

WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES

of the
December 6, 2007, Meeting

held at the
Commission Office
1100 Madison Street, Martinsville, VA
at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

HENRY COUNTY

Jim Adams
Paula Burnette
Charlie Redd

PATRICK COUNTY

Jerry Adams

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

James Astin, Treasurer
Henry Davis
William Pritchett

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Leland Mitchell

ROCKY MOUNT

Roger Seale

DANVILLE

Stokes Daniels

MARTINSVILLE

Kimble Reynolds, Vice-Chairman
Kathy Lawson

ABSENT

Harry Kolendrianos, Chairman
Steve Angle, Rocky Mount
Sherman Saunders, Danville
Frank B. Fuller, Jr., Martinsville
David Young, Patrick County
Russ Johnson, Franklin County
Marshall Blair, Franklin County
Ralph Casey, Rocky Mount
Danny Foley, Patrick County

STAFF

Robert W. Dowd, AICP, Executive Director
Joan Hullett, Assistant Director
Tammy Moss, Administrative Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Mr. Astin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2007, meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

THE BOARD:

Voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2007, meeting

3. **POINTS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Executive Director advised that, following the last meeting, the Commission's financial audit had been distributed and advertised as required by the Code of Virginia.

THE BOARD:

Noted this report.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORTS: JULY 31, 2007—WPPDC/P(07)57; AUGUST 31, 2007—WPPDC/P(07)58; AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2007—WPPDC/P(07)64**

Mr. Redd made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burnette to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

THE BOARD:

Voted unanimously to approve the July 31, 2007; August 31, 2007; and September 30, 2007, Treasurer's Report as presented.

5. **REGISTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS UNDER THE VIRGINIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS—NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2007—WPPDC/P(07)65**

THE BOARD:

Noted this informational report.

6. **VA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR PROJECT REVIEW OF COMPATIBILITY WITH REGIONAL PLANNING – SIX-BAY EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDING—CARLISLE AREA HEADQUARTERS – HENRY COUNTY –WPPDC/P(07)67**

VDOT had requested the PDC's review and comment on the planned construction of an equipment storage building for its use in Henry County's Carlisle area. The proposed 4,570 SF building will replace an existing deteriorated and damaged building which will be demolished.

Staff noted that, based on information supplied, it appeared that the project would enhance operations at the Carlisle Headquarters, have a positive impact on transportation in the area, lend support to transportation operations regionally, and could have positive planning impact regionally.

Mr. Astin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Redd, to make a favorable comment on the project. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

THE BOARD:

Voted unanimously to make a favorable comment on the project.

7. **UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH VA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

The Executive Director advised the Board that work had begun on Phase II of the Regional Water Supply Plan and that Draper Aden was working with the staff and localities on this project.

THE BOARD:

Noted this informational report.

8. **UPDATES AND REPORTS RELATED TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

The Executive Director reported that the Commission staff was in the process of soliciting projects from the localities and updating the various chapters of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

THE BOARD:

Noted this informational report.

9. **UPDATE ON REGIONAL PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES RELATED TO RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The Executive Director reported that the Phase II work on the Regional Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan was getting underway. He informed the Board that VDOT had been pleased with the Commission's Phase I work and had asked him to make a presentation at a recent workshop in Charlottesville.

The Executive Director also briefed the Board on the status of progress on projects to build Interstate 73 and Interstate 74.

THE BOARD:

Noted this informational report.

10. UPDATES AND REPORTS RELATED TO THE DANVILLE MPO PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Executive Director advised the Board that the MPO had been notified that the consultant for the Route 29 access management study had been given approval of its cost proposal information by VDOT Richmond's Audit section. We can now move on to final contracting and a kickoff meeting in early January in Chatham. He further noted that the Danville corridor study consultant was preparing final draft materials for a public meeting following the steering committee's approval. He informed the group that there would be a Danville Pittsylvania MPO meeting and public hearing on the following Monday night to amend the long-range transportation plan and also the 3-year Transportation Improvement Program.

THE BOARD:

Noted this informational report.

11. FINALIZATION OF WPPDC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE-LETTER FOR YEAR 2008 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY—WPPDC/P(07)66

The Executive Director referred the Board members to last year's legislative letter which had been included in the meeting package. He informed the group that he had solicited input from the local government managers to use in developing the letter for the upcoming General Assembly Session and that input received had been incorporated into the package presented. He noted that he planned to check with the Franklin County Administration again concerning the items included for Smith Mountain Lake and that he needed to add an item concerning additional funding for water supply planning in the Commonwealth.

At its earlier session, the Executive Committee had voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the Legislative Letter as presented with an added item for additional funding for water supply planning in the Commonwealth and any changes required for the Smith Mountain Lake items as instructed by the Franklin County Administration.

During discussion, Ms. Burnette offered changes including typing subject headings in bold type; adding "and CAFTA" throughout when references are made to NAFTA; and listing the localities names in the first paragraph following "the Board of Commissioners."

Mr. Astin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Redd, to approve the Legislative Letter with the following changes: typing subject headings in bold type; adding "and CAFTA" throughout when references are made to NAFTA; and listing the localities names in the first paragraph following "the Board of Commissioners"; addition of an item for additional funding for water supply planning in the Commonwealth; and any changes required for the Smith Mountain Lake items as instructed by the Franklin County Administration. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

THE BOARD:

Voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the Legislative Letter as presented with the following changes: typing subject headings in bold type; adding "and CAFTA" throughout when references are made to NAFTA; and listing the localities names in the first paragraph following "the Board of Commissioners"; addition of an item for additional funding for water supply planning in the Commonwealth; and any changes required for the Smith Mountain Lake items as instructed by the Franklin County Administration.

The Executive Director referred the group to the VAPDC Legislative Agenda which had been included with the Board papers. At its earlier session, the Executive Committee had voted unanimously to recommend that the Board endorse the VAPDC 2008 Legislative Agenda as presented.

Ms. Burnette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Seale, to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

THE BOARD:

Voted unanimously to recommend that the Board endorse the VAPDC 2008 Legislative Agenda as presented.

12. HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMISSION AND STAFF ACTIVITIES; OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS

It was reported that staff was working on updates to chapters of the Martinsville Comprehensive Plan and that the staff was assisting the Martinsville City staff in researching transit opportunities for the Martinsville-Henry County area.

THE BOARD:

Noted this report.

13. ESTABLISH PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

At its earlier session, the Executive Committee had voted unanimously to recommend that the Board keep the FY 2009 per capita contribution rate at 55 cents, the same as for FY 2008.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

THE BOARD:

Voted unanimously to keep the FY 2009 per capita contribution rate at 55 cents, the same as for FY 2008.

14. RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Mr. Astin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adopt resolutions of appreciation for the service of Mr. David Young and Mr. Danny Foley to both Patrick County and the West Piedmont Planning District Commission who had served on the Board thru December 31, 2007. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

THE BOARD:

Voted unanimously to transmit resolutions of appreciation for the service of Mr. David Young and Mr. Danny Foley to both Patrick County and the West Piedmont Planning District Commission through their representation on the WPPD Board through December 31, 2007.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Robert W. Dowd, AICP
Executive Director