

**Hampton Roads Planning District Commission**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Summary Minutes of February 18, 2016**

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**Commissioners:**

Clyde Haulman, Chairman (WM)  
Dr. Ella P. Ward, Vice Chair (CH)  
James Baker (CH)  
Barry Cheatham (FR)  
Randy Martin (FR)  
Brent Fedors (GL)  
George Wallace (HA)  
Rex Alphin (IW)  
Sanford B. Wanner (IW)  
Bryan J. Hill (JC)  
Michael Hipple (JC)  
Saundra Cherry (NN)  
McKinley Price (NN)

Mamie B. Johnson (NO)\*  
Marcus Jones (NO)  
Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)  
Kenneth Wright (PO)\*  
Traci Dale Crawford (PQ)\*  
Michael Johnson (SH)  
Patrick Roberts (SU)  
Tyrone Franklin (SY)  
Dave Hansen (VB)  
Barbara Henley (VB)  
Louis R. Jones (VB)  
Thomas Shepperd (YK)

**Executive Director:**

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

\*Late arrival or early departure.

**Others Recorded Attending:**

Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Jeff Raliski, (NO); Brita Ayers, Bryan Stilley, (NN); Ron Williams (NO); Bob Baldwin (PO); Jeff Wassmer (YK); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Cathy Davidson ( Albemarle Commission); Frank Papcin (CTAC); Ted Henifin (HRSD); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Ellis James (Sierra Club Observer); Dave Mayfield (Virginian Pilot); Peter Huber (Willcox and Savage); Citizens: John Gergely; Staff: Randy Keaton, Kelli Arledge, Shernita Bethea, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Katie Cullipher, Rebekah Eastep, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Brian Miller, Camelia Ravanbakht, John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Jill Sunderland, Chris Vaigneur.

## **Approval/Modification of Agenda**

Chair Haulman requested the Executive Director Evaluation item be added to the agenda

Commissioner Sanford B. Wanner Moved to approve the agenda, as amended; seconded by Vice Chair Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

## **Submitted Public Comments**

Chair Haulman indicated there were no Submitted Public Comments.

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach citizen, questioned the filtration process Dominion Power uses in regards to water discharge from their facilities.

Mr. Ellis James, Norfolk citizen, recognized the high water quality of the region and commented on the failed plastic bag legislation.

Commissioners Mamie B. Johnson and Traci Dale Crawford arrive.

## **Executive Directors Report**

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, recognized the environmental education department's efforts for the award-winning cigarette litter prevention campaign which was nationally recognized by Keep America Beautiful. Additionally, he noted the success of the Regional Day on January 28, 2016 at the General Assembly, and noted the positive feedback he received from the region's General Assembly members. Mr. Crum displayed a video, developed by the HRPDC with Fairfax County and endorsed by the Urban Crescent, in regards to the need for increased state funding for public education.

## **Executive Director Evaluation**

Chair Haulman stated the joint HRPDC and HRTPO Personnel and Budget Committee distributed the Executive Director Evaluation form to all Commission members and has compiled the results. He explained the recommendation from the Joint Personnel and Budget Committee was to conclude the probationary period and action should be taken at the March 17, 2016 meeting.

## **Approval of Consent Items**

- A. Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2016 Quarterly Commission Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report of December 2015
- C. Audit Contract for Financial Services

Commissioner Louis Jones Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Vice Chair Ward. The Motion Carried.

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Commissioner Kenneth Wright arrives.

### **Aquifer Replenishment Study**

Mr. Ted Henifin, Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) General Manager, briefed the Commission on the Aquifer Replenishment Study. He identified various current and future water challenges of the region and reviewed the current state of wastewater in Hampton Roads. He indicated the wastewater permits have five year life cycles and the cost of meeting new regulatory benchmarks are increasing, due to their classifications as unfunded mandates.

He explained the current water discharge treatment level is set to meet local waterway permit requirements. The proposed Sustainable Water Recycling Plan would treat the water at drinking water level, a higher threshold, which would allow the water to be used for aquifer replenishment purposes. This proposal would have the following benefits:

- Reduce nutrient discharges to the bay
- Reduce the rate of land subsidence
- Protect the groundwater from saltwater contamination
- Provide a sustainable supply of groundwater

Mr. Henifin displayed a chart detailing the potential offset stormwater reductions and noted the impending re-permitting cycle is going to include substantial investments to meet stormwater reductions.

He highlighted the region's unsustainable aquifer withdrawal levels and stated 50% of land subsidence in Hampton Roads can be attributed to aquifer compaction. Additionally, he noted advanced treatment is used throughout the globe and is implemented in many locations throughout the State.

Mr. Henifin reviewed the projected cost would be one billion dollars and the cost savings can only be achieved if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would allow the project to be incorporated into the Wet Weather Plan. He outlined the timeline with the estimated completion of the project in 2030.

Commission members asked questions and discussed the information presented by Mr. Henifin.

### **Economic Forecast**

Chair Haulman deferred this item in the interest of time.

### **HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule**

Chair Haulman reviewed the Three Month Schedule section of the agenda, and noted the Retreat will be held in April.

### **Advisory Committee Summaries**

Chair Haulman discussed the Advisory Committee Summaries section of the agenda.

### **Correspondence of Interest**

Chair Haulman highlighted the Correspondence of Interest Section of the agenda.

### **For Your Information**

Mr. Crum indicated HRPDC/HRTPO Journey to Work maps detailing the Regions' travel patterns were located at the Commissioner's seats, and a presentation on these items is included on the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) agenda.

