



**Central Virginia Planning District  
Commission**

**CVPDC Offices Lynchburg**

**May 3, 2019**

**Draft Executive Committee Minutes**

**Members Present**

Sara Carter, Amherst Town Manager  
Robert Hiss, Bedford County Administrator  
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator  
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator  
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager  
Mayor Dwayne Tuggle, Town of Amherst

**Others Present:**

Jeremy Bryant, Amherst County Planning Director  
Gary Christie: CVPDC Staff  
Justin Falconer, News and Advance  
Megan Lucas, CEO, Regional Business Alliance  
Rosalie Majerus. CVPDC Staff

**Welcome:**

Amherst Mayor Dwayne Tuggle welcomed the Committee and explained that Committee Chair Kenneth Campbell could not attend due to a medical appointment. Gary reported that a quorum was present.

**Minutes of March 29, 2019:** Upon a motion by Sara Carter, seconded by Dean Rodgers, the minutes of March 29, 2019 were unanimously approved as presented.

**GO Virginia:**

Sackett Wood of Moore and Giles was suggested as a name for consideration for the GO Virginia vacancy on the Region 2 board.

**October Annual Meeting:**

The Committee suggested that staff plan on an annual meeting in October. Discussion topics might include:

- What is the most important thing that the PDC should be working on?
- What is the biggest challenge that the PDC could help resolve?
- How to be an effective elected official
- What are issues that localities face and what are localities doing to address them?  
Staff was encouraged to consider mixing up seating so that people would sit with representatives from other jurisdictions.

### **Central Virginia Training Center Redevelopment Plan:**

Gary brought the Committee up to date with a report that Amherst County has pledged \$50,000 as match money. Dean noted that the Amherst EDA has also pledged \$50,000. Dean encouraged the Committee to approve \$150,000 from the PDC reserves so that we could move forward quickly with a GO Virginia grant application for \$250,000.

Gary encouraged other jurisdictions to consider a cash investment in order to strengthen the GO Virginia grant application. Dean noted that he preferred not to commit to a refund through a tax overlay district, although the Amherst County Board of Supervisors would consider such an arrangement. Dean noted that new legislation allows a local government/political subdivision to purchase the land from the Commonwealth, although Megan noted that there may be environmental pitfalls with the property if it was purchased as it is today.

The committee also heard a report that local non-profits are discussing using some of the property for homeless housing.

Frank suggested that we should develop a policy statement which would serve as a guideline on the type of projects, management and goals of how we should use the PDC's reserve funds. He suggested that the 1:1 match concept would be good to include in this guideline as well as that the project should be of regional importance. The committee also suggested that the project be of regional importance and that it be one of the PDC's priorities.

Sara suggested that jurisdictions should be encouraged to financially participate with a tax overlay district concept. Robert said he would expect that the tax overlay incentive would more likely be used in an implementation project rather than a planning project.

By consensus the Committee agreed to report to the full Commission on May 16 that:

- The request from Amherst County is \$150,000
- The Committee would recommend matching dollar for dollar any funds contributed by localities.
- The Alliance would coordinate the project and administer the program.