designed as an innovative solution to protect and restore the quality of the waters of Hampton Roads while outperforming regulatory requirements. SWIFT will provide benefits throughout eastern Virginia, far beyond HRSD’s service area, including reduced nutrient discharges to the Chesapeake Bay, replenishment of groundwater supplies, reduced impacts from sea level rise and land subsidence, and protection of coastal aquifers from saltwater intrusion. This integrated planning effort is particularly challenging because it requires considerable ongoing coordination between wastewater utilities, stormwater utilities, drinking utilities, and regulators.

Under Mr. Henifin’s leadership, HRSD continues to pursue research efforts with both public and private entities to ease the environmental financing challenge for the Hampton Roads region. This investment in research has already yielded a significant return by minimizing the capital investment required for new system construction and reducing operational costs for nutrient removal. The nutrient recovery process at the Nansemond Treatment Plant, which produces an environmentally-safe fertilizer called CrystalGreen, is an example of HRSD’s implementation of highly-efficient and cost effective technology to maximize treatment capacity and reduce operational costs while recovering a reusable resource and creating a marketable product.

Active in numerous professional and civic organizations, Mr. Henifin serves on the boards of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies, VIRGINIAforever, and the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also secretary of Langley Federal Credit Union, treasurer of the Hampton Neighborhood Development Partnership, and president and treasurer of the George Wythe Recreation Association.

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (Commission) and its Directors of Utilities Committee fully endorse Mr. Henifin’s nomination and kindly request your consideration of the nomination materials, including this letter and enclosures. The Commission is a regional organization in southeast Virginia representing seventeen local governments; its statutory function is to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing issues of regional significance. Mr. Henifin is an active member of the Commission’s Directors of Utilities Committee. He brings comprehensive perspective and insight to the Committee’s monthly discussions of Hampton Road’s water sector issues and plays a key role in facilitating regional cooperation to address drinking water and wastewater utility finance, policy, and resource management challenges.
Mr. Henifin has consented to this nomination and has indicated his willingness to serve a two-year term as an active and contributing member of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board, with possible reappointment to a second term. Mr. Henifin’s resume and contact details are enclosed, along with a letter of support from Congressman Robert J. Wittman.

I am confident that Mr. Henifin’s collaborative approach and innovative outlook will contribute tremendously to the Environmental Financial Advisory Board’s development of recommendations to address the critical environmental financing issues facing our nation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director

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Experience

2006–Present  Hampton Roads Sanitation District  Virginia Beach, VA

General Manager
- Chief executive officer of regional wastewater treatment agency
- District covers 3100 sq miles and serves 1.7 million people
- Manage staff of 800+
- Responsible for annual operating budget of $250 million
- 2014-2023 capital investment program in excess of $1.3 billion
- Issued over $600 million in bonds since 2008 including Senior and Subordinate Revenue Bonds, Variable Rate Demand Bonds and Build America Bonds – total outstanding debt approximately $600 million
- Extensive experience with development of financial policies, long range financial forecasting, presentations to rating agencies
- Lead negotiator for Federal Consent Decree with significant affordability issues
- Extensive experience developing full-cost rate proposals for governing body approval – approved rate increases in excess of 152% since 2006

1997–2006  City of Hampton  Hampton, VA

Director of Public Works
- Managed multi-disciplined department with 375+ full time employees
- Provided daily critical services to 146,000 residents
- Responsible for solid waste, wastewater, storm water, streets and traffic systems, engineering, facilities, waste-to-energy
- Developed and executed $34 million annual budget

1992-1997  Navy Public Works Center  Norfolk, VA

Deputy Site Manager, Little Creek Site
- Senior civilian managing multi-disciplined public works operation -300+ full-time employees
- Responsible for all public work services including facility maintenance for over 1,000,000 SF of operational space and 1000 units of family housing
- Converted department to a regionally managed Public Works Center Site with full cost recovery

1989-1992  Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek  Norfolk, VA

Director of Engineering Division, Public Works Department
- Managed multi-disciplined in-house design staff
- Administered annual professional services contracts
1987-1989  Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority  Norfolk, VA
Senior Engineer
- Administered design contracts for redevelopment projects
- Coordinated joint permit applications

1985-1987  Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek  Norfolk, VA
Architectural, Structural and Civil Branch Head, Engineering Division, Public Works Department

1985  Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Civil Engineer, Maintenance Division

1982-1985  Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek  Norfolk, VA
Civil Engineer, Engineering Division, Public Works Department

1982  Navy Public Works Center  Norfolk, VA
Civil Engineer, Facilities Planning Division

Education
BS Civil Engineering, University of Virginia

Registration
Registered Professional Engineer, Virginia

Memberships
2015 - Present  Langley Federal Credit Union
Director

2011 - Present  National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Board Member

2008 - 2016  Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies
Board Member, Past President

2006 - Present  Hampton Neighborhood Development Partnership
Board Member, Treasurer

2004 - 2014  American Red Cross, Hampton Roads Chapter
Board Member, Past Chair

2006 - 2014  Downtown Hampton Child Development Center
Past President

2003 - Present  George Wythe Recreation Association
President and Treasurer

2012 - Present  First Presbyterian Church, Hampton
Treasurer
Supplementary Information

Nomination of Edward (Ted) Henifin for the
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January 30, 2017

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Re: Support for the Nomination of Edward (Ted) Henifin for the EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board

Dear Ms. Chichlow,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Ted Henifin for appointment to the EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board. As the General Manager for the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) in Southeastern Virginia, Ted is responsible for providing cost effective wastewater treatment solutions to over 1.7 million Virginians, spread out across 3,100 square miles. HRSD is a national leader in nutrient removal technologies, borne out of the need to comply with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL as Virginia’s largest point source discharger into the Bay watershed.

With HRSD’s annual operating budget in excess of $250 million and a 20-year capital investment plan in excess of $4 billion, Ted is well aware of the financial impact of meeting environmental regulations. Under Ted’s leadership, HRSD has looked for creative solutions including Build America Bonds, Variable Rate Demand Bonds, Commercial Paper, competitive and negotiated municipal revenue bonds, State Revolving Loan Funds, and recently has been exploring the applicability of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act to the HRSD Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT). HRSD is a full cost recovery utility, with user fees as the only source of revenue. Several of the localities served by HRSD are some of the most financially challenged in the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your consideration of Ted Henifin’s qualifications as you seek applicants for the EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wittman
Member of Congress

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