

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, July 25, 2002**

**COMMISSIONERS**

(The names of those present are highlighted)

**Commissioner Hilda M. Barg**  
**Commissioner Charles J. Billand**  
Commissioner Albert J. Boudreau  
**Commissioner Melvin Bray**  
**Commissioner Sharon Bulova**  
Commissioner James C. Chesley  
Commissioner William C. Cleveland  
Commissioner Gerald E. Connolly  
**Commissioner Joan Cross**  
Commissioner Anna F. Dixon  
**Commissioner William T. Druhan, Jr.**  
**Commissioner Albert C. Eisenberg**  
**Commissioner Barbara A. Favola, NVRC Treasurer**  
**Commissioner Jay Fisette**  
**Commissioner Robert C. Goessman**  
**Commissioner Brenda Z. Greene**  
**Commissioner Penelope A. Gross**  
**Commissioner Katherine K. Hanley**  
**Commissioner Mark R. Herring**  
Commissioner John F. Herrity  
**Commissioner Edgar B. Holley**  
**Commissioner Catherine Hudgins**  
**Commissioner John D. Jenkins**  
**Commissioner David Kirkpatrick, Jr.**  
Commissioner Lyman Krekel  
**Commissioner Jesse Ludvigsen**  
Commissioner Elaine N. McConnell  
Commissioner Stuart Mendelsohn  
Commissioner Charles Monroe  
Commissioner Michael O'Reilly  
**Commissioner Sally B. Ormsby**  
**Commissioner Harry J. Parrish, II**  
**Commissioner Redella S. Pepper**  
Commissioner Alice Keane Putman  
**Commissioner Robert Rapanut**  
**Commissioner Lilla D. Richards**  
**Commissioner Kristen C. Umstattd, NVRC Vice Chairman**  
Commissioner Don White  
Commissioner Edgar S. Wilbourn, III  
**Commissioner William R. Wren**  
**Commissioner Scott K. York, NVRC Chairman**  
Vacancy: City of Falls Church

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

G. Mark Gibb  
Linda Tenney  
Linda Summerall  
Barbara Booker  
David L. Bulova  
Coralie Miller  
Michelle Simmons  
James Van Zee

*Executive Director*  
*Deputy Director*  
*Executive Secretary*  
*Accounting Data Manager*  
*Director, Environmental Services*  
*Administrative Secretary, Human Services*  
*Acting Director, Human Services*  
*Director, Regional Planning Services*

**GUESTS PRESENT**

*George Foresman  
Hon. John Hager*

*Deputy Assistant, Office of Commonwealth Preparedness  
Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness*

CALL TO ORDER Chairman York called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman York welcomed new Commissioners in attendance: Melvin Bray, Mayor, Town of Dumfries; Joan Cross, Fairfax City Council; and William T. Druhan, Jr., Mayor, Town of Purcellville.

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.

MINUTES The minutes of the June 27, 2002, meeting of the Commission were moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION *Homeland Security in Northern Virginia*

*Hon. John Hager* Chairman York introduced the Honorable John Hager. Mr. Hager, former Lt. Governor under former Governor Gilmore, now serves as Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness. In this role, Mr. Hager carries the front-line responsibilities for helping to coordinate Virginia's security in the fight against terrorism. He works with Virginia's Congressional delegation and the Bush administration to secure federal resources and ensure coordination between state agencies for security. Mr. Hager serves as the liaison between the Governor and Virginia's local governments and responders, and he helps to educate the public on homeland security issues.

Mr. Hager stated that Northern Virginia is perhaps the most vulnerable and certainly the most visible area in the Commonwealth when it comes to homeland security. The fight against terrorism has brought out the best in people; it has heightened the public's awareness of government, and it forces us to work hard, to stretch, and to contribute to our communities.

After the September 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, then-Governor Gilmore formed a security panel. The federal government has since determined that each state will have a homeland security director, whose job it is to coordinate, lead, inspire, and communicate.

Mr. Hager reported that the amount of federal resources available is far less than what the press has reported. The first supplemental (federal FY01) was approximately \$20 billion; less than five percent went to the states. The second and third supplementals were combined (just passed by Congress the week of July 22, 2002), but it does not translate into a lot of money for the states. For federal FY 03, Virginia might get as much as \$100 million. Mr. Hager added that Virginia did receive separate funding for increased port security and bioterrorism.

*George Foresman* Mr. Foresman reviewed the August 5 summit, discussing preparedness plans for the D.C. metro area with the Governors of Virginia and Maryland; the Mayor of Washington, D.C.; and Governor Ridge, among others. Broad commitments of principles will be set at this meeting.

