Thursday, February 23, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

The next Northern Virginia Regional Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 7:30 pm will be held in person and electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3). NVRC offices are located at 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, Virginia. NVRC meetings are streamed live on its Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/NoVAR Region

This NVRC meeting does not have a public hearing component, so public comments will not be taken.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER - John T. Chapman, Chair
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from Joseph Mengedoth, Regional Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

Commissioners will receive a presentation on the state of the economy in Northern Virginia from Mr. Joseph Mengedoth who serves as a Regional Economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

4. ADOPTION OF ACTION ITEMS

Resolution P23-14 – Engagement of Consultant for Compensation Review

It has been five years since the Commission reviewed its pay plan and employee classification. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to engage a consultant to undertake such a review so that its results can be contained in the upcoming FY24 budget.

Recommended Action: Adoption

Resolution P23-15 – Authorization to Engage National Park Service Task Agreement on the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

NVRC provides coordinative services for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail at the request of the National Park Service (NPS). NVRC has been requested to provide additional services related to trail access and alignment. The resolution authorizes the Commission to enter into a task agreement with NPS.

Recommended Action: Adoption

Resolution P23-16 – Authorization to Request Proposals and Sign an Agreement for 2023 Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners Online Stormwater Survey Services

NVRC manages the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners Campaign (NVCWP) on behalf of our local governments. On behalf of the NVCWP, NVRC authorizes the Executive Director to solicit proposals from
professional survey marketing firms to develop and distribute a new online survey that will help evaluate the effectiveness of the NVCWP’s public outreach and education campaign over time.

**Recommended Action: Adoption**

**Resolution P23-17 – Authorization to Extend an Agreement with EffecTV for Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners TV Advertising Services**

Northern Virginia jurisdictions are required by law to comply with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits and watershed management plans that stipulate public outreach and education as a required component, with behavior change as the goal in support of meeting water quality standards. Through the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners campaign the Commission helps our local governments comply with the law. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to sign a contract for TV advertising services for a 12-month period in an amount not to exceed $65,000 to help provide public outreach and education.

**Recommended Action: Adoption**

**Resolution P23-18 – Authorization to Receive Funds from the Virginia Department of Health to Perform Various Technical Assistance Activities in Support of HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention**

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has contracted with NVRC for the past 35 years to receive and subcontract funds for HIV services in Suburban Virginia. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to execute such agreements and amendments with VDH as may be necessary to accomplish NVRC HIV-related activities for the 2023-2024 grant year.

**Recommended Action: Adoption**

5. **COMMUNITY/MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**
   - Activity Report
   - Financial Report

7. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2023**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P23-14

ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR COMPENSATION REVIEW

Whereas, Northern Virginia Regional Commission (the Commission) intends to pay its employees competitively with member local governments and other relevant labor market segments, in order to be successful in recruiting and retaining desirable employees; and

Whereas, it has been five years since the Commission’s pay plan structure, employee job classification, and compensation were last reviewed; and

Whereas, since such a review requires assistance from a compensation specialist whose demonstrated expertise includes pay management in the governmental sector; and

Whereas, such services may be obtained in accordance with the Commission’s small purchase (costing less than $50,000) rules that do not require issuing a Request for Proposals; and

Whereas, the Executive Director has requested a proposal from HRExtension, Inc., a local consulting firm whose principal completed the last review for the Commission and whose firm has continued to provide ad hoc advisory services in the interim; and

Whereas, the Commission’s adopted FY 2023 operating budget includes a moderate allocation of $10,000 for this type of work;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with HRExtension Inc, for a maximum price not to exceed $25,000, for a project of approximately 5 months that includes verifying the accuracy and completeness of approximately 16 job descriptions, completing a market analysis to verify comparability of pay, and recommending adjustments to the Commission’s pay plan if indicated;

Be It Further Resolved that the adopted FY 2023 budget be amended to allocate additional funds to the Contract Services budget category as needed to cover this agreement.
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P23-15

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr
Executive Director
DATE: February 23, 2023

AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TASK AGREEMENT ON THE POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) provides coordination for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) in Northern Virginia through a Cooperative Agreement P21AC12147-00 with the National Park Service;

WHEREAS, NVRC plays a key role coordinating and ensuring trail connectivity for alignments through Northern Virginia jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the National Park Service and PHNST stakeholders have expressed an interest in working together to improve data, including documentation of amenities and wayfinding for the PHNST;

WHEREAS, NVRC looks to work with PHNST stakeholders to identify and record wayfinding and amenities along the trail;

WHEREAS, the National Park Service PHNST Superintendent, Loudoun County, and other western jurisdictions require an evaluation of connectivity for the trail west from the Town of Leesburg to Harpers Ferry National Historic Park’s Northern Virginia Section with additional alignment options such as the Appalachian Trail and other park and crossing connections;

WHEREAS, NVRC represents the best option for convening and engaging diverse management partners to reach consensus on options for Trail access and alignments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to accept a Task Agreement from the National Park Service, in support of the PHNST in Northern Virginia, to continue regional support and coordination with local PHNST managers, advocates, and regional, state, and federal staff;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task agreement includes a study to identify existing wayfinding and amenities along the trail through volunteer data collection activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Agreement initiates a feasibility study administered and coordinated by NVRC staff of a multi-year feasibility study (depending on funding) for connection and alignment options from Balls Bluff Battlefield Park in the Town of Leesburg to the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park’s Northern Virginia section, engaging a contractor and developing a methodology and feasibility options.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter the Task agreement with NPS, not to exceed $275,000 for the funding period, with indirect funds covering up to 20 percent of match not provided by other contributions.
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P23-16

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr
Executive Director
DATE: February 23, 2023

AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST PROPOSALS AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR 2023 NORTHERN VIRGINIA CLEAN WATER PARTNERS ONLINE STORMWATER SURVEY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia jurisdictions are required by law to comply with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits and watershed management plans that stipulate public outreach and education as a required component, with behavior change as the goal in support of meeting water quality standards;

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) coordinates the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners (NVCWP) in cooperation with Northern Virginia jurisdictions, water and sanitation authorities, businesses, and public schools to pool funding together towards a public outreach and education campaign that fulfills MS4 and watershed management plan requirements;

WHEREAS, the NVCWP conducts an annual online survey of Northern Virginia residents’ knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors around stormwater pollution issues to assess the success of the campaign and best understand how to direct future campaign efforts;

WHEREAS, NVRC provides administrative support for the campaign, including procurement of online survey services;

WHEREAS, NVRC entered into an agreement with Amplitude Research in 2009 to develop and distribute an online survey of Northern Virginia residents as a part of the NVCWP’s campaign and continued its agreement with the firm through August 2022;

WHEREAS, the NVCWP seeks services to develop and conduct a new online survey that will utilize the latest survey tools and platform to reach the campaign’s desired audience;

WHEREAS, funding for this request will come from the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the NVCWP, NVRC authorizes the Executive Director to solicit proposals from professional survey marketing firms to develop and distribute a new online survey that will help evaluate the effectiveness of the NVCWP’s public outreach and education campaign over time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into an agreement with the selected firm for an amount not to exceed $20,000 through August 31, 2023.
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P23-17

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr
Executive Director
DATE: February 23, 2023

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND AN AGREEMENT WITH EFFECTV FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA CLEAN WATER PARTNERS TV ADVERTISING SERVICES

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia jurisdictions are required by law to comply with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits and watershed management plans that stipulate public outreach and education as a required component, with behavior change as the goal in support of meeting water quality standards;

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) coordinates the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners (NVCWP) in cooperation with Northern Virginia jurisdictions, water and sanitation authorities, businesses, and public schools to pool funding together towards an education and outreach campaign that fulfills MS4 and watershed management plan requirements;

WHEREAS, the NVCWP utilizes digital advertisements as a mechanism to reach their campaign’s audience;

WHEREAS, NVRC provides administrative support for the campaign, including procurement of digital advertisement services;

