

LENOWISCO Planning District Commission
Board of Directors Meeting – February 1, 2016

The LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors met on Monday, February 1, 2016, in the conference room of the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission, Duffield, Virginia.

Those members present were: Mr. Robert Robbins, Mr. Ronnie Shortt, Mr. Robert Adkins, Mr. Nathan Cope, Mr. Joe Fawbush, Mrs. Suzy Harrison, Mr. Joe Herron, Mr. Chad Hood, Mr. Richard Leonard, Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. James Stone, Mr. Marshall Tipton, Mr. John Tull, and Mr. Larry Vicars. Those members absent were: Mr. Charles Slemp.

LENOWISCO staff members present were: Mr. Glen Skinner, Executive Director; Mr. Duane Miller, Deputy Director; Mr. Frank Kibler, Senior Planner; and Mr. Jimmy Adkins, Regional Planner.

Other guests present were: Mr. John Kilgore, Scott County Economic Development Association Director; previous Board members Mr. Carl Bailey, Mr. Larry Mosley, and Mr. Joe Horton.

The Chairman, Mr. Robbie Robbins, called the meeting to order. Mr. Robbins asked each of the four new board members to introduce themselves. Mr. Richard Leonard introduced himself, representing Lee County's 5th District. Mr. Marshall Tipton introduced himself, representing Scott County's 2nd District. Mr. Robert Smith introduced himself, representing Lee County's 1st District. Mr. Nathan Cope introduced himself, representing Lee County's 2nd District. Mr. Robbins invited the rest of the Board to introduce themselves. The invocation and pledge of allegiance followed.

The first order of business was approval of the agenda. On a motion made by Mr. Chad Hood, duly seconded by Mr. Joe Herron, the Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

The second order of business was approval of the minutes for the December 7, 2015, Board of Directors meeting. On a motion by Mr. Ronnie Shortt, duly seconded by Mr. John Tull, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes as presented.

The third order of business was the presentation of the financial report by Mr. Glen Skinner. Mr. Skinner discussed with the Board that all finances were in order. On a motion by Mr. Larry Vicars, duly seconded by Mr. Robert Adkins, the Board unanimously approved the treasurer's report as presented.

The fourth order of business was a report from the Nominating Committee. Mr. Larry Vicars discussed there is an opening for First Vice-Chair from Lee County, an opening for Treasurer from Scott County and a member of the Virginia Coalfield Coalition from Lee County. Mr. Vicars reported the Nominating Committee agreed to submit Mr. Charles Slemp for the First Vice-Chair position. On a motion made by Mr. Larry Vicars, duly seconded by Mr. Robert Adkins, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Charles Slemp as First Vice-Chair. Mr. Vicars reported the Nominating Committee agreed to submit Mr. Richard Leonard for the position on the Virginia Coalfield Coalition. On a motion made by Mr. Larry Vicars, duly seconded by Mr. Joe Fawbush, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Richard Leonard as member of the Virginia Coalfield Coalition. Mr. Ronnie Shortt reported the Nominating Committee agreed to submit Mr. Larry Vicars for the Treasurer position. On a motion made by Mr. Ronnie Shortt, duly seconded by Mr. Joe Fawbush, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Larry Vicars as Treasurer.

The fifth order of business was an update by Mr. Duane Miller on current water/wastewater funding requests.

Construction Funds: NONE

Technical Assistance Funds: NONE

The sixth order of business was an update by Mr. Duane Miller on General Assembly and Technical Assistance Funds. Mr. Miller provided some historic background of the funds and a synopsis of the process to allocate those funds to the Board.

The seventh order of business was an update by Mr. Duane Miller regarding upcoming Community Development Block Grant applications. Mr. Miller reported that current prospective projects are the Elydale Water Line Replacement Project, St. Charles Water Line Replacement Project, Woodway Housing Project, Dungannon Water Line Replacement Project, and possibly a Dungannon Water Line Replacement and New Extension Project. Mr. Miller discussed the CDBG process and that applications are to be submitted in March.

The eighth order of business was an update by Mr. Duane Miller regarding the sewer infrastructure project in Western Lee. Mr. Miller shared the most recent discussions with representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Lee County, Lincoln Memorial University and Lane Group informing that the process is moving forward with design.

