



October 11, 2022

MEMO TO: CSPDC Commissioners
FROM: Bonnie S. Riedesel, Executive Director
SUBJECT: October 17, 2022, CSPDC Commission Meeting

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) will hold a meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m., at the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission Office, 112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, Virginia. Please call Rita Whitfield at 540-885-5174 ext. 101, or email rita@cspdc.org to let me know if you will be able to attend.

Dinner will be provided at 6:30 p.m.

To Join Meeting by Zoom:

Meeting ID: 892 9900 2093 **** **Passcode:** 907593 **** **Dial In:** 301-715-8592

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Minutes of August 15, 2022, CSPDC Commission Meeting*
4. Reports
 - A) Chairperson
 - B) Executive Director
 - C) Treasurer*
5. Good News Around the Region
6. Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review Process (CIRP) (BAF #22-13)*
 - A) An application submitted by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) for the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant (CBIG)

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

*Action Needed

Next CSPDC Commission Meeting: Monday, December 19, 2022



Minutes
Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission Meeting
Shenandoah Valley Airport, Weyers Cave, VA
August 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Member Jurisdiction Representatives					
	Augusta County		City of Staunton		Staff
✓	Butch Wells	✓	Carolyn Dull, Vice Chair	✓	Bonnie Riedesel, Executive Director
	Pam Carter	✓	Sharon Angle	✓	Elizabeth McCarty, Deputy Director
	Vickie Moran		Rockbridge County	✓	Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation
	Vacant		Jay Lewis	✓	Jeremy Crute, Regional Planner
	Bath County	✓	Chris Slaydon	✓	Rebecca Joyce, Community Program Manager
✓	Edward Hicklin		Rockingham County	✓	Devon Thompson, Transit Planner
	City of Buena Vista		Steven Schofield	✓	Zach Beard, Transportation Planner
✓	Billy Fitzgerald	✓	Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	✓	Ansley Heller, Transportation Planner
	City of Harrisonburg		Rhonda Cooper	✓	Gin Chandler, Finance Director
	Laura Dent		Vacant	✓	Grace Blanchard, Regional Planner
✓	Richard Baugh		City of Waynesboro	✓	Kayla Snead, Fiscal Technician
✓	Adam Fletcher	✓	Terry Short, Treasurer	✓	Rita Whitfield, Office Manager
	Highland County	✓	Jim Shaw		
✓	David Blanchard				
	City of Lexington				
✓	Frank Friedman, Chair				Others
				✓	Lisa Botkin, Shenandoah Valley Airport
				✓	Heather Reams, Shenandoah Valley Airport

Call to Order

The August 15, 2022, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson David Blanchard. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. Ms. Riedesel expressed her appreciation to Shenandoah Valley Airport for hosting the meeting.

Public Comment

Chairperson Blanchard opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no public comments.

Minutes

Chairperson Blanchard presented the minutes from the June 21, 2022, CSPDC Commission meeting. Mr. Friedman moved, seconded by Mr. Slaydon, to approve the minutes as presented. Due to absence from the meeting, Ms. Angle and Mr. Fletcher abstained.

Chairperson's Report

Under Chairperson's Report, Chairperson Blanchard reported on the Executive Committee meeting, held prior to the Full Commission meeting. He announced that the Executive Committee elected the following new officers to serve July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025:

David Blanchard, Chairperson, representing Highland County;
Frank Friedman, Vice Chairperson, representing the City of Lexington;
Terry Short, Treasurer, representing the City of Waynesboro; and
Rhonda Cooper, Secretary, representing Rockingham County.

Chairperson Blanchard stated that the Executive Committee reviewed Virginia FOIA Revisions and Virtual Meetings. Ms. Riedesel stated that the new provisions under House Bill 444, recently passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Youngkin, allow for virtual ("all-virtual") meetings for public bodies such as Planning District Commissions/Regional Commissions/MPOs and Technical Advisory Committees may hold all-virtual meetings consistent with the law. She noted that according to the new law, the CSPDC is eligible to hold up to two meetings virtually each year. Ms. Riedesel noted that the Executive Committee approved the February Commission meeting as an all-virtual meeting for next year and a floating meeting to be utilized as necessary with proper notification.

Treasurer's Report

Chairperson Blanchard presented for consideration the Treasurer's Report for February 2022 through May 2022 (attached to file minutes). Ms. Chandler reviewed the balance sheet, noting that cash declined during the period due to delays involving reimbursements requests. She reviewed the income statement, noting that the CSPDC expenditures are currently trending under the budgeted amount for FY22. Ms. Riedesel announced that the auditors will be on site in September to perform the FY22 CSPDC audit. Ms. Angle moved, seconded by Mr. Friedman, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by the Shenandoah Valley Airport (SHD)

Chairperson Blanchard introduced Ms. Lisa Botkin, SHD Executive Director; and Heather Reams, SHD Director of Marking and Communications, who were present to give a presentation on the Shenandoah Valley Airport. Ms. Reams welcomed everyone to the Airport and thanked everyone for their attendance. She reviewed the history of the Airport, noting that Rockingham and Augusta counties and the cities of Harrisonburg, Waynesboro, and Staunton formed a commission to build a regional airport in the 1950s. Ms. Reams stated that the Airport is host to two Blue Ridge Community College programs, an Aviation Maintenance Technician program and a Commercial Pilot program. Ms. Reams noted that the Airport offers commercial Air Service provided by United Airlines and their partner Skywest with daily service to both Washington Dulles and Chicago.

