

**MINUTES OF THE  
EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA  
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

A meeting of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Service Authority was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the main conference room, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

Members present:

Bob Panek, Chairman  
Felton Sessoms  
  
Artie Miles, Vice Chairman  
Henry J. Heneghan, Jr.  
J. T. Holland  
Carl Harris  
  
Granville F. Hogg, Jr.

Others present:

Katherine H. Nunez, County Administrator & Executive Director  
Janice Williams, County Administrator's Office

Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum:

The Chairman called the meeting to order and established that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Miles, that the agenda be approved as presented. All members were present and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Mr. Miles, seconded by Mr. Holland, that the minutes of the meetings of September 20, 2011, October 17, 2011, November 15, 2011 and December 20, 2011 be approved. All members were present and voted "yes," with the exception of Mr. Panek who abstained from the vote on the minutes of the December meeting due to his absence. The motion was passed.

Report of the Officers – Chairman:

Mr. Panek reported that Cape Charles is scheduled to commence operations at its new wastewater treatment plant next week. The first volumes will be coming from the Town of Onancock to seed the plant with the right bacterial mix.

Report of the Officers – Vice Chairman:

Mr. Heneghan thanked Mr. Miles for having a soils map prepared for the Town of Cheriton, which was displayed at the last Town Council meeting.

Report of Hospital Committee:

Mr. Panek indicated that no further communication has been held with Riverside. The County's next hearing on the Certificate of Public Need is scheduled for April 2012.

Report of Northern Node Committee:

Mr. Panek stated that for the Northern Node project as structured, we need to make up approximately \$7 million in grant funding towards the estimated \$11 million cost.

The Executive Director provided copies of pertinent pages from the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development's Community Development Block Grant Program Guide for 2012 and noted that the County's current capacity for CDBG grant funding is \$1.8 million. Some of the Towns may also have available capacity and it is possible that a regional approach could achieve more funding. The next CDBG grant application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Sessoms, that the PSA request that the Northampton County Board of Supervisors commit its maximum County CDBG allowance at this time (estimated to be \$1.8 million) towards the Northern Node Project. All members were present and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. Due to the workload of Ms. Nunez, it was reported that the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission would be asked to complete the application paperwork.

With regard to the USDA-RD, it was noted that this is a rolling application process with a current backlog for funding. While Ms. Nunez noted that there are several impediments to obtaining USDA-RD funding, she believed that these issues can be resolved. Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the PSA apply for USDA-RD funding. All members were present and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. It was noted that Chairman Panek and Vice Chairman Miles will assist the Executive Director in this application process.

In connection with the Northern Node, Chairman Panek said that the Town of Exmore will have to be approached concerning a mandatory connection ordinance. Mr. Miles stated that the Town Council would be willing to consider this, contingent on the results of an ongoing survey. Resolutions of support would be needed from Council for the ongoing funding applications.

Report of Southern Node Committee:

Mr. Heneghan reported that this matter was discussed during last month's Town Council meeting and that the Council was prepared to consider a mandatory connection ordinance. Mr. Panek reminded the members that some commercial properties have expressed interest in participating in a system and questioned whether they could contribute.

Following some discussion, motion was made by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. Holland, that the PSA proceed with a meeting with the Cheriton area commercial entities (from Fairview Road to Hardee's and along Business Route 13 as well). All members were present and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Report from Economic Development Committee:

Mr. Holland reported that since the meeting last month with the Webster group, nothing further has materialized. It was noted that the Baldwin Group was supposed to be meeting with the Northampton Board during its January 23<sup>rd</sup> work session but that was not going to happen.

With regard to water, Ms. Nunez distributed the 2012 Virginia Department of Health Funding Information Calendar for the members' information.

Schedule Work Session with Board:

It was the consensus of the Authority to meet with the Northampton County Board of Supervisors in joint session during its January 23, 2012 work session.

Recess:

Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the meeting be recessed to Monday, January 23, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia. All members were present and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m.