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Central Virginia Planning District Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – Draft

September 17, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

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

Members Present:

Jeremy Bryant, Amherst County
Richard Conner, Town of Appomattox, Chairman
Robert Hiss, Bedford County
Tom Lawton, Campbell County
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance
Frank Rogers, Campbell County
Gary Shanaberger, Town of Altavista
John Sharp, Bedford County
John Spencer, Appomattox County
Kent White, City of Lynchburg (proxy for Wynter Benda)

Members Present Virtually:

Curt Diemer, City of Lynchburg

Staff Present:

Sandy Dobyns
Jefrado Granger
Nathan Gregory
Kelly Hitchcock
Hannah Mitchell

Staff Present Virtually:

Alec Brebner

Others Present Virtually:

Lyle Solla-Yates, Charlottesville Planning Commission

1. **Welcome**

   Chairman Richard Conner called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. **Consideration of Requests for Electronic Participation**

   Tom Lawton moved to approve electronic participation. Robert Hiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

   Gary Shanaberger and Kent White arrived at 5:02 p.m. Curt Diemer joined virtually at 5:03 p.m.

3. **Special Guests: Lyle Solla-Yates – UVA School of Architecture, City of Charlottesville Planning Commissioner**

   Lyle Solla-Yates introduced himself as a speaker for the upcoming Central Virginia Regional Housing Policy Workshop. He provided an overview of housing trends and policies at the local, state, and federal levels. When asked, Solla-Yates described recent federal and state efforts to increase funding for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

   Alec Brebner and Jefrado Granger encouraged all present to attend the upcoming Central Virginia Regional Housing Policy Workshop event on October 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance.

4. **Regular Meeting Minutes: July 16, 2026**

   Robert Hiss moved to approve the July 16, 2026, minutes as presented. Gary Shanaberger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Organizational Reports**

   a) Financial Report

      Sandy Dobyns reported an overall positive financial position relative to the budget. She noted additional benefits costs that will be charged to the Region 2000 Services Authority.

   b) Executive Director's Report

      Alec Brebner noted his reappointment as Chairman of the Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO). He joined the meeting virtually while attending a national transportation planning conference, where MPOs nationwide discussed federal surface transportation reauthorization. This federal act occurs every five years. If not readopted soon, it may disrupt funding and grant programs.

      Brebner updated the Commission on the Connect Central Virginia 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The CVTPO conditionally approved the plan earlier that day, pending no adverse comments. He noted that the rural portion of the plan will start in 2027, also with consultant team Timmons Group.

      Brebner reported receiving an additional $46,000 award for regional water supply planning efforts. CVPDC staff and the Virginia Association of PDCs are working diligently to find additional resources to complete the full project.

Another regional grant is an $80,000 debris management plan award for localities affected by Hurricane Helene, including Bedford and Appomattox Counties. Brebner noted that he expects a grant agreement to be in place and work to begin soon.

Brebner reviewed progress on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) with consultant firm Short Elliott Hendrickson. He described the 12 identified regional economic goals and 4 specific roles the CVPDC may play. The project list is under development. The draft will next be presented to the Executive Committee, then the full CVPDC.

Gary Shanaberger thanked staff for convening localities with state and federal funding partners, noting two recent grants that the Town of Altavista received.

Brebner provided an overview of GO Virginia Region 2 active projects and how their initiatives may intersect with the CEDS.

Brebner reminded all of their invitation to the Central Virginia Regional Housing Policy Workshop on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

Jeremy Bryant left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

6. Other Business

Rogers congratulated Brebner on his reappointment as VAMPO chairman.

Megan Lucas invited all to attend the upcoming Transportation Forum on September 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance (LRBA). The Commonwealth Fall Transportation Meeting will take place afterward at 2:00 p.m., also at the LRBA.

Lucas noted that the LRBA has 11 active economic development projects in the region.

7. Adjournment

Confirming no additional business, Richard Conner adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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Signature attest Date