Ms. Botkin reported on capital improvements for future development and infrastructure needs for SHD, and key accomplishments. She stated that several years ago, the Airport Commission saw a need for additional space at SHD to foster new economic development opportunities and to improve infrastructure at its facility by constructing a new aircraft hangar and taxiway. Ms. Botkin reported on design and engineering of water and sewer utilities at the Shenandoah Valley Aviation

Technology Park and announced that in 2021, the Airport was awarded a GO Virginia Region 8 Enhanced Capacity Building grant for \$100,000 to go toward design efforts. She stated that the use of GO Virginia Enhanced Capacity Building funds is aimed at completing design and engineering of utilities that will serve subsequent phases of the Aviation Technology Park.

Consideration of Pandemic Recovery and Resiliency Plan (BAF #22-11)

Chairperson Blanchard presented for consideration the Pandemic Recovery and Resiliency Plan. Ms. McCarty gave an overview on the Plan, noting that the Plan is a companion document to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). She stated that the CSPDC is a designated Economic Development District (EDD) through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Ms. McCarty noted that activities designed to address the EDD's immediate and long-term response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including this Plan, were funded through the EDA CARES ACT Recovery Assistance grant program. She stated that the purpose of this Plan is to provide actionable strategies to the local communities in the region to help them recover from the current COVID-19 pandemic and become more resilient for future disruptions. Ms. McCarty noted that the completed plan will be available for viewing on the CSPDC's website (www.cspdc.org). She introduced the following key staff who served on the Pandemic Response and Recovery Plan Committee: Rebecca Joyce, Olivia Raines, Jeremy Crute, and Grace Blanchard. The Committee reviewed the recommendations, strategies, and purpose of the Plan. The Committee noted that in addition to strategies, extensive data research and recommendations by Chmura Economics and Analytics are part of the plan; best management practices developed during the pandemic by businesses and local governments are also included; and the topic of resiliency in the Plan is examined through the lens of resilient people, places, businesses, and services. Mr. Friedman moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, for approval of the Central Shenandoah Pandemic Recovery and Resiliency Plan. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Update

Chairperson Blanchard presented the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) update. Ms. Joyce gave an update on the WIP Plan, noting that continuing the development of the Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP III), the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) made grant funds available to Bay PDCs for the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Program. She stated that \$58,000 was allocated to each Bay PDC with an additional match of \$14,500 for 2022. Ms. Joyce noted that the CSPDC's annual program's scope of work is to provide interim technical and administrative assistance to local governments and continue the momentum of operations, discussions, and relationships with the local governments and stakeholders of each watershed region. She reported on the WIP stakeholder meetings and reviewed the highlights of the CSPDC's work to date. Ms. Joyce stated that through the WIP program, the CSPDC acts as a liaison between local governments and State agencies. She noted that the CSPDC is available to assist localities with project development and grant writing for BMP planning and implementation projects through the WIP program.

Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review Process (CIRP) (BAF #21-11)

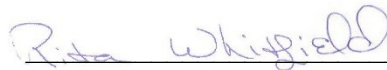
Chairperson Blanchard presented for consideration Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review Process (CIRP). Ms. Riedesel presented an application submitted by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) for ARPA Section 103 Direct Award for Enhancing Continuous Monitoring for a total funding of \$495,500. She stated that the primary objective of this project is

to enhance monitoring of PM2.5 or other National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) pollutants in and near communities with environmental justice concerns who face disproportionate exposure to these pollutants and health risks which are also associated with increased vulnerability to COVID-19. Ms. Angle moved, seconded by Mr. Short, to endorse the project for federal funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita F. Whitfield

Clerk to the Commission



October 11, 2022

TO: CSPDC Commissioners

FROM: Bonnie S. Riedesel, Executive Director

RE: Board Action Form: #22-13
Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review Process (CIRPs)

Recommendation

Endorse staff recommendation.

Executive Summary

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) has submitted an application for the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant (CBIG) for a total amount of \$23,442,524. These funds will be used to accomplish objectives of the Virginia Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan, and Virginia's Milestones, with an emphasis on nonpoint source pollution reduction programs. As Virginia's lead agency for nonpoint source pollution (NPS), DEQ is responsible for the implementation of this grant. **Staff recommends endorsement.**

CIRPs that were Signed off by Staff and Require No Action

Staff waived review on the following Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) grant application as it was determined that the projects are applications that do not propose activities which will have direct or significant indirect impacts on the local jurisdictions within Planning District Six:

- *VADEQ-Chisman Creek PRP LR OU2 for a total funding of \$25,000 in York County, Virginia.* DEQ is requesting funding for the Chisman Creek site, a 27-acre site in which fly ash from the Yorktown Power Generating Station was disposed of from 1957 to 1974. Investigations from residential wells and surface water features were sampled and heavy metal contamination was found.
- *VADEQ-Chesapeake Bay Program Infrastructure Support for Effective Basins for a total funding of \$3,149,751.* The major areas in Virginia where projects in the workplan will occur are Tappahannock and Warrenton, Virginia. The objectives of this project is to implement Best Management Practices in the EPA-designated most effective basins for nutrient and reductions, combined with targeting underserved communities within those basins.