WHEREAS, Effectv is the sole provider for cable TV advertising services in Northern Virginia and has delivered a cost-effective means for reaching the NVCWP’s target audiences through specific broadcast zones;

WHEREAS, Effectv manages advertising for the cable networks in the area including Cox, Comcast, Direct TV, Verizon FIOS, Dish Network, Atlantic Broadband, and several other smaller networks in our area;

WHEREAS, advertising through Effectv will also allow the NVCWP to advertise on major cable channels such as Animal Planet, Discovery, ESPN, HGTV, National Geographic, and more;

WHEREAS, funding for this request will come from the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the NVCWP, NVRC authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Effectv for advertising services in support of the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners’ annual education and outreach campaign for an amount not to exceed $65,000 over a twelve month period.
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P23-18

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr
Executive Director
DATE: February 23, 2023

AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PERFORM VARIOUS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF HIV/AIDS CARE AND PREVENTION

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has demonstrated its commitment to facilitating the availability of services to persons living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) since the reauthorization by Congress of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act (Treatment Extension Act) in 2009 and its predecessor legislation the Ryan White CARE Act in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) distributes Treatment Extension Act Part B funds to states and territories for the purchase of AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) benefits and other health and social services for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, in Virginia the Federal Recipient of Part B funds -- the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has contracted with NVRC for the past 35 years to receive and subcontract funds for HIV services in Suburban Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the types of tasks identified for NVRC staff that would be performed under contract to VDH are consistent with NVRC’s role and mission, including grants management, training and technical assistance, research, program development, and neutral convener; and

WHEREAS, VDH staff has indicated the source of funding for such work is likely to include drug rebates earned from Ryan White Part B activities, as well as other funds (e.g., CDC prevention awards); and

WHEREAS, VDH staff has received and approved a budget and work plan prepared by NVRC staff that articulates a variety of proposed projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NVRC authorizes the Executive Director to execute such agreements and amendments with VDH as may be necessary to accomplish NVRC HIV-related activities for the 2023-2024 grant year;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to amend the Commission’s Work Plan accordingly.
Executive Director’s Report

February 2023
Loudoun View Senior Citizen Affordable Housing Project

NVRC was pleased to attend the ribbon cutting for this project which was funded in part by NVRC's Virginia Housing grant. This project provides 98 units of affordable housing for senior citizens.
NVRC is one of eight funding partners on this project which contains 52 units. Will be the first building in Loudoun County to be certified by four independent green building programs. Projected occupancy is Fall 2023.
NVRC is hosting a webinar with our colleagues at the National Park Services on our 2022 Corridor Analysis and new dashboard for the PHNST.

Jill Kaneff, Rebecca Murphy and Debbie Spiliotopoulos are co-leading this project on behalf of NVRC.

**PHNST Corridor Analysis: Highlights & Dashboard Training**

**March 15, 2023 | 10 - 11:30 AM**

**Virtual Event**

Join NVRC staff for a virtual event to learn about their 2022 Corridor Analysis and new dashboard for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) in Northern Virginia. The training will provide an overview of the analysis and share key features of the dashboard, including:

- Interactive maps
- Visitor information
- Studies, reports, and other education resources

For additional information about the PHNST and training event, visit NVRC’s website [HERE](http://nvrc.org).
Litter Monitoring Webinar – March 22

NVRC is pleased to co-host a webinar with our colleagues at MWCOG on March 22 to explore litter monitoring activities and to learn from their monitoring in the Anacostia watershed.

NOVA Litter Monitoring Workshop

March 22, 2023
10:00 - 11:30 AM
Zoom link provided with registration

Register Here

About the Event:
A virtual workshop to explore litter monitoring opportunities for Northern Virginia watersheds with a discussion on best practices from MWCOG’s Anacostia Watershed litter tracking program. Topics will include:

- Overview of MWCOG and the Anacostia Watershed
- MWCOG’s Anacostia Trash Protocol
- Data collection techniques
- Considerations for creating a monitoring program
- Jurisdictional management approaches for monitoring

Learn more about the workshop HERE.
NVRC's Executive Director and the Director of Community Military Partnerships both participated in ULI's Leadership Institute to talk about regional infrastructure projects.

