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GO VIRGINIA REGION 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

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REGULAR BUSINESS

1. <u>Call To Order</u>

   Vice-Chair Lail called the GO Virginia Region 3 Executive Committee meeting to order on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The agenda items for this meeting are considered essential to the overall operation of GO Virginia Region 3.

2. <u>Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum</u>

   Vice-Chair Lail declared a quorum was present.

   <u>Region 3 Executive Committee Members</u>

Members	In Person	Absent	Virtual
Timothy J. Clark		x	
E. Randolph Lail	x		
Charles H. Majors		x	
Sherry Swinson	x		
Lauren Willis	x		

   <u>Region 3 Staff in Attendance</u>

Name	Organization	In Person	Virtual
Bryan David - UVA Weldon Cooper Center	Region 3 Program Director	x	
Liz Povar - RiverLink Group	Region 3 Contract Staff		x
Nancy Pool – RiverLink Group	Region 3 Contract Staff	x	
Deborah Gosney – Southside PDC	Region 3 Support Org/Fiscal Agent		x
Ann Taylor Wright - Southside PDC	Region 3 Support Org/Fiscal Agent		x

   <u>Guests in Attendance</u>

Name	Organization	In Person	Virtual
Melody Foster, Executive Director	Commonwealth Regional Council, GOVA Region 3 Council Members		x

   <u>Public Comments</u>

   No written or verbal public comments were received.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

   Conflicts of interest potentially exist for activities benefiting and/or contracts
   issued to the following organizations and projects listed below:

Name	Organization(s)
Charles H. Majors	Mid-Atlantic Broadband, Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, Danville Regional Foundation
Randolph Lail	Mid-Atlantic Broadband

4. Approval of Minutes

   Vice-Chair Lail noted that the minutes of the June 15, 2022, Executive Committee meeting were received via email prior to the meeting and included in the meeting packet.

   Lauren Willis made a motion that the minutes from the June 15, 2022, Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Sherry Swinson and was approved by unanimous vote.

5. Financial Reports

   Deborah Gosney reviewed the Financial Reports that were included in the meeting packet for period July 1, 2022, to July 31, 2022.

   Sherry Swinson made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented; the motion was seconded by Lauren Willis and was approved by unanimous vote.

6. Region 3 Approved Projects: Second Quarter Update

   Prior to the meeting, and in an email sent separately from the meeting packet, Bryan David provided the Executive Committee members with updated Progress Reports for the following projects:

   - Bridge To Recovery Project - A total of 86 applications have been approved. The workforce solutions webinar series had 100 attendees.
   - Southern Virginia Regional Alliance Site Development Project - Engineering and due diligence bids are underway and work is anticipated to proceed and be completed in the anticipated timeline.
   - GO TEC Phase 2B Project - One-on-one training for GO TEC Career Connection teachers continues. The subcontract with Carroll County was amended to include new Career Connections modules to support precision agriculture and biotechnology. Negotiations are underway with the Controlled Environment Agriculture Innovation Center to pilot a vertical ag unit for inclusion in Career Connections.
   - ExperienceWorks Project – The program is being rebranded as "EmPOWER". Summer EXCITE teacher externship programs had 21 participants all of which reported the program as a success. Sector-focused Summer Camps had 99 attendees.
   - Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Planning Project - The CEA contract has been executed. A Situational Awareness Workgroup event is planned for August 25, 2022 in Danville.

- Entrepreneurship & Innovation Implementation Project - Regional convening continues with virtual meetups, Rise & Shine networking events are held twice a month, and ongoing planning meetings with partners continue. Access to capital strategy discussions continue with written reports/recommendations in progress.
- SEED Innovation Hub Project – Longwood received approval for $1.9M in EDA funding on August 16, 2022 for Project SEED/Farmville Innovation Hub. The project will be matched with $485,806 in local funds and is expected to create 60 jobs, retain 159 jobs and generate $4.5 million in private investment, according to grantee estimates.
- Virginia's Growth Alliance (VGA) Refresh/Restart Project – The procurement for services process is underway and work is anticipated to proceed and be completed in the anticipated timeline.
- Mid-Atlantic Broadband Middle Mile Planning Project - Notice to Proceed was issued to the engineer on January 7, 2022. Engineering, design, and environmental is approximately 65% complete.
- Mid-Atlantic Broadband Middle Mile Construction Project - An EDA ARPA grant application was submitted in March 2022. EDA had obligated all their funding prior to reviewing; thus, the application was not approved. NTIA funding is now being researched at this time; the deadline for application submission is September 2022.

7. Project Pipeline

The updated Project Pipeline report was provided in an email sent separately from the meeting packet to Executive Committee members prior to the meeting. Vice-Chair Lail asked members for questions or comments; there being none, there was no discussion regarding the report.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Project Review Committee

The Project Review Committee met and reviewed an Enhanced Capacity Building project application on 8.11.22. The project was submitted by the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC) and was titled: Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) Strategy and Business Plan. The Project Review Committee's recommendation was distributed along with the project application to the Executive Committee members in advance of the meeting under separate cover. This REDO Plan will support leadership development in addition to economic development.

Lauren Willis made a motion to approve the REDO proposal as presented; the motion was seconded by Sherry Swinson and was approved by unanimous vote.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9. GO TEC Virginia: A Testbed for Innovation

A model for expanding GO TEC to other GO Virginia regions has been developed. This expansion plan has received a high level of interest from many public-school divisions in Regions 1, 4, and 5. The GO Virginia Statewide Competitive application, sponsored by Region 3, and companion Per Capita grant applications from each participating region have been finalized. Bryan David presented an overview of the project and projected timeline. The project will be submitted for approval by the GO Virginia State Board at its meeting on December 15th.

10. <u>Statewide Competitive Application – Next Generation Cluster Scale-Up of the Transportation Sector in GO Virginia Regions 1,2,3</u>

Virginia Tech's Center for Economic and Community Engagement has a Statewide Competitive application under development that will focus on scaling next-generation automated connected-electric transportation. Virginia Tech recently submitted a federal grant application requesting $50M to support a coalition of manufacturers of electric and automated vehicles in Regions 1, 2, and 3. A GO Virginia State competitive request of $4.5M is expected in December.

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURN

There being no additional business matters to go before the GO Virginia Region 3 Executive Committee, Vice- Chair Lail adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

These minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on 12/21/2022.

Deborah Gosney
Deborah Gosney (Dec 28, 2022 07:29 EST)
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Deborah B. Gosney, Southside PDC
Support Organization/Fiscal Agent

Randy Lail
Randy Lail (Dec 28, 2022 06:31 PST)
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Randy Lail
Vice-Chair

8.17.22 FINAL Executive Committee Minutes

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