



Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council Meeting

Partnership Conference Room
828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, Virginia
May 21, 2015 - 5:00 pm

Members Present:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Carl Boggess, Interim Bedford County Administrator
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Bill Gillespie, Appomattox Town Manager
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
L. Kimball Payne, Lynchburg City Manager
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Gary Tanner, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

Absent:

Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Don Kidd, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Megan Lucas, Region 2000 Business & Economic Development Alliance
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Bumgarner, Amherst Town Council
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council
Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Stanley Goldsmith, Campbell County Board of Supervisors
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista, *Chair*

Others Present:

Bob Bailey, CAER, Executive Director
Ben Bowman, Region 2000 Workforce Development Director
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, Executive Director
Larry Jackson, Region 2000 Business & Economic Development Alliance, Board Chair
Nathan Kolb, Region 2000 SBDC Coordinator
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, Deputy Finance Director
Elizabeth Narehood, Region 2000 Business & Economic Development Alliance, Vice President
Matt Perkins, Local Government Council, Admin. Program Coordinator
John Spencer, Appomattox County, Assistant County Administrator

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome, Moment of Silence, and Introduction of new member

Gary Tanner introduced the new Appomattox County Administrator, Susan Adams and the Interim Bedford County Administrator, Carl Boggess to Council.

2. Minutes of March 19, 2015 Meeting

Upon the motion of Frank Rogers to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015, second by Paul Harvey, the minutes of March 19, 2015 were approved as presented with Gary Tanner abstaining.

3. Introduction of the new Small Business Development Center Director, Nathan Kolb

Nathan Kolb provided an overview of the role of the SBDC in Region 2000 and noted that the SBDC is geared towards helping retain businesses, form businesses and grow businesses. Additionally, Kolb noted various programs offered by the SBDC.

4. Update on Region 2000 Business & Economic Development Alliance/Lynchburg Regional Chamber work

Larry Jackson provided an update regarding the work of the Regional Collaboration Task Force in the efforts to providing a gateway resource for business attraction and economic growth in the Greater Lynchburg Region. Jackson presented and overviewed the vision, mission, and guiding principles.

Kim Payne elaborated on the creation of the guiding document and addressed specific ideas, principles, and approaches driving the formation of whatever entity may come to exist. Payne presented that the biggest concern is that the region is not marketed – the Region’s story is not being told. Additionally, Payne noted that an important aspect of marketing is ensuring that a product exists that can be marketed.

Jackson and Payne noted that due to changes in the approach to economic development that this collective impact effort offered a greater paradigm for progress in creating a thriving economic climate in the region.

Payne and Jackson received and answered questions from the Council.

5. Discussion on farm based sweet sorghum micro-processing

Bob Bailey introduced and discussed alternative crop production as an area of exploration to increase economic output from the regions agriculture sector. Bailey overviewed the project scope noting that he did not want an opportunity for a funding grant to be available and not mention it or ask for interested parties.

6. Nomination of citizens to serve on the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee

Gary Christie presented the nominations of Mike Mattox and Mark Wagoner to the RRBAC to Council.

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to submit proposed names as nominations to the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, seconded by Waverly Coggsdale, this motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion on the creation of a 501-c-3 nonprofit for workforce development

Ben Bowman introduced for discussion the creation of a non-profit to address and leverage available resources to better meet the needs and demands of the regional workforce. Bowman noted that there are available resources that would complement existing federal funds but are currently not available under the existing structure. Bowman elaborated on existing business models operating in a similar capacity.

Members of Council noted concerns of another non-profit asking the private sector for monetary support. Also, they expressed concern of how one would differentiate existing workforce development programs to those new programs or initiatives that may be introduced with a non-profit. Council asked for further insight on how the program would function with a request for the presentation of a business plan.

8. Finance Report, FY16 Budget, and Work Plan

Rosalie Majerus reviewed and summarized key aspects of the year-to-date financials and previewed the proposed FY 16 Budget.

Gary Christie noted highlights of the work plan.

Upon a motion by Frank Rogers to approve the LGC FY16 budget and work plan, second by Dean Rodgers, the FY16 budget and work plan were approved unanimously.

9. Items from Staff

These matters were tabled for discussion until the July 2015 meeting.

10. Election of FY 16 Officers

Gar Christie presented a proposed slate of FY16 officers for the Local Government Council. Christie asked Council to elect these officers and authorize him to prepare an appreciation for the outgoing officers.

Upon a motion by Frank Rogers to approve the FY16 officers as presented, that being Paul Harvey as Chair, John Sharp as Vice Chair, Bill Gillespie as Treasurer and Gary Christie as Secretary and to authorize staff to prepare an appreciation for the outgoing officers, seconded by Stacey Hailey, this motion passed unanimously.

11. Items from Council

There were no matters brought by the Council for discussion.

12. Adjourn

Upon a motion by Waverly Coggsdale to adjourn, seconded by Bill Gillespie, and this motion passing unanimously, the May 21, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Signed: Paul O. Harvey

By: Paul Harvey, Chair (title)