

LENOWISCO Planning District Commission
Board of Directors' Called Meeting
August 31, 2011

The LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors met at a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room of the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission, Duffield, Virginia.

Those members present were: Mr. Ben Allen, Mr. Larry Mosley, Mr. Joe Herron, Mr. Bob Adkins, Mr. Larry Vicars, Mr. Robert Robbins, Mr. Danny Parks, Mr. Joe Horton and Mr. Kyle Fletcher.

Those members absent were: Mr. Ronnie Shortt, Mr. Robert Raines, Mr. Mark Carter, Mr. Homer "Pete" Sumpter, Mr. Carl Bailey and Mr. Bobby Dorton.

LENOWISCO staff members present were: Mr. Glen Skinner, Executive Director; Mr. Chris Starnes, Transportation Planning Manager and Mr. Duane Miller, Deputy Director.

The first order of business was as report by the Executive Committee led by Mr. Glen Skinner. He summarized the concerns that were heard during the Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Danny Parks stated that due to the \$5 million default clause in the Secure Futures proposed agreement with Scott County EDA he cannot support moving the project forward.

Mr. Ben Allen stated that he agrees with the Scott County board members and will support their position due to Scott County being directly involved in the proposed agreement.

Mr. Joe Herron stated that many items have been brought up after the original discussion on the project and that they may be additional unknown items to be brought up in the future on the project.

Mr. Larry Vicars stated that overall the entire project is very complicated and has been rushed. He noted many inconsistencies have been produced after further investigating and questioning the original proposal. He noted that he researched green power requirements for data centers as was originally presented by Secure Futures and that his research did not match what was explained originally by Secure Futures.

Mr. Robert Adkins stated that at the end of a ten year contract the panels may be so obsolete that they could not be sold and there would be a cost to dispose of those in the appropriate means.

Mr. Skinner stated that based on the comments he has heard from the Board at today's meeting he is not in a position to recommend moving the project forward.

On a motion made by Mr. Larry Vicars, duly seconded by Mr. Danny Parks, and approved unanimously by the Board, the Executive Director was instructed to return the Virginia Tobacco Commission (VTC) solar grant due to unresolved issues with the project. Also, the Executive Director is instructed to request VTC allocate a portion of the returned grant to complete planning activities to further investigate solar energy opportunities in the LENOWISCO region.

Mr. Skinner suggested the Board consider the status of the LENOWISCO Holdings LLC at the regular October Board meeting.

In other business, Mr. Skinner gave an update on the LENOWISCO Broadband Project and noted that discussions are on-going between Sunset Digital and Powell Valley Electric Cooperative. Mr. Robert Robbins requested that Mr. Skinner email the Board with any updates on this process.

Being no further business, Chairman Mr. Bob Adkins opened the floor for public comment. Being no public comments, the Chairman closed the public comment portion of the agenda.

On a motion made by Mr. Danny Parks, duly seconded by Mr. Joe Horton, and approved unanimously by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN A. SKINNER
Secretary