### **Old/New Business**

Chair Haulman indicated there was no Old/New Business.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Clyde A. Haulman  
Chair

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Robert A. Crum, Jr.  
Executive Director

Two people addressed the HRPDC on February 18, 2016:

**Frank Papcin**

*Thank you for having me here. I normally don't come to these meetings, but I do follow you online, and the reason I'm here is because I do follow you online, and I know they're talking about wastewater treatment or the pumping of it underground and the reality is the reason I came here was very simple one. I've discussed this with other people, and my question is simply, the water that Dominion Virginia Power is going to dump into the lake or the rivers, which some people actually are going to use it for agriculture, it's going to wind up in some of our foods, some belly, it's going to wind up in milk, and we don't know where it's going to go, but it's clean enough to pump it into the river, and I'm wondering why they don't take the same water and pump it underground just like the sanitation department is doing with theirs. I was told that the standard that they dump the water into the river is not as stringent as the water that they pump underground that's going to mingle with our aquifer filters with the water that they don't drink because they don't really filter the water when it comes out of the wells, and my question is why don't Dominion pump this stuff deeper underground underneath that so it will have that much more soil to filter it out so that this water can be used to get rid of all these contaminants that were out of the ground in the first place and you're putting it back down under there, and that's the reason I came here is to get an education, and I hope somebody would address it and I hope you put it online somewhere that the people could turn around and get an answer to the questions because like I said, I get the questions, I ask the questions, and we come here for your answers. Thank you for my time.*

**Ellis James**

*Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, my name is Ellis W. James. I reside at 2021 Kenlake Place in the City of Norfolk. You may some of you may remember that I expressed concern about a year and a half ago about the big coins, be sure you check your news tonight. Big coins are back in the flow of the new cycle, and it's a very serious matter. I'd like to address the question of water recycling, which is your major report this morning. It's an excellent report and review of all of the issues, and I would assume provides all of the answers to the question of whether or not water can be pumped deeper underground into the aquifer. I hope that you all will take the time to read it and get a feel for it. I don't think I need to remind everybody in this room about what the people in Flint, Michigan, are going through. We, fortunately, here in Hampton Roads are blessed with quality water, City of Norfolk helps to provide that, for Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth in drought times, it's a very, very serious matter when you look at the report, you'll see that the aquifer percentage is down to about 20 percent now. My major concern this morning is why many people residents, taxpayers, are angry at our government in general, local, statewide, and federal. Let me give you a quick example, and I'll sit down. Plastic bag legislation, which is of concern to all of the communities and the counties, and the, city people, and the farmers and the Eastern Shore water men and so on, was on track to be passed to put a reasonable control on the question of usage of plastic bags. The committee heard the issue and then delayed it for another week, and it turns out that the vote was six to six evenly divide between the parties at the General Assembly building, and lo and behold, the people, the very people who*

*had worked with Senator Linwood Lewis on his bill and had promised that they would support the legislation which now had stripped out the fee aspect, they showed up and they showed up in force with the retail alliance group. And they suddenly decided that they would vote against it, and they attacked the bill, they attacked the legislation, and so the legislation died on the 6 to 6 vote. Now, it's a shame that that simple thing could not be handled fairly and honestly by those involved, and I'm hoping that each one of the communities represented in this room will take a close look at what happened and why and what can be done to bring it back. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.*

**FISCAL YEAR 2016**  
**1/31/16**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**58% OF FISCAL YEAR COMPLETE**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Previous YTD</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% Received /Expended</b>
Grant and Contract Revenue	\$ 3,517,680	\$ 846,520	\$ 1,500	\$ 848,020	24%
VDHCD State Allocation	151,943	90,821	37,986	128,807	85%
Interest Income	10,000	7,620	3,760	11,380	114%
Local Contributions	2,871,869	1,890,324	453,811	2,344,135	82%
Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue	25,250	15,583	2,154	17,737	70%
Special Contracts/Pass thru/Deferred	2,629,602	46,061	-	46,061	2%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>9,206,344</b>	<b>2,896,929</b>	<b>499,210</b>	<b>3,396,140</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Personnel	\$ 4,570,037	\$ 2,134,749	\$ 371,669	\$ 2,506,418	55%
Standard Contracts	230,855	104,859	14,741	119,600	52%
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	3,957,724	948,914	259,149	1,208,063	31%
Office Services	447,728	196,020	38,639	234,659	52%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,206,344</b>	<b>3,384,541</b>	<b>684,198</b>	<b>4,068,739</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Agency Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (487,612)</b>	<b>\$ (184,988)</b>	<b>\$ (672,600)</b>	

**2016 Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program  
Regional Priorities**

*List of Project Types / Activity Categories and Ranking Worksheet*

**Project Types / Activity Categories**

Please reference the 2016 CDBG Program Design for additional information on the Competitive Grant project types and activity categories. The following nine items must be ranked in one of the three priority groups below. **Please check no more than 3 per priority group:**

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**Ranking Worksheet**

**Planning District Commission:** \_\_\_\_\_

Priority (1 is highest, 3 is lowest)

- | #1                       | #2                       | #3                       |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comprehensive Community Development                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Job Creation and Retention       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Site Redevelopment               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Development Readiness            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Development – Business District Revitalization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing – Housing Rehabilitation                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing – Housing Production Assistance                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Facility                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Service Facility                              |

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**Expected 2016 CDBG Proposals:**

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