NVRC presented on the Commuter Ferry project. Lots of good conversation and questions about this project.
### SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

**January 31, 2023**

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<th>FISCAL YEAR 2023 7 month(s)</th>
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**INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES**

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, January 26, 2023

COMMISSIONERS
(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Walter L. Alcorn                  County of Fairfax
Hon. Victor S. Angry                   County of Prince William
Hon. Andrea O. Bailey                  County of Prince William
Hon. Kenny A. Boddy1                   Town of Dumfries
Hon. Tyrone Brown                     Town of Leesburg
Hon. Kelly Burk                        City of Alexandria
Hon. John T. Chapman, NVRC Chairman   City of Alexandria
Hon. Linda J. Colbert                  County of Arlington
Hon. Matt de Ferranti                 County of Arlington
Hon. Libby Garvey                     City of Alexandria
Hon. Alyia Gaskins2                   County of Loudoun
Hon. Sylvia Glass                     County of Fairfax
Hon. Penelope A. Gross                County of Fairfax
Hon. Pat Herrity                      County of Fairfax
Hon. Rodney L. Lusk                   County of Fairfax
Hon. Sheila A. Olem, NVRC Vice Chairwoman Town of Herndon
Hon. Dalia A. Palchik                 County of Fairfax
Hon. Catherine Read                   City of Fairfax
Hon. Jeanette Rishell                 City of Manassas Park
Hon. Koran T. Saines                  County of Loudoun
Hon. Kathy L. Smith, NVRC Treasurer   County of Fairfax
Hon. David Tarter                     City of Falls Church
Hon. James R. Walkinshaw               County of Fairfax
Hon. Mark Wolfe                       City of Manassas

STAFF PRESENT
Robert Lazaro                        Executive Director
Linda M. Tenney                      Deputy Director
Gina Kesselmann-Smith3              Management Analyst
Normand Goulet                       Environmental Services Director
Chris Landgraf                       Military Installation Resiliency Project Manager
Dale Medearis4                      Senior Regional Planner
Rebecca Murphy                      Resources Program Manager
Michelle Simmons5                    Human Services Director

OTHERS
Randy Clarke                          WMATA
Greg Potts                           WMATA

1 Joined virtually – with Chairman’s approval
2 Joined virtually – with Chairman’s approval
3 Joined virtually
4 Joined virtually
5 Joined virtually
CALL TO ORDER
Acting Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL
The roll was called, and all members present or absent were noted for the record.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Commissioner Gross moved the election of Commissioner Chapman as Chairman of the Commission and Commissioner Olem as Vice Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION
Presentation from Randy Clarke, General Manager and CEO, WMATA

Commissioners received a presentation/update from Mr. Randy Clarke, the new General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Mr. Clarke was appointed in July 2022 to this position.

ACTION ITEMS
Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-11—Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant for round two of the Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) project. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:
NVRC was invited to submit a new grant for round two of the Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) project. This funding will complement the funding of the existing MIRR project.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-12—Resolution authorizing issuance of RFP for advertising for the Clean Water Partners Campaign. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:
NVRC coordinates the regional Clean Water Partners campaign. By coordinating regionally this effort assists our localities in meeting the educational requirements of their MS4 permits and allows for a consistent message across the region.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-13—Authorization to submit and accept a grant from the National Park Service Chesapeake Gateway Program for the benefit of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:
NVRC coordinates regional activities related to the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. The resolution authorizes NVRC to submit and accept a grant from the National Park Service Chesapeake Gateway program.
Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for December 2022 and the following:

- **Flood Mitigation in the Region**
  - NVRC was pleased to receive a $115,000 Congressionally Directed Spending grant, supported by our Northern Virginia Congressional delegation, to help better prepare the region for flood mitigation.
  - The grant will assist the region in the placement of additional flood gauges to better monitor and respond to flooding events. The grant will be funded through NOAA.
  - Nora Jackson is the NVRC lead on this project.

