

LENOWISCO Planning District Commission  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
October 5, 2009

The LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors met on Monday, October 5, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Westmoreland-Penn Virginia Board Room, Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

Those members present were: Mr. Ben Allen, Mr. Ronnie Shortt, Mr. Danny Parks, Mr. Mark Carter, Mr. Larry Mosley, Mr. Joe Herron, Mr. Bob Adkins, Mr. Robert Raines, Mr. Larry Vicars, Mr. Carl Bailey, Mr. Joe Horton, Mr. Kyle Fletcher, Mr. Robert Robbins and Mr. Bobby Dorton.

Those members absent were: Mr. Homer "Pete" Sumpter.

LENOWISCO staff members present were: Mr. Glen Skinner, Executive Director; Ms. Marie Jones, Office Manager; Mr. Frank Kibler, Senior Planner; and Mr. Chris Starnes, Regional Planner.

Others present were: Mr. Paul Elswick, Sunset Digital Communications; Mr. Ryan Elswick, Sunset Digital Communications; and Ms. Karen Jenkins, Creative Energy representing Sunset Digital Communications.

Following the invocation and pledge of allegiance, the Chairman, Mr. Ronnie Shortt, called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes for the August 3, 2009 Board meeting. On a motion by Mr. Robert Raines, duly seconded by Mr. Kyle Fletcher, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

The second order of business was approval of the agenda. On a motion by Mr. Joe Horton, duly seconded by Mr. Bob Adkins, the agenda was unanimously approved.

The third order of business was the presentation of the financial report by Mr. Larry Mosley. He reviewed the July and August financial reports for LENOWISCO PDC, LENOWISCO, Inc. I, and LENOWISCO, LLC. On a motion by Mr. Larry Mosley, duly seconded by Mr. Kyle Fletcher, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's report as presented.

The fourth order of business was consideration of a budget amendment. On a motion by Mr. Robert Robbins, duly seconded by Mr. Larry Vicars, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the FY2010 budget was amended.

The fifth order of business was a report on the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Virginia Department of Transportation's Enhancement Grant program applications in development by Mr. Chris Starnes. Applications being submitted to the Appalachian Regional Commission are due by October 7, 2009 and applications being submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation are due by December 1, 2009.

The sixth order of business was a report on applications being funded (pending full Commission approval on October 29, 2009) by the Virginia Tobacco Commission. The projects are as follows:

- Lee County Industrial Development Authority - Site Prep – data center - \$344,700
- Lee County Industrial Development Authority - Final Plans – Rose Hill sewer plant expansion - \$95,500
- Town of Nickelsville - Nickelsville Economic Restructuring & Revitalization Project - \$20,000
- Wise County Industrial Development Authority - Wise Inn Restoration &

- Redevelopment - \$250,000
- Boozy Creek Community Center, Inc. - Boozy Creek Community Center - \$35,000
- Flanary Historical Site, Inc. - Building Renovation - \$20,000
- Town of Pennington Gap - Lee Theater / Learning Center Renovation - \$232,815 (contingent on dollar-for-dollar match)
- Southwest Virginia Community Foundation, Inc. - Clinch Mountain Performing Arts Center - \$500,000 (contingent on equal non-VTC commitments within one year)
- Wellmont Foundation - Cardio-Stroke Tele-Health Network - \$150,400

The seventh order of business was the Executive Director's report by Mr. Glen Skinner, which included the following items:

1. Budget reductions from the state have been made.
2. He will be meeting with Andy Miles of Vaughn & Melton, and Gate City officials to determine possible projects needed for the town.
3. On a motion by Mr. Ben Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Robert Robbins, and with unanimous approval of the Board, a Policies and Procedures manual was adopted for the Commission.
4. On a motion by Mr. Robert Raines, duly seconded by Mr. Bob Adkins, and with unanimous approval of the Board, Mr. Skinner was instructed to write a letter to the State Corporation Commission in opposition to proposed rate hikes by Old Dominion Power Company.
5. He provided an update on the Rails to Trails project.
6. He reported the Commission is in its new office building.

The eighth order of business was a report from the Broadband Committee on its October 1, 2009 meeting.

The ninth order of business was the presentation of an Executive Summary from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project applications by Mr. Paul Elswick of Sunset Digital Communications.

The tenth order of business was a report on the founding of Clariti Media by Mr. Paul Elswick. The purpose of establishing a new entity was to separate the network operation and management function, Sunset Digital Communications, from the service provider entity, Clariti Media. This should make it less confusing for any firm wishing to provide services to individual users or customers on the network.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bob Adkins made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Kyle Fletcher, and with unanimous approval of the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN A. SKINNER  
Secretary