



GO Virginia Region 8 Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 9:00am to 10:00am

Virtual Executive Committee Meeting

COVID-19 Crisis/Restrictions on In-Person Gatherings

FIRST	LAST	AFFILIATION	ATTENDED
Joanie	Eiland	Elk Trucking, Inc.	X
Chris	Kyle	Shentel, Region 8 Vice Chair	X
Keith	May	Cottonwood Commercial	X
George	Pace	Shenandoah Valley Angel Investors, Region 8 Chair	X
Brandon	Davis	Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission	X
Bonnie	Riedesel	Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission	X

Faith McClintic, Program Director, and Jen Weaver, Administrative Coordinator, also participated in the meeting.

Call to Order

The April 7, 2020 Executive Committee meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Chair George Pace at 9:05am.

Quorum Confirmation/Virtual Meeting Guidelines

Chair Pace noted all Executive Committee members were participating in the virtual meeting. He said the virtual meeting was taking place due to the Governor’s restriction on in-person gatherings and the need for social distancing. He also acknowledged the necessity for GO Virginia Region 8 work to continue in light of the significant economic distress being caused by the pandemic.

Approval of By-Law Revisions

Chair Pace explained two different by-law revisions being considered. The first is Article III.2 which currently states “The Council will consist of 28 members”. It has been suggested to revise the wording to allow for downsizing of the Council due to attrition. The revision would state “The Council will consist of up to 28 members”.

A motion was made by Joanie Eiland to approve revision of Article III.2 of the Region 8 by-laws to read “The Council will consist of up to 28 members”; seconded by Chris Kyle. The motion was approved unanimously.

The second revision, per Chair Pace, pertains to Article VIII.1 and will better explain the function of the Executive Committee and provide more consistency, making Nominating and Grant Review both Sub-Committees. Currently Article VIII.1 reads “In addition, the Council shall create an Executive Committee and a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers, potential new members and fill vacancies on the Council”. The revision would state “In addition, the Council shall create an Executive Committee to prepare and recommend an annual fiscal budget for Council approval and to address any unforeseen issues that may arise between stated Council meetings. Any actions taken by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Council shall be shared with the Council at the next stated Council meeting.

A motion was made by Joanie Eiland to approve revision of Article VIII.1 of the Region 8 by-laws to read “In addition, the Council shall create an Executive Committee to prepare and recommend an annual fiscal budget for

Council approval and to address any unforeseen issues that may arise between stated Council meetings. Any actions taken by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Council shall be shared with the Council at the next stated Council meeting"; seconded by Keith May. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Replacement for Nominating Sub-Committee

Chair Pace reported Frank Friedman had resigned from the Region 8 Council. Mr. Friedman also served on the Region 8 Nominating Sub-Committee. To maintain adequate representation, Region 8 Councilperson Greg Campbell has been suggested as a replacement on the Nominating Sub-Committee.

A motion was made by Bonnie Riedesel to approve Greg Campbell to serve on the Region 8 Nominating Sub-Committee; seconded by Brandon Davis. The motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business

Scheduling Nominating Sub-Committee Meeting

Chair Pace reported three current vacancies on the Region 8 Council with resignations by Stacy Barrett, John Neff, and Frank Friedman. He instructed Jen Weaver, Administrative Coordinator, to coordinate a phone or video Nominating Sub-Committee meeting with Jeff Stapel, Chair of the Region 8 Nominating Sub-Committee. A recent call for nominations had resulted in two application being submitted. Chair Pace noted the importance of keeping the Council weighted proportionately with members from throughout the entire region.

Next Council Meeting

Chair Pace said the GO Virginia State Board would be holding a virtual meeting on April 17th to make decisions on projects that had been submitted per the February 7th deadline to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Region 8's "Scale Up the Valley" project will be considered at the meeting. Once that meeting is completed, Chair Pace will communicate with the entire Region 8 Council on action taken at the GO Virginia State Board meeting as well as updates from today's Region 8 Executive meeting.

Chair Pace noted with the cancellation of the May 5th Region 8 Council meeting and ongoing gathering restrictions, the Executive Committee may need to meet in May and/or June to take action on any projects brought forward as well as the FY20-21 budget.

A question was raised by an Executive Committee member on how to move forward with approving grants and projecting a budget when there is so much uncertainty with funding right now. Chair Pace said Region 8 currently has about \$2 million available for per capita projects and should receive another \$1 million as of July 1st. He feels it is important to move forward with Region 8's work, hoping for the best. Several felt the biggest concern may be with locality match for projects moving forward. There was optimism local match requirements may be revised by the State Board. As well, more match dollars may be available from other sources (i.e. Economic Development Administration) through the federal stimulus package and could be used for projects focused on economic recovery.

Brandon Davis, Executive Director of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission and fiscal agent for Region 8, said he feels the FY20-21 operating budget for Region 8 will remain the same as the previous year. He is comfortable with those numbers as Region 8 has consistently been working below budget.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Region 8 Executive Committee, Chairman Pace adjourned the meeting at 10:10am.