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**Central Virginia Planning District Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes – Draft
September 18, 2025 @ 5:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: CVPDC Offices
828 Main Street, 12th Floor
Lynchburg, VA 24504**

Members Present:

Dwayne Tuggle, Town of Amherst, Chairman
Richard Conner, Town of Appomattox, Vice-Chairman
Reggie Bennett, Town of Altavista
Greg Patrick, City of Lynchburg, proxy for Wynter Benda
Craig Hughes, Town of Brookneal
Frank Rogers, Campbell County
Gary Shanaberger, Town of Altavista
Robert Hiss, Bedford County
John Sharp, Bedford County
Michael Campbell, Town of Appomattox

Members Joining Virtually:

John Spencer, Appomattox County

Staff Present:

Sandy Dobyms
Kelly Hitchcock
Bruce Vlk

Staff Joining Virtually:

Alec Brebner

Others Present:

Pat Young

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Dwayne Tuggle welcomed the Board and guests. He introduced Bruce Vlk, the new Senior Transportation Planner. The meeting started at 5:00 p.m.

2. Consideration of Requests for Electronic Participation

Tuggle recognized John Spencer as a member of the Commission participating virtually, and Alec Brebner, Executive Director. Reggie Bennett made a motion to allow John Spencer and Alec Brebner to participate virtually, and John Sharp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Special Guest: Pat Young, Vice-President, Community Health Services – Centra

Pat Young reported on her work studying community health and well-being, including all CVPDC localities. Centra's Community Health Needs Assessment lists the top three community needs: healthcare access, mental health and substance use disorders, and food insecurity. She noted that HR1, the "One Big Beautiful Bill," has reduced Medicaid and Medicare funding, disproportionately affecting rural localities. Centra has applied for funds through the Rural Health Transformation Fund to bridge this gap. Upon question about Centra's grants program, Young clarified that localities may apply.

Chairman Tuggle left the meeting at 5:21 p.m. Vice-Chairman Richard Conner assumed chairmanship.

Young left the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

4. Regular Meeting Minutes: July 17, 2025

Frank Rogers motioned to approve the July 17, 2025, minutes. Robert Hiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

John Sharp left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

5. Resolution Regarding Local and Regional Water Supply Planning and Application for a FY2026 Water Supply Planning Grant

Brebner reported that the VDEQ requires every locality to submit a regional water supply plan by October 2029. Cost estimates from consultants range from \$350,000 to \$500,000 to develop a plan. The PDC applied for funds with VDEM. VDEQ offers a potential \$9,240.

Frank Rogers motioned to apply for \$9,240 with VDEQ and begin data collection for the plan. Michael Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

John Sharp returned to the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

6. Organizational Reports

- a) Financial Report: Sandy Dobyns stated that there was nothing out of the ordinary within the financial reports that needed to be brought to the board's attention.
- b) Executive Director's Report

- a. GO Virginia Region 2 Active Projects Report: Brebner recommended inviting GO Virginia to the November meeting.
- b. Federal Surface Transportation Act Reauthorization: Brebner noted that the concern among local government leaders is that Virginia counties do not receive a fair portion of gas taxes.
- c. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan and IJA BMP Implementation Project: Kelly Hitchcock reported that the PDC applied for VDEQ funds for a mini-grant program, Water Relief. The program will provide up to \$4,500 for grantees. Camp Kum-Ba-Yah is one of the first awardees. She noted the official extension of the program to March and an unofficial extension to the end of 2026.

7. Other Business

No other business presented.

8. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Richard Conner entertained a motion to adjourn. Reggie Bennett moved to adjourn. Gary Shanaberger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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Signature attest

Date