

**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, December 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the main conference room, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Bob Panek, Chairman  
Felton Sessoms

Others present:

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

Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum:

In Chairman Panek's absence, the Vice Chairman was not able to call the meeting to order due to lack of a quorum.

The members participated in an informational discussion relative to agenda topics as follows:

Northern Node Committee: The Vice Chairman distributed notes from Chairman Panek as follows:

*December 8, 2011*

*Conversation with Mr. Kent Ware, USDA RD, Virginia, Acting Community Programs Director, on December 5, 2011:*

1. *Discussed the Northern Node project scope, potential contribution from the medical community, financial assistance application to DEQ, and the need for significant grant coverage (approx. 65%) to achieve affordable rates.*

2. *Mr. Ware indicated that achievement of that grant ratio will be very difficult. For FY 2012, he has only \$8 million of grant money available against a backlog of \$74 million in project requests. He said that our project probably could not be funded until FY 2014.*

3. *Mr. Ware also said that he would encourage submission of the application as soon as possible, even though the contribution from the medical community is not yet firm. An assumed amount would be fine and could be adjusted later.*

4. *He also suggested that we consider a smaller project as the first phase of the Northern Node, perhaps tailoring the initial service area to the Nassawadox medical community with the tie-in of Exmore as phase 2. This could make funding somewhat easier.*

5. *Mr. Ware indicated that there are two outstanding issues that need to be resolved before RD would be willing to dedicate additional funding to Northampton County.*

*a. Turnover of the Bayview system. This is in progress and the County plans to close on the transfer by the end of December.*

*b. Commitment of about \$661 thousand of grant funding recovered by sale of the STIP to another project. The County is aware of this and is identifying eligible community projects.*

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Southern Node Committee: Mr. Heneghan distributed a copy of the powerpoint presentation delivered to the Cheriton Town Council on November 21, 2011. He also distributed a draft resolution indicating that the Cheriton Town Council will consider a mandatory connection ordinance at the usage rate specified by USDA RD.

New Business: Mr. Holland reported on a meeting he and the Chairman had had with the Baldwin Group and its Webster property re: a client who may need an industrial water supply.

Adjourn:

The next meeting of the PSA will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, in the main conference room, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.