

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, May 23, 2019

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Victor S. Angry	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. Sharon Bulova	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Kelly Burk	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Hon. John T. Chapman	<i>City of Alexandria</i>
Hon. John C. Cook, NVRC Treasurer	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Matt de Ferranti	<i>County of Arlington</i>
Hon. Laurie A. Dirocco, <i>NVRC Chairman</i>	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Hon. Ken Elston	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Hon. Libby Garvey	<i>County of Arlington</i>
Hon. Penelope A. Gross	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Pat Herrity	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Geary Higgins	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Catherine Hudgins	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Lisa Merkel	<i>Town of Herndon</i>
Hon. David Meyer, alt. Hon. Michael DeMarco	<i>City of Fairfax</i>
Hon. Cydney A. Neville	<i>Town of Dumfries</i>
Hon. Martin E. Nohe	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Frank J. Principi	<i>County of Prince William</i>
Hon. Phyllis J. Randall	<i>County of Loudoun</i>
Hon. Jeanette Rishell	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Hon. Kathy L. Smith	<i>County of Fairfax</i>
Hon. David Tarter, NVRC Vice-Chairman	<i>City of Falls Church</i>

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro	<i>Executive Director</i>
Linda M. Tenney	<i>Deputy Director</i>
Gina Kesselmann-Smith	<i>Management Analyst</i>
Normand Goulet	<i>Director, Environmental Services</i>
Debbie Spiliotopoulos	<i>Senior Environmental Planner</i>

OTHERS PRESENT

David Donahue	<i>Town of Vienna</i>
Renee LaFollette	<i>Town of Leesburg</i>
Monica Boehringer	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Ivy Ozmon	<i>City of Manassas</i>
Ellen Volo	<i>Fairfax County Government Relations</i>
Allan Bowly	<i>City of Manassas Park</i>
Eric Forbes	<i>Fairfax County DPWES</i>
Randy Bartlett	<i>Fairfax County DPWES</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Tarter called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

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

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan

Commissioners received a briefing updating the Commission on Virginia's Draft Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. NVRC coordinated a statewide effort among 14 other PDCs that are within the Chesapeake Bay watershed to develop portions of the implementation Plan.

Regional Solid Waste Management

NVRC staffs the Regional Solid Waste Management Board. Conditions related to recycling contamination, markets, and solid waste management have changed significantly. The Commission received a briefing on local recycling efforts, and trends.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-25 – Authorization to execute agreement continuing the role of support organization for Region 7 of the Commonwealth's Go Virginia program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Background:

NVRC has provided staff support for the Go Virginia Northern Virginia Council. The current agreement expires in June and the resolution authorizes the Executive Director to sign a successor agreement with the Council.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-26 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to extend current line of credit with BB&T Bank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

Background:

NVRC has maintained a line of credit with BB&T Bank. The line of credit is due to expire. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to extend the line of credit. The line of credit cannot be drawn on without first receiving authorization by the Executive Committee of the Commission.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P19-27 – Resolution in Support of the Special Conditions Total Nitrogen Discharge for the Upper Occoquan Service Authority in the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Phase III WIP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
REPORT

Commissioner Gross reported that the following slate of officers has been nominated for July 2019 – June 2020:

Honorable David Tarter (City of Falls Church) – Chairman
Honorable Cydney A. Neville (Town of Dumfries) – Vice Chairman
Honorable Kathy L. Smith (Fairfax County) – Treasurer

The vote to confirm the nominees will take place at the Commission’s June meeting.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for March and April 2019 and the following:

