

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, May 24, 2012

COMMISSIONERS

(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Sharon Bulova
Hon. Peter Candland
Hon. Janet Clarke
Hon. John C. Cook
Hon. Steve DeBenedittis
Hon. Jay Fisetta
Hon. Robin Gardner
Hon. Libby Garvey
Hon. Penelope A. Gross
Hon. Pat Herrity
Hon. Catherine Hudgins
Hon. Robert W. Lazaro, Jr., *NVRC Vice Chairman*
Hon. Fernando "Marty" Martinez
Hon. Jeffrey C. McKay (departed 9:03 p.m.)
Hon. Suhas Naddoni
Hon. Martin E. Nohe, NVRC Chairman
Hon. Jonathan Way for Hon. Harry J. Parrish II
Hon. Redella S. Pepper, *NVRC Treasurer*
Hon. Frank J. Principi
Hon. M. Jane Seeman
Hon. R. Scott Silverthorne
Hon. Paul C. Smedberg (departed 9:03 p.m.)
Hon. Linda Smyth (departed 8:50 p.m.)
Hon. Scott K. York

County of Fairfax
County of Prince William
County of Arlington
County of Fairfax
Town of Herndon
County of Arlington
City of Falls Church
County of Arlington
County of Fairfax
County of Fairfax
County of Fairfax
Town of Purcellville
Town of Leesburg
County of Fairfax
City of Manassas Park
County of Prince William
City of Manassas
City of Alexandria
County of Prince William
Town of Vienna
City of Fairfax
City of Alexandria
County of Fairfax
County of Loudoun

STAFF PRESENT

G. Mark Gibb
Linda M. Tenney
Linda Summerall
Ken Billingsley
Michelle Simmons
Peggy Tadej
Aimee Vosper
Stephen Walz

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Executive Secretary
Director, Demographics & Information Services
Director, Human Services
No. Va. Regional BRAC Coordinator
Director, Planning & Environmental Services
Director, Regional Energy Program

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Bennett
Raymond Beverage
Kate Boyle
Sue Rowland

Hunter Mill Defense League/ Traffic Calming Cmte.
Chairman, Prince William Commission on Aging
Fairfax County legislative staff
NVRC Legislative Liaison; SR Consulting, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Nohe called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ROLL CALL The roll was called and all members present or absent were noted for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Commissioner York moved approval of the minutes of the March 22, 2012, Commission meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

POWERING
VIRGINIA: SECURE,
RELIABLE ENERGY
FUTURE FOR NO.
VIRGINIA

Chairman Nohe introduced Paul Koonce, Executive Vice President of Dominion Resources, Inc. and CEO of Dominion Virginia Power. Also in attendance were Ken Barker, Vice President, Customer Solutions & Energy Conservation; Deborah T. Johnson, Regional Manager, Regional State & Local Affairs; and Tim Sargeant, Manager, State & Local Affairs.

Paul Koonce

Dominion is headquartered in Richmond. It has approximately 16,000 employees in the U.S., with more than 9,300 employees in the Commonwealth; almost 900 employees work in Northern Virginia. The company is one of the largest energy delivery companies and is one of Virginia's largest taxpayers. Dominion has no operations outside the U.S. Its electric production comes from a variety of sources: nuclear, coal, gas, renewables (hydro/biomass/other), and oil. However, Virginia is the second largest state importer of electricity.

As of September 2012, Dominion's typical residential bill will be 14 percent below the DC-area average, 16 percent below the national average, and 23 percent below the East Coast average. Its current typical residential bill is still below all three.

The energy demands of Northern Virginia are growing (as is state demand), in part driven by data centers; Metro's Silver Line extension; several commercial, residential and mixed-use developments; BRAC relocation; expansion of the Federal government; and growth of universities. Dominion is building four new generation production facilities, one of which is critical to Northern Virginia's energy needs. It has launched several major projects to ensure this region has adequate, reliable power: two 500 kV transmission lines, four 230 kV transmission lines, and six new or expanded substations.

To improve its electric distribution reliability in Northern Virginia, the company has started a circuit reconditioning program, rebuilding its capital assets, replacing its substation transformers, and a neighborhood transformer program, primary cable replacement, switch replacement, and tree trimming. Mr. Koonce added that Dominion wants to work with each individual jurisdiction to develop a clear understanding of what the jurisdictions' want so that Dominion can provide each one with a ten-year plan.

