

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, March 27, 2003

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those present are highlighted)

Commissioner Hilda M. Barg
Commissioner Johnine P. Barnes
Commissioner Charles J. Billand
Commissioner Albert J. Boudreau
Commissioner Melvin Bray
Commissioner Sharon Bulova
Commissioner James C. Chesley
Commissioner William C. Cleveland
Commissioner Gerald E. Connolly
Commissioner Joan Cross
Commissioner Anna F. Dixon
Commissioner William T. Druhan, Jr.
Commissioner Albert C. Eisenberg
Commissioner Barbara A. Favola, NVRC Treasurer
Commissioner Jay Fiset
Commissioner Robin Gardner
Commissioner Robert C. Goessman
Commissioner Brenda Z. Greene
Commissioner Penelope A. Gross
Commissioner Katherine K. Hanley
Commissioner Mark R. Herring
Commissioner John F. Herrity
Commissioner Edgar B. Holley
Commissioner Catherine Hudgins
Commissioner John D. Jenkins
Commissioner David Kirkpatrick, Jr.
Commissioner Lyman Krekel
Commissioner Jesse Ludvigsen
Commissioner Elaine N. McConnell
Commissioner Stuart Mendelsohn
Commissioner Michael O'Reilly
Commissioner Sally B. Ormsby
Commissioner Harry J. Parrish, II
Commissioner Redella S. Pepper
Commissioner Robert Rapanut
Commissioner Lilla D. Richards
Commissioner Kristen C. Umstattd, NVRC Vice Chairman
Commissioner Don White
Commissioner Edgar S. Wilbourn, III
Commissioner William R. Wren
Commissioner Scott K. York, NVRC Chairman
Vacancies: 1 (Arlington)

County of Prince William
County of Fairfax
County of Loudoun
Town of Vienna
Town of Dumfries
County of Fairfax
County of Fairfax
City of Alexandria
County of Fairfax
City of Fairfax
County of Fairfax
Town of Purcellville
County of Arlington
County of Arlington
County of Arlington
City of Falls Church
City of Manassas
County of Fairfax
County of Fairfax
County of Fairfax
County of Loudoun
County of Fairfax
County of Prince William
County of Fairfax
County of Prince William
City of Fairfax
City of Falls Church
City of Manassas Park
County of Fairfax
County of Fairfax
Town of Herndon
County of Fairfax
City of Manassas
City of Alexandria
City of Alexandria
County of Fairfax
Town of Leesburg
County of Prince William
County of Prince William
City of Manassas Park
County of Loudoun

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb
Linda M. Tenney
Linda Summerall
Normand Goulet
Bill Hicks
Michelle Simmons
Doug Pickford

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Executive Secretary
Sr. Environmental Planner/ Information Systems Mgmt. Analyst
Four Mile Run Program Manager
Director, Human Services
Director, Environmental and Heritage Resources

GUESTS PRESENT

David Bulova
Dave Eckert
Thomas Grizzard, Ph.D.
Sue Rowland

Co-chairman, Fairfax Co. Occoquan Millennium Task Force
Producer, Virginia Village Productions
Director, Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory
SR Consulting, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER Chairman York called the meeting to order at 8:02 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.

MINUTES The minutes of the December 12, 2002, meeting of the Commission were moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION *Occoquan: Fairfax County Millennium Task Force*

Chairman York welcomed David Bulova and Dr. Tom Grizzard. Mr. Bulova, a former NVRC employee, co-chaired the Fairfax County Occoquan Millennium Task Force. Dr. Grizzard is the Director of the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory.

David Bulova Mr. Bulova reviewed the history of the Occoquan Watershed, a 590 square mile, regional watershed, which includes most of Northern Virginia as well as Fauquier County. The watershed is physically located in four jurisdictions: Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William counties. Fairfax County comprises only 17 percent of the watershed.

In 1985, Fairfax County enacted downzoning in the watershed to protect water quality. This action was upheld by the courts and has withstood numerous challenges since that time. The Millennium Task Force was created in 2002 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Board of Supervisors' decision to downzone 41,000 acres of the watershed in the county. In conjunction with the downzoning, the Board of Supervisors also designated Fairfax County's entire portion of the watershed, 64,500 acres, as the Water Supply Overlay Protection District, requiring any development in the area to comply with rigorous water quality performance standards.