The ninth order of business was an update by Mr. Duane Miller regarding the Power+ Legislation and ARC Initiative. Mr. Miller discussed the possibility of federal funds that is to be reallocated for use in the Coalfield Region.

The tenth order of business was an update by Mr. Frank Kibler regarding the Agribusiness Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Kibler discussed the selection process was complete by the workgroup and that they chose the Office of Economic Development at Virginia Tech to facilitate the plan. Mr. Kibler advised the contract agreement is pending and further meetings/events will be upcoming. Mr. Kibler also shared the TMDL process is underway as well.

The eleventh order of business was an update by Mr. Jimmy Adkins regarding VDOT and House Bill 2. Mr. Adkins discussed the HB2 Prioritization Process and described the current recommended scenario from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to VDOT via scoring. Mr. Adkins notified that the current list is a recommendation, with the final vote to be completed by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in June. Mr. Adkins also encouraged all localities to participate in the upcoming VDOT Spring Public Hearing, with a date yet to be announced. Mr. Chad Hood asked for information regarding constructing a sidewalk from Thomas Village into Duffield. Mr. Adkins gave a description of the potential funding opportunities and will proceed with developing the project.

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

1. Recognize Outgoing Board Members: Mr. Skinner gave brief comments and certificates of appreciation to outgoing members in attendance Mr. Larry Mosley, Mr. Carl Bailey and Mr. Joe Horton.
2. General Assembly Update: Mr. Skinner discussed the recent weather event disrupted participation in the Southwest Virginia Legislative Reception. Mr. Skinner also shared some economic development issues in the Commonwealth and proposed legislation funding a regional drone research and development entity.
3. Go Virginia Update & Resolution of Support: Mr. Skinner shared the background and idea of the Go Virginia Initiative based on economic development and regionalization. On a motion by Mr. Robert Adkins, duly seconded by Mr. Larry Vicars, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution as presented.
4. Other items of interest:

- Mr. Skinner mentioned he will forward by email the recent Taylor Murphy Center for Public Service population estimates to Board members.

The thirteenth order of business was a closed session meeting to discuss pending legal matters as permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(7). On a motion by Mr. Ronnie Shortt, duly seconded by Mr. Larry Vicars, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a closed meeting per Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(7).

After the closed meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Robert Adkins, duly seconded by Mr. Ronnie Shortt and unanimously approved by the Board to return to an open meeting. In compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the Board voted by roll call on the Certification of Closed Meeting. All Board members voted "Yes" to the Certification of Closed Meeting except Mr. Charles Slempp who was absent. The certification is attached to and a part of these minutes. On a motion by Mr. Chad Hood, duly seconded by Mr. Robert Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to set up a line item in the budget for legal fees not to exceed the amount of \$15,000. Such funds would be allocated from unobligated reserve funds.

The final order of business was a public comment period opened by the Chairman, Mr. Robbie Robbins. There were no public comments offered and the public comment period was subsequently closed.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Robbins invited everyone to stay for dinner. Mr. Robert Adkins made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Ronnie Shortt, and followed with unanimous approval of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN A. SKINNER
Secretary

Motion:

I hereby move that the LENOWISCO Board of Directors convene in a closed meeting to discuss legal matters as permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(7).

§2.2-3711(A)(7). Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

	Yes	No	Absent
Robbie Robbins	✓		
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Ronnie Shortt	✓		
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Bob Adkins	✓		
Nathan Cope	✓		
Joe Fawbush	✓		
Suzy Harrison	✓		
Joe Herron	✓		
Chad Hood	✓		
Richard Leonard	✓		
Charles Slemp		✗	✓
Robert Smith	✓		
Cotton Stone	✓		
Marshall Tipton	✓		
John Tull	✓		
Larry Vicars	✓		

MOTION: Adkins

SECOND: Shurtl

MEETING DATE: February 1, 2016

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors has convened a meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Board of Directors.

VOTE

AYES: Robbins, Shurtl, Adkins, Cope, Fawbush, Harrisson, Heenan, Hood, Leonard, Smith, Stone, Tipton, Tull, & Vicars

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SLEMP

Glen Harrison
Secretary of LENOWISCO Planning District
Commission Board of Directors