

**GO Virginia Region 8 Executive Committee Minutes**

Friday, July 24, 2020, 11:00am to 11:30am

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 Chair	X
Connie	Loughhead	Des Champs Technologies	X
Keith	May	Cottonwood Commercial	X
Rick	Till	HR Dynamics LLC	X
Brandon	Davis	Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission	X
Bonnie	Riedesel	Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission	X

Faith McClintic, Region 8 Program Director, and Jen Weaver, Administrative Coordinator, participated in the meeting prior to closed session. Robin Sullenberger also joined the meeting.

**Call to Order**

The July 24, 2020 Executive Committee meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Chair Chris Kyle at 11:00a.m.

**Quorum Confirmation/Virtual Meeting Guidelines**

Chair Kyle noted all Executive Committee members were participating in the virtual meeting. He said the virtual meeting was taking place due to 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 July 3, 2020 & July 13, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes of the July 3, 2020 & July 13, 2020 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. Chair Kyle motioned for the minutes to be approved; seconded by Joanie Eiland. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Other Business**

*Region 8 Pipeline Discussion*

Chair Kyle and Faith McClintic, Region 8 Program Director, reviewed project documents provided to Executive members prior to the meeting. These included a spreadsheet of prioritized potential projects voted on by Region 8 Council in April 2019.

Chair Kyle said input is needed on how to move forward with a site development project that has been submitted for funding. The original amount of the request was estimated to be \$250,000; the proposal has come in at around \$1 million. The increase in funding, if approved, could impact/limit other projects. Discussion followed on whether the site development proposal could be scaled back on number of sites or if it could be re-written as a phased approach. The Region 8 Grant Review sub-committee will meet on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, to review the application and make a recommendation on whether to approve funding.

Joanie Eiland then requested clarification on Nominating and Grant Review being defined as “sub-committees” versus “committees”. Members of the support staff explained since both groups only make recommendations and do not take action on behalf of Council, they were designated as sub-committees. Executive, which has authority to act on behalf of Council, is considered a committee.

Ms. Eiland went on to say she feels Council members who are currently not on a committee or sub-committee need to be re-allocated to get more engagement.

#### *GenEdge Representative Position Discussion*

Ms. McClintic said GenEdge had been awarded funding for a statewide competitive grant that will, in the near term, expand the capabilities of existing suppliers to develop sustainable ongoing revenues in the areas of PPE and other medical equipment and supplies to address critical shortages. The second phase will help participating manufacturers diversify their market and product offerings in response to federal initiatives that support re-shoring. GenEdge will be creating an advisory team with representatives from all GO Virginia regions who will provide guidance for businesses. Ms. McClintic said the Executive Committee needs to think about who from Region 8 could serve on that team, noting the need for someone with strong private sector knowledge

#### **Public Comment**

No one from the public participated.

#### **Motion to Enter Closed Session**

A closed session was held in accordance with allowable closed meeting requirements, specifically to discuss the composition of the Region 8 Council and its committees.

A unanimous roll call vote in open session confirmed that the discussion conformed to the closed meeting requirements.