Dominion spends approximately \$200 million per year on neighborhood reliability programs; i.e., neighborhood transformers. Tree trimming is the most important activity for reliability. Dominion is a national arborist utility meaning only trained arborists are used to provide tree-trimming guidance. Additionally, the worst performing circuits (poles, wires, switches, transformers) are rebuilt as part of circuit reconditioning.

Dominion also has seven new energy conservation programs in place serving both commercial and residential customers. The utility is reducing emissions at its facilities through retrofits, closures, and conversions, instituting solar power generation, and exploring wind power generation.

questions & answers

Going back to Mr. Koonce's earlier statement that the 104 nuclear power plants operating in the U.S. provide 20 percent of the nation's power, Commissioner Gross asked about extending their lifecycle. Mr. Koonce explained that these plants will be retired between 2030-2035 due to old age (metal and concrete fatigue), and most are on their second extension. Due to the metal and concrete fatigue it probably would not be feasible to extend operations for another 20 years. Two new nuclear facilities are currently being built and one is under development, and Dominion is looking at building a new nuclear plant.

Responding to Commissioner Gross's inquiry, Mr. Koonce said it is very expensive to underground the substations, which would mean higher rates for consumers.

Commissioner Hudgins asked about the requirements to underground transmission lines. Mr. Koonce replied it is more economical to the utility to bury the distribution lines, but it is very expensive with transmission infrastructure for high voltage because the lines must be kept cool or they fail. (Commissioner Smyth departed.)

IMPROVING
HEALTH CARE IN
NO. VIRGINIA

Chairman Nohe introduced Jane Woods, a former state Delegate, Senator and Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Ms. Woods opened her consulting company in 2006 and assists NVRC's legislative liaison in monitoring the General Assembly. Courtney Tierney is Director of Prince William County's Area Agency on Aging and currently serves as President of the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Chairman Nohe also welcomed Raymond Beverage, Chairman of the Prince William AAA.

Jane Woods

Ms. Woods said this could be an opportunity for localities to possibly move some of the service delivery that localities pay for to a new program, MMMCOs: Medicaid Medicare Managed Care Organizations (aka HMOs). This is an attempt to serve some of the most needy by the most consumer-friendly way of meeting their service needs. It is for people who are both Medicare eligible (65 and older *or* have a qualifying chronic disease) *and* Medicaid eligible (extremely low income and very few assets). There are just over 13,000 such individuals in Northern Virginia.

This three-year pilot program will start with a limited group of participants: the elderly and disabled who have qualified to be served in a nursing home but have chosen not to and are being served in their homes (social, medical, wrap-around services). Enrollment in the pilot program is expected to begin in the fall of 2013 with activation on January 1, 2014. Ms. Woods added the program is expected to make health care and coordinated services easier to manage for the individuals while saving the state money. The savings from this program will accrue under Medicare. This requires those savings be shared with the state, so the state will pay for services that the localities have been providing and not been reimbursed for (such as care coordination).

Ms. Woods said the enrollees will have "one-stop shopping" for questions, billing issues, etc. It is also easier for providers who will be working with one set of regulations. Jurisdictions may be able to shift money they are using from AAA, Social Services, etc. for this population to other populations.

questions & answers

Ms. Woods confirmed that the savings is under the aegis of the program, which is a federal-state partnership. The state must put a percentage of the savings into providers and services; they have committed to paying for care coordination, a first in Virginia. The federal government has mandated that Medicare cannot hold on to all of the savings. This is an attempt to reward states that move forward under this program.

Courtney Tierney

Ms. Tierney confirmed that local money will not be shifted from human services as a result of the savings from the pilot program. The program is all about rebalancing long-term care and keeping people in their homes rather than going into nursing homes.

The Area Agencies on Aging excel at communication, referral, information and assistance. Under this program, those services may be reimbursable to the jurisdictions. This will also work in coordinating care transition, when this population is released from the hospital.

Councilman Way asked how localities would expand services but save money at the same time under this program. Ms. Tierney replied that the money that would normally go to keep a person in a nursing home would instead be spent to keep that person in the community at a lower cost, and it would help reimburse the AAA. Ms. Woods added that the funds the localities put into their AAAs can be allocated to serve more people in the

community. Chairman Nohe said to think of it another way: it may not necessarily reduce the burden on taxpayers to the local jurisdictions but it will allow using those tax revenues and spread them across a larger percentage of the population. (Commissioners Smedberg and McKay departed.)

questions & answers Councilman Way asked how this program would save money for localities while they are expanding services. Ms. Tierney said it would keep people in the community (cheaper than nursing homes) and help reimburse the AAA for their services. Ms. Woods added that Medicaid does not reimburse much to nursing homes. The funds that are reimbursed to the AAA can then be re-allocated to serve other people needing human services.

