



Region 8

*Cities of: Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro, & Winchester
Counties of: Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, & Warren*

GO Virginia Region 8 Executive Committee Minutes

Friday, August 14, 2020, 9:00am to 9:30am

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	
Rick	Till	HR Dynamics LLC	X
Brandon	Davis	Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission	X
Bonnie	Riedesel	Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission	X

Jay Langston (SVP & Region 8 ED Ad Hoc Committee), Ashley Shickle (NSVRC & Interim Region 8 Program Coordinator), and Jen Weaver (SVP & GOVA Administrative Coordinator) participated in the meeting prior to closed session.

Robin Sullenberger also joined the meeting.

Call to Order

The August 14, 2020 Executive Committee meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Chair Chris Kyle at 9:00a.m.

Quorum Confirmation/Virtual Meeting Guidelines

Chair Kyle noted six Executive Committee members were participating in the virtual meeting which qualified as quorum. He said the virtual meeting was taking place due to the continued 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.

Update on Site Enhancement Application

Chair Kyle reported representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) are in favor of Region 8 moving forward with the proposed Site Enhancement project but stressed it is up to Region 8 to decide if this is how it wants to spend available funding. Ashley Shickle and Jay Langston shared and reviewed summary documents they created which put relevant information in one place, including the expected timeline for each site. Brandon Davis also went over a budget document showing committed/projected revenue and expenditures and calculated remaining funds based on different scenarios.

Robin Sullenberger, who serves on the GO Virginia State Board, noted site development is an area being embraced by the Board and said the summary documents reviewed by Ms. Shickle and Dr. Langston are exactly the type of information they look for. Bonnie Riedesel said she would have a map created pinpointing each individual site to give the overall impact of the project throughout the entire Region 8.

Chair Kyle said all summary documents would be shared with the Executive Committee and he tasked each member with carefully reviewing those documents prior to the next meeting. He wants the Executive Committee to form an opinion on the funding of the Site Enhancement project which will be delivered to the Grant Review Committee as guidance.

Approval of July 24, 2020 & July 31, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the July 24, 2020 & July 31, 2020 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. Connie Loughhead motioned for the minutes to be approved; seconded by Joanie Eiland. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Other Business

Region 8 Re-Structure

Chair Kyle reported a new email address was being created as a point of contact for Region 8. He said an email would be distributed to share that information along with other updates from the region.

Legislator Contact

Chair Kyle noted the General Assembly would be reconvening on August 18th to address Virginia's biennial budget. He encouraged Executive members to reach out to legislators and voice their support for continued GO Virginia funding. Joanie Eiland agreed and shared the importance of making those contacts on a personal level.

Chair Kyle requested Jen Weaver, Administrative Coordinator, circulate a list of regional State legislators to the Executive Committee.

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.