



**REGIONAL COUNCIL 9
FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2017 – 1:30 PM**

**Germanna Community College – Daniel Technology Center
18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper, Virginia**

Attendees: Brian Cole, Chair (LexisNexis), David Pettit, Vice Chair (Lenhart Pettit), Supervisor Fitzgerald Barnes (Louisa County), Chip Boyles (Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission), Suzanne Jessup Brooks (Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company), Tom Click (Patriot Aluminum Products), Ed Dalrymple (Dalrymple Holdings), Bryan David (Orange County), Supervisor Gary Deal (Culpeper County), Frank Friedman (Piedmont Virginia Community College), Ray Knott (Union Bank), Patrick Mauney (Rappahannock-Rapidan), Leigh Middleditch (McGuire Woods), Ed Scott (EcoSeptix Alliance), Elizabeth Smith (Afton Mountain Vineyards), Michael Straightiff (University of Virginia), and Andy Wade (Louisa County)

Guest Speaker: Dubby Wynne (Chair, GO Virginia Board)

Staff: Helen Cauthen, Phil Geer, Uconda Dunn (Central Virginia Partnership)

I. Welcome & Introductions

Brian Cole opened the meeting and the Board went around the table and introduced themselves to one another. After introductions, Brian Cole welcomed special guest, Dubby Wynne, the Chair of the GO Virginia Board. He also announced that Regional Council 9 was officially certified by the GO Virginia Board on March 14. Thus, even though minutes from our meeting on February 13 are in the packet, they do not need approval as that was a meeting held before the Council was certified.

II. Adoption of Public Comment Process

Brian Cole proposed that the Council establish a public comment period of 30 minutes at the beginning of each meeting with each speaker asked to sign up before the meeting and speak for no more than 2 minutes. However, today, public comment would begin at the end of the meeting.

Ed Dalrymple, Jr. moved the adoption of the public comment process. The motion was seconded by Ray Knott and approved by the Council.

III. GO Virginia

Dubby Wynne, Chair of the GO Virginia Board, presented an overview of GO Virginia (see attached Power Point). Mr. Wynne talked about why GO Virginia is needed and its purpose. He shared slides about how most of the regions in Virginia are not performing at the US average and Virginia's over-reliance on federal spending. He stated that high-paying jobs create low-paying jobs, but the reverse is not true. He also spoke about the uses of GO grants, the role of Regional Council, pitfalls to avoid, next steps, details about the Economic Growth and Diversification Plan, performance metrics and potential projects. He reiterated the importance of bringing dollars into the state (increasing out-of-state revenues) to grow our economy. He also encouraged the Council members, indicating that if this is done well, it can set our region apart.

IV. Approval of Bylaws

David Pettit reviewed the proposed bylaws with two revisions regarding filling of vacancies and the addition of an Executive Committee. After discussion, the numbering on page 8 of the packet was corrected and the word "determined" added to line 3, item 9.

Bryan David moved the adoption of the bylaws as amended. The motion was seconded by Ray Knott and approved by the Council.

V. Terms of Council Members

Brian Cole facilitated the selection of terms for each Council member, following the terms as set forth in the bylaws (see attached Terms spreadsheet).

VI. Approval of Support Organization – MOU

David Pettit gave a brief overview of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the GO Virginia Regional Council 9 and the Central Virginia Partnership. The MOU sets forth fiduciary and administrative requirements for the Partnership and provides termination by either party with 90 days written notice. The MOU also will be subject to approval by the Partnership's Board of Directors.

Ray Knott moved the adoption of the MOU. The motion was seconded by Ed Scott and approved by the Council.

VII. 2017 Road Map and Economic Growth and Diversification Plan

Helen Cauthen shared an overview of the Road Map and key dates. At the April 20 Orientation, a template for the RFP should be available. During late April/May, each region will be asked to initiate the RFP and select an Economic Growth & Diversification plan (G&D plan) consultant. The regional budgets and work plans for the G&D plan are expected to be approved at the June 13 meeting of the GO Virginia Board. The plan work will take place over the summer in the hopes that plans can be submitted to DHCD by August 25. Project applications for the per capita funding may be considered as early as the GO Virginia Board meeting on September 12. The first time project applications for competitive funds are likely to be reviewed by the GO Virginia Board is their October 16 meeting.

Council members expressed concern about generating viable project ideas quickly so that our region will be ready to request competitive funds. An additional Council meeting will be added in April to begin to develop a workable approach.

VIII. Initial Budget

An initial sum of \$5,000 will be available to "stand up" each Regional Council. The Partnership proposes that this money be provided to the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission and the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission to support their work managing the RFP process.

Ed Dalrymple, Jr. moved the adoption of the initial budget. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Brooks and approved by the Council. Patrick Mauney of RRRC abstained.

IX. Committee/Task Force

Brian Cole requested volunteers for the Nominating Committee and the RFP Selection Task Force. David Pettit, Ed Scott, Tom Click and Gary Deal agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Chip Boyles, Patrick Mauney, Bryan David and Andy Wade agreed to serve on the RFP Selection Task Force. (After the meeting, Miles Friedman also indicated his willingness to serve on the RFP Task Force.)

X. Next Steps

Brian Cole encouraged everyone to attend the Regional Council Orientation on April 20 in Richmond. The Council members agreed to add a meeting in late April or early May, and the RFP Selection Task Force agreed to meet on May 22 to review consultant proposals.

XI. Public Comment

Ms. Susan Stimart, Albemarle County Office of Economic Development, mentioned the Comprehensive Targets Market and suggested that it would be a useful resource during the economic planning process.

XII. Adjourn

Brian Cole adjourned the meeting at 3:27 PM.