Tom Grizzard Before answering technical questions, Dr. Grizzard stated he was impressed that so many disparate interests worked so well together on the Millennium Task Force.

questions and answers Commissioner Richards commented on the importance of publicizing the value of dry wells, roof-top retention techniques and grass crete, adding her belief that businesses and residents would be willing to use these methods but don't know where to obtain information. Commissioner Hudgins concurred, noting she would like an analysis of grass crete maintenance costs. Chairman York asked that the Regional Resources and Land Use Committees look into this.

Commissioner Hanley asked about a pending request in the watershed by Fauquier County. Dr. Grizzard replied there is a request to expand an existing waste water treatment facility on the old Vint Hill Farm. He said the issue is whether this would be permitted as the second regional water reclamation plant allowed in the Occoquan Watershed or whether it would be permitted to have an interim expansion prior to being considered. Chairman Hanley said she is raising this issue in the event new agreements are needed. Staff and Dr. Grizzard said the current agreement permits a second plant. Chairman Hanley said Fairfax County is reviewing this and other jurisdictions party to the agreement may also want to review this point.

Chairman York thanked Dr. Grizzard and Mr. Bulova for their work and invited the members to stay after the meeting for a viewing of the newly released Occoquan video.

CONSENT AGENDA Commissioner Jenkins moved approval of the consent agenda, consisting of the items below. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

- A. Financial Reports for November and December 2002 and January and February 2003
- B. Resolution No. P03-15: First Amendment to the FY 2003 Annual Budget and Programs
- C. Resolution No. P03-16: FY 2002 Audited Statements
- D. Resolution No. P03-17: Authorization to Submit a Technical Assistance Proposal to the Department of Environmental Quality's 2003-2004 Coastal Resources Management Program
- E. Resolution No. P03-19: Purchasing Policies and Procedures

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

- A. Mr. Gibb noted that the monthly activities report was included in the meeting package, as well as an updated member roster.
- B. Mr. Gibb reported that NVRC staff is assisting the Town of Purcellville with a planning charrette, which will be held May 1-3. Commissioners are welcome to attend.

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

Chairman York welcomed Johnine Barnes, a new representative from Fairfax County. Additionally, the City of Falls Church has a new elected representative, Robin Gardner.

Chairman York remarked favorably on the updated emergency preparedness guide, noting that copies had been placed on the table. The guide was included in the Sunday supplements for the February 16 edition of *The Washington Post* and was mailed to Northern Virginia households not subscribing to *The Post*. Additionally, the guide is available on the member governments' websites.

In reply to Commissioner Richards' inquiry, Ms. Tenney said that Fairfax County's website has the guide in five foreign language versions.

RESOLUTION
NO. P03-18

ENDORSEMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Mr. Pickford explained that the majority of changes address "housekeeping" issues, such as the addition of new members and changes of acronyms.

However, a number of the members of the Northern Virginia Waste Management Board felt that the board should be independent of NVRC while others believed its role is as an advisory body to NVRC. The members compromised by agreeing to act independently for regulatory and technical issues, while acting as an advisory body to NVRC on legislative issues. If the Northern Virginia Regional Commission approves this change, the Memorandum of Agreement will go back to the member jurisdictions for signatures.

Commissioner Holley reported that this had been discussed by the Regional Resources and Land Use Committees, and he moved adoption of Resolution No. P03-18. The motion was seconded.

Commissioner Boudreau asked for staff's recommendations. Mr. Pickford endorsed this action, and asked Mr. Bulova, NVRC's former Director of Environmental Services, for his opinion. Mr. Bulova concurred, explaining that the amendments clear up ambiguity for NVRC staff.

The Commissioners unanimously adopted Resolution No. P03-18.

OTHER
BUSINESS

Commissioner Eisenberg noted that the General Assembly reconvenes April 2 for the veto session. If the Governor's veto of the repeal of the estate tax is overturned, there will be a \$130 million deficit in the state budget. Commissioner Eisenberg moved that the Commission send a letter to the Northern Virginia Delegation urging support of the Governor's veto of the repeal of the estate tax at this time. The motion was seconded and carried by a show of hands twelve in favor, five opposed, and one abstention. Commissioner Eisenberg asked that this be conveyed to the Governor.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Chairman York adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Scott K. York
Chairman