CONSENT AGENDA The Consent Agenda, consisting of the items outlined below, was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

- A. Financial Reports for February and March 2012
- B. Resolution No. P12-25: Authorization to Submit a Technical Assistance Grant Proposal to Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program
- C. Resolution No. P12-26: Authorization to Sign a Letter of agreement for Design of Living Shoreline Project at Leesylvania State Park
- D. Resolution No. P12-27: Authorization to Sign a Letter of Agreement for Online Survey Services
- E. Resolution No. P12-28: Authorization to Sign Extension of Agreement for Media Buying Services
- F. Resolution No. P12-29: FY 2011 Audited Statements

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Mr. Gibb distributed a copy of his report on:

- 2012-13 *Quick Guide* – 21st edition has been published and distributed and is available online on the Commission's website. He noted that complimentary copies had been placed on the table for the members.
- Pickford Memorial Scholarship – started by NVRC at GMU to honor a former chairman and later his wife; small scholarships awarded on financial need and academic performance to students from Northern Virginia planning to stay in the area, preferably majoring in urban planning or public administration.
- No. Va. Population Growth – more population growth in the last decade than 35 states.
- No. Va. Training Center – NVRC working with CSB directors to respond to the Secretary's request for their assessment of numbers and types of housing and service placements needed for the individuals affected by the settlement agreement. Stakeholder meetings will be held this summer.
- NVRC Nonprofit Affiliate – Operations Committee and NVRC staff met April 5 to review initial draft Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; second draft being reviewed for discussion with Commission.
- VAPDC – the state association holds its annual conference in Virginia Beach July 26-28. The JLARC Study "Incentives for Promoting Regional Services" (HJR 570) will report in November on the costs and benefits of the state providing financial and other incentives to localities collaborating on capital projects and operating services.
- BRAC and DoD Collaborations – NVRC is instituting a Real-Time Ridesharing pilot program at Defense Health Headquarters, with the Marine Corps Base Quantico roll-out on September 15; the Potomac Commuter Ferry Market Analysis RFP has

been released; and the MCB Quantico Environment & Energy Summit was held May 9 with presentations from NVRC, George Washington Regional Commission, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and GMU.

- NVRC International Learning – NVRC spearheaded an exchange of two Commissioners and a state senator to South Korea. The TransAtlantic Urban Dialogue was held in Northern Virginia May 2-6 with Germany and Canada represented. Chairman Nohe and Vice Chairman Lazaro hosted the officials from the Stuttgart, Germany, region. A follow-up exchange in Stuttgart is scheduled for November. The Friedrich Ebert Foundation exchange on German green job workforce training also took place here during May 2-6.
- 8th Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable - NVRC hosted this March 30 event at the Virginia Tech Research Center in Arlington, which was co-sponsored by APA and VAPDC. Presenters included VDOT, DRPT, US DOE, NVRC, the Dutch Embassy, and Delft University of Technology.

Mr. Gibb called attention to Resolution No. P12-30 Authorization to Sign Letter of Agreement for Evaluation for the Real-Time Rideshare Pilot, placed before the members. Commissioner York moved approval. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

In response to Commissioner Bulova's request to include email addresses in the *Quick Guide*, Ms. Simmons said staff is working to update the online version to include websites.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Chairman Nohe appointed Commissioners Principi, McKay, Seeman, Parrish, Gross and Smedberg to the Nominating Committee, with Commissioner York as chairman. The committee will report at the June meeting and elections will be held.
- B. Chairman Nohe called attention to the letter on the table regarding consolidation of Northern Virginia transportation and planning organizations. A report will be included in the June meeting package.
- C. The Virginia Assn. of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) holds its annual summer conference July 26-28, which conflicts with the Commission meeting. Chairman Nohe said staff will email the members to see if they are available to meet the night of July 19.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commission Gross announced she has been tasked with leading the Executive Director's performance review. Material will be transmitted to the members from the Executive Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Nohe adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

Approved by:

Martin E. Nohe
Chairman