- **Affordable Housing Grant: Alexandria and Loudoun**
  - Depending on final unit count, NVRC will deliver more than 10 times the number of units expected as part of this grant.

- **Supporting the Future of Workforce – Electric Vehicles/Charging**
  - NVRC received a $15,000 grant from Dominion Energy to take Career Technical Education (CTE) teachers and educators from Arlington County and City of Alexandria schools to study the application of German vocational education lessons in the electric vehicles (EV) and renewable energy infrastructure sectors.
  - The group will travel in the fall of 2023 and meet with counterparts from German schools, unions, businesses and chambers of commerce in the Stuttgart and Hamburg regions. The involvement of educators and students from socio-economically disadvantaged communities is emphasized.
  - This exchange draws from the experiences and internships of students at Arlington and Alexandria Mercedes Benz and VW dealerships.

- **Supporting Community Efforts**
  - NVRC was pleased to host volunteers from the Plant NoVA Natives effort in our offices.
  - The Plant NoVA Natives campaign started at NVRC via a grant and has since blossomed into a volunteer directed and run program helping to share the environmental benefits of native plants. In addition, the volunteers work with local plant nurseries to help provide local economic benefit to the region.

- **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program**
Customer Appreciation Event hosted by one of NVRC's Ryan White Providers, the VHO Nexus Program.

- Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Certification
  - The Co-Chairs of NVRC's Community, Military and Federal Facilities Partnership, Commissioners Penelope Gross and Victor Angry, proudly display the certificate received by NVRC as a certified Virginia Values Veterans (v3) employer.

- Resiliency in the Region
  - Dr. Dale Medearis took the Environment Team out to several sites in the region that demonstrate resiliency projects being implemented by our partner local governments. Getting out in the field gives our staff the opportunity to see firsthand the good work being done in the region to help better inform their work as we collectively work together.

- NVRC Staff Exchange to Stuttgart Region
  - Allie and Nora of our Environmental and Resiliency Planning Team were interviewed for an article in the Stuttgart Region's magazine about their staff exchange to the Stuttgart Region this past fall. Stuttgart Region is bringing a delegation of 19 to the region this September.

- Sharing Our Data with the Community
  - Jill Kanef, our Senior Regional Demographer, presented at an Alexandria Citizen's Group on the Regional and City recovery from COVID-19.

  - Mr. Lazaro also welcomed three new Commissioners – Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Read, and Commissioner Brown.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Chapman had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY & MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gross reported that the January 12 Community and Military Partnership meeting was once again a great success and invited everyone to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on March 16, 2023, 10am-12pm.

Commissioner Gross also provided an update on upcoming action items:

- Invite Congresswoman Kiggans to a future meeting of the community-military partnership
- Include a military health representative at the State level on the DEI Working Group to look at increasing access to mental health care for the military and their families
- Invite Maureen Sintich, DNP, MBA, RN, WHNP-BC, NEA-BC who serves as Inova's Chief Nurse Executive (CNE) and
Executive VP to be a speaker at the March 16th meeting of the community-military partnership to address what Hospitals are doing to recruit veterans for healthcare employment and how to improve access to mental health for the military and their families.

- Invite Terri Feely, Inova’s Chief People Officer, to the March 16th meeting of the community-military partnership to address what Inova is doing to recruit veterans for healthcare employment.
- Include access to broadband as a quality-of-life topic as a future meeting.
- For a discussion of affordable housing, invite Clark Mercer, head of WMCOG and Paul DesJardin, Director, Department of Community Planning Services, WMCOG.
- Share the Fact Book with Commissioners at the January NVRC Meeting.
- Provide and update on the Virginia Assembly bills related to military and veterans at the next meeting.
- Follow up with John Simmons on a letter to the First Lady to address Child Care and Workforce issues.
- Provide an update on ad-hoc committee efforts to recognize the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9981.

Remaining Schedule for 2023 is as follows:

- 16 March
- 18 May
- 20 July
- 21 September
- 16 November

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of December 15, 2022. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chapman adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by: 

John T. Chapman
Chairman