Mr. Foresman also discussed bioterrorism, reviewing state and local coordination, as well as evacuation plans being formed. He added that Northern Virginia is one of the most strongly prepared regions in Virginia.

*questions and  
answers*

Commissioner Hanley reminded Messrs. Hager and Foresman that Northern Virginia is part of the metropolitan planning area and the localities already have signed interjurisdictional agreements in place concerning emergency response.

Commissioner Fisette asked for clarification on macro issues. Mr. Foresman replied it is making sure that the legislation authorizing interstate and intrastate mutual aid provides for indemnification across borders. Mr. Foresman added the state will be able to help the localities reach the proper federal or state official for assistance.

In reply to Commissioner Eisenberg's inquiries, Mr. Foresman said evacuation planning consists of developing the appropriate assumptions and assuring coordinated decision-making. Mr. Hager responded that the private sector is included in homeland security planning.

Mr. Hager concluded by inviting the members to call his office at 804-225-3826 should they need assistance.

CONSENT AGENDA Two resolutions were removed from the consent agenda: Resolution No. P03-01: NVRC Selection of Appointee to the Board of Directors of the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia, which will be deferred until the September meeting; and Resolution No. P03-03: Position Regarding the Proposed Listing of the Occoquan Reservoir on the Department of Environmental Quality's 303(d) Total Maximum Daily Load Priority List, which will be considered separately.

The motion was made to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the items below. The motion was seconded and carried.

- A. Financial Reports for June 2002
- C. Resolution No. P03-02: Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the Litter Prevention and Recycling Competitive Grants Program to Promote Backyard Composting

RESOLUTION  
NO. P03-03

POSITION REGARDING THE PROPOSED LISTING OF THE OCCOQUAN RESERVOIR ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S 303(D) TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD PRIORITY LIST

Staff distributed a revised version of Resolution No. P03-03, incorporating changes from the Fairfax County Water Authority, which the Regional Resources Committee reviewed at its meeting prior to the Commission meeting.

Mr. Bulova explained that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) agrees with NVRC staff that the reduced dissolved oxygen is a natural impairment; however, DEQ is required to perform a study to verify this claim. Commissioner Pepper added that NVRC staff will assist DEQ and the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Lab in this regard.

Commissioner Pepper moved adoption of Resolution No. P03-03. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT

- A. Mr. Gibb pointed out the material included in the meeting package: the monthly program activities report, an updated Commissioner roster, a current committee roster and committee descriptions.

- B. Mr. Gibb then reported that former Commissioner Hirst Sutton passed away last month.
- C. Mr. Gibb announced that a report on the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail project will be made at the Commission's September meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT

- A. Chairman York recognized two NVRC employees for their long employment records: Barbara Booker, Accounting Data Manager, celebrated 30 years with the Commission in June; and Linda Tenney, Deputy Director, celebrated 25 years on July 11. The members and staff gave them a round of applause.
- B. Chairman York announced committee chairs: Catherine Hudgins will chair Human and Community Services; as Treasurer, Barbara Favola chairs Operations. The rest of the committee chairs will remain unchanged: Bruce Holley chairs Land Use; Gerry Connolly chairs Legislative; Del Pepper chairs Regional Resources; and Al Boudreau chairs Telecommunications, an *ad hoc* committee.

Chairman York added he is interested in revitalizing the Economic Issues committee and invited members interested in serving on this committee to contact him or Mr. Gibb.

Commissioner Hanley reported that the Secretary of Defense might sign an order that no new military installations be established within a 100-mile radius of the Pentagon. She added that this may be an issue for the Economic Issues Committee. Commissioner Eisenberg suggested a resolution be drafted.

- C. Chairman York announced a survey asking members to state their interests on subjects for discussion at Commission meetings will be mailed shortly. The completed survey should be returned to Mr. Gibb by September 1.
- D. Chairman York advised the members that the newly formed Northern Virginia Transportation Authority met last week. The NVTA will meet at the Commission's office the second Thursday evening of the month, beginning in September. Commissioner Gross asked about NVRC staff usage, since the NVTA has no funding. Chairman York replied that one NVRC employee will be assigned to assist the NVTA.

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

*Land Use*

Commissioner Holley reported a subcommittee is looking at holding four small, subregional land use workshops on a quarterly basis, perhaps starting this fall, most likely in one of the more rural/suburban communities.

OTHER  
BUSINESS

Mr. Gibb announced the promotion of Michelle Simmons to Director of Human Services. Members and staff gave Ms. Simmons a round of applause.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Chairman York adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

G. Mark Gibb  
Executive Director

Scott K. York  
Chairman