

LENOWISCO Planning District Commission
Board of Directors' Meeting
December 1, 2008

The LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors met on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. in the Henry S. Stout Board Room, LENOWISCO Planning District Commission office, Duffield, 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. Bobby Dorton, Mr. Kyle Fletcher, Mr. Larry Vicars, Mr. Carl Bailey, Mr. Joe Horton, Mr. Homer "Pete" Sumpter, and Mr. Robert Robbins.

Those members absent were: None.

LENOWISCO staff members present were: Mr. Glen Skinner, Executive Director; Ms. Marie Jones, Office Manager; Mr. Chris Starnes, Regional Planner; Mr. Duane Miller, Deputy Director; Ms. Zetta Souder, Director of Project Management; Mr. Frank Kibler, Senior Planner; Ms. Rebecca Crockett, Project Management Assistant; and Mr. Ronald C. Flanary, Senior Advisor.

Others present were: Mr. Paul Elswick, Sunset Digital Communications.

Following the invocation and pledge of allegiance, the Chairman, Mr. Mark Carter, called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes for the October 6, 2008 Board meeting. On a motion by Mr. Kyle Fletcher, duly seconded by Mr. Ronnie Shortt, 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. Homer "Pete" Sumpter, the agenda was unanimously approved.

The third order of business was the presentation of the financial report by Mr. Bob Adkins. He reviewed the September and October financial reports. On a motion by Mr. Ronnie Shortt, duly seconded by Mr. Larry Mosley, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's report as presented.

The fourth order of business was a summary of the Virginia Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant program funding applications by Mr. Chris Starnes. The following applications were submitted for funding consideration:

High Knob Tower Enhancement Project - \$280,000
Appalachia – Big Stone Gap Trail and Trailhead Project – Phase I - \$275,000

Funding awards are expected to be announced in late spring 2009.

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

1. Three requests for water funds were presented:

- a. Scott County Public Service Authority – Testing on Quarry Pond near Gate City - \$10,000
- b. Town of St. Paul – Feasibility Study for Joint Regional Sewer Project with Russell County - \$5,000
- c. Scott County Public Service Authority – Clinch River Highway – Phase II - \$3,500

On a motion by Mr. Robert Raines, duly seconded by Mr. Larry Vicars, the Board unanimously approved these requests.

2. He provided an update on the new office building stating completion was on scheduled for late April or early May.

3. He reported that he had sent a letter to Mr. Darrell Blankenship, Executive Director of the Southwest Virginia Workforce Investment Board, stating LENOWISCO would discontinue its role as fiscal agent for the agency effective December 31, 2008.

4. On a motion by Mr. Ronnie Shortt, duly seconded by Mr. Larry Vicars, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2009-2 for the RBOG Return to Roots grant. This resolution is attached to and a part of these minutes.

5. He presented the proposed holiday schedule for 2008 stating the office would be closed from December 24 until January 5, 2009, with staff taking vacation leave for the days that are not State holidays.

6. On a motion by Mr. Robert Adkins, duly seconded by Mr. Larry Mosley, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2009-3 in support of Virginia's Rural Broadband Initiative. This resolution is attached to and a part of these minutes.

7. The Virginia Department of Health had announced grant awards. Those included in this announcement are Blackwater Water Project (Lee County and Scott County applications), Bishoptown Water project (Scott County), and Possum Creek – Phase II (Scott County).

8. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Abandoned Mine Land fund had funded 100 percent of the Robbins Chapel III water project in Lee County. Mr. Ronald C. Flanary suggested the Lee County Public Service Authority should talk to Ms. Donna Stanley at the Coalfield Water Development Fund for providing hook-ups to the homes.

The sixth order of business was Public Comment Period. Mr. Kyle Fletcher discussed the intermittent cell phone coverage through St. Paul and wanted to know the status of getting Verizon in the area. Mr. Ronald C. Flanary suggested he called Virginia Resources Authority to consider putting up an antenna and financing it.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Joe Herron made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Ben Allen, and with unanimous approval of the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN A. SKINNER
Secretary