- Support Autonomous Vehicles
 - NVRC was pleased to support the application to bring the OLLI to Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall. NVRC assisted with the application and provided letter of support.
- Clean Water Partners
 - The Clean Water Partners program kicks off in high gear with the warmer weather. NVRC helps coordinate the activities of the Partnership with an important public education component to local MS4 permits.
- Cyber Roadmap Feedback from Teachers
 - “This site is fantastic!”
 - “I thought it was a great idea to list (not really about comparing) the classes offered in all our neighboring counties. And to add the Postsecondary options near us, brilliant.”
 - “The Northern Virginia Cyber Training & Education Roadmap is a new website chock-full of educational resources, information on apprenticeships, pathways, job openings, and cyber-related events. Using this easy-to-use website, you can quickly map an educational path toward certifications whether you are starting as a high school or college student, a transitioning service member, or a veteran.”
- 2020 Census
 - NVRC played host to three Complete Count Committee meetings sponsored by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia.
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety Instructors Graduate
 - For the second consecutive year NVRC graduated a class of certified bike/pedestrian safety instructors. Each volunteer is committed to participating in at least 2

community events during the course of the year. Last year's class of volunteers held trainings that assisted more than 500 residents in the region.

- Working With Our Partners
 - NVRC's Share VA Roads program partnered with the Town of Herndon, Inova, Fairfax Public Schools and other local organizations to put on a Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair.
 - The well-attended event was held at the Herndon Municipal Center.
- Sharing Our Expertise
 - Norm Goulet, NVRC's Director of Environmental Services, participated in a panel at a statewide conference sponsored by the Virginia Water Environment Association.
 - Norm is acknowledged as an expert throughout the Commonwealth regarding water, stormwater and waste water related issues.
- NVRC's Statewide Leadership
 - NVRC's Debbie Spiliotopoulos moderated a session on legislation at the 2019 Virginia Recycling Association (VRA) conference in Richmond, with the generous participation of Joe Lerch from the Virginia Association of Counties, Sarah Taylor the legislative liaison from the City Alexandria and Joel Andrus of Kemper Consulting. In addition to background on the process and resources available for tracking policy issues, there was an engaged discussion of issues of interest to localities, the recycling and commodities business communities.
- Energy Efficiency News
 - The State Corporation Commission approved all 11 energy efficiency programs submitted by Dominion Energy.
 - NVRC supported the application which will result in a significant increase in efficiency opportunities in the region.
- Solarize NoVA Update
 - **Spring Campaign to Date:**
 - 22 contracts
 - 168.695 kW
 - \$427,571
 - **Total all Campaigns:**
 - 290 contracts
 - 2.21 MW
 - \$6.69 million

- Talking Trees
 - NVRC was pleased to host the Northern Virginia Urban Forestry Roundtable. Corey Miles of our staff presented to the group on our regional outreach strategies.
- Resiliency Planning
 - NVRC is proud of the work it has and continues to accomplish with respect to resiliency planning in coordination with our local government partners and others.
 - In September the Commission will get a briefing from Corey Miles of our staff of the Year 2 resiliency planning work being undertaken with a grant from NOAA.
- Celebrating 50 Years of Service
 - More than 100 guests joined us to celebrate our 50 years of service as a Planning District Commission. Many thanks to our special guests Delegates Keam and Simon; and, Congressman Gerry Connolly.
- Upcoming Schedule
 - **June**
 - June 4 – Safe Walking Summit at NVRC Offices
 - Eileen Ellsworth on Regional Philanthropy, FY20 Budget Adoption and election of officers
 - June 22 – Dumfries Rain Garden Workshop
 - **July**
 - Economic Development Roundtable with ED directors from all the major localities
 - **September**
 - Tour of the new Schar Cancer Center at Inova
 - Resiliency Plan Presentation
 - **October**
 - Presentation of Audit for review and approval
 - Presentation of Preliminary FY21 Budget for review and approval

GO VIRGINIA REPORT

Mr. Lazaro referred to the Go Virginia report that was distributed prior to the meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of March 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garvey and carried. Commissioner DeMarco abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gross briefed the Commissioners on what was discussed at the Community and Military Partnership meeting on May 16, 2019.

Commissioner Gross also invited Commissioners to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on July 18, 2019 from 10 am to Noon at the NVRC office location.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Tarter adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

Approved by:

David Tarter
Vice Chairman