



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 28, 2020, 9:00am to 9:30am

Virtual Executive Committee Meeting

COVID-19 Crisis/Restrictions with Social Distancing

FIRST	LAST	AFFILIATION	ATTENDED
Joanie	Eiland	Elk Trucking, Inc.	
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	
Bonnie	Riedesel	Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission	X

Ashley Shickle (NSVRC & Interim Region 8 Program Coordinator), and Jen Weaver (SVP & GOVA Administrative Coordinator) also participated in the meeting.

Call to Order

The August 28, 2020 Executive Committee meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Chair Chris Kyle at 8:30a.m.

New Business

Chair & Vice Chair Updates

Chair Kyle announced Brandon Davis and Bonnie Riedesel would be moving from voting Executive Committee members to ad hoc non-voting Executive Committee members. Chair Kyle said he had conversations with Mr. Davis and Ms. Riedesel and both were in agreement with the change.

Chair Kyle also said he and Vice-Chair Joanie Eiland have been working on increasing the number of members on the various Region 8 standing committees to make them more representative of the entire Council. Diversity in race/ethnicity as well as locality representation continues to be a priority for the structure of the Council moving forward.

Chair Kyle reported Region 8 support staff have been holding weekly conference calls which have proved to be very helpful. He also noted he and Ms. Eiland would be reviewing the MOU with Mary Lou Bourne and James Madison University. Lastly he mentioned Region 8 had been invited to give a short presentation at the upcoming Valley Business Summit on September 23rd. Ashley Shickle will present updates from the region.

In response to a question regarding the reconvened General Assembly and progress on the budget, Chair Kyle said he has heard approval looks positive for GO Virginia funding but there is no guarantee at this point.

Program Coordinator Updates

Ashley Shickle reported a new website is being developed with a domain specific to Region 8. She is looking for feedback on what information should be included. Ms. Shickle also said she is working on written administrative procedures for applications in development.

In reference to projects in the pipeline, Ms. Shickle said she is aware of two applications in development for Economic Resiliency and Recovery (ERR) funding. In addition, the Site Enhancement proposal continues to be reviewed, the Back to Work proposal is still in the works, and the R3 project is in the early stages.

Public Comment

No one from the public participated.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Region 8 Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:50a.m. by Chair Kyle.