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- 1 **APPEARANCES:**
- 2 The Honorable Terry G. Kilgore, Chairman
- 3 The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Vice Chairman
- 4 Mr. Kenny F. Barnard
- 5 Ms. Gayle F. Barts
- 6 The Honorable Kathy J. Byron
- 7 Mr. John R. Cannon
- 8 The Honorable Charles W. Carrico, Sr.
- 9 The Honorable Mary Rae Carter, Deputy Secretary
- 10 Commerce and Trade, Rural Development
- 11 Mr. David R. Cundiff
- 12 Mr. Burgess “Butch” H. Hamlett, III
- 13 Mr. Travis Hill, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture
- 14 The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III
- 15 The Honorable Donald W. Merricks
- 16 Mr. H. Ronnie Montgomery
- 17 Mr. Dale Moore
- 18 Ms. Sandra F. Moss
- 19 Dr. Todd Pillion
- 20 Dr. David S. Redwine, DVM
- 21 Mr. Kenneth O. Reynolds
- 22 Ms. Beth D. Rhinehart
- 23 The Honorable Ralph K. Smith
- 24 Mr. Robert Spiers
- 25 Mr. John M. Stallard

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2 The Honorable William M. Stanley, Jr.

3 Ms. Cindy M. Thomas

4 The Honorable Gary Walker

5 The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, Jr.

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1 DELEGATE KILGORE: Good morning,
2 everyone, welcome. We have some new members over here,
3 Dr. Todd Pillion and we have Mr. Dale Moore, welcome to the
4 Commission and look forward to working with you. Do you
5 have any comments, you'd like to make? Any comments?
6 You want to work with us, all right, welcome. Also, thank you
7 for wanting to work with the Commission and we look forward
8 to it and hopefully you'll learn a lot about Southside and
9 Southwest. Mr. Pfohl, would you call the roll?

10 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Barnard?

11 MR. BARNARD: Here.

12 MR. PFOHL: Ms. Barts?

13 MS. BARTS: Here.

14 MR. PFOHL: Delegate Byron?

15 DELEGATE BYRON: Here.

16 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Cannon?

17 MR. CANNON: Here.

18 MR. PFOHL: Senator Carrico?

19 SENATOR CARRICO: Here.

20 MR. PFOHL: Secretary Cheng can't be
21 here, Deputy Secretary Carter?

22 DEPUTY SECRETARY CARTER: Here.

23 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Cundiff?

24 MR. CUNDIFF: Here.

25 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Hamlett?

1 MR. HAMLETT: Here.

2 MR. PFOHL: Deputy Secretary Hill?

3 DEPUTY SECRETARY HILL: Here.

4 MR. PFOHL: Delegate Kilgore?

5 DELEGATE KILGORE: Here.

6 MR. PFOHL: Delegate Marshall?

7 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Here.

8 MR. PFOHL: Delegate Merricks?

9 DELEGATE MERRICKS: Here.

10 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Montgomery?

11 MR. MONTGOMERY: Present.

12 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Moore?

13 MR. MOORE: Here.

14 MR. PFOHL: Ms. Moss?

15 MS. MOSS: Here.

16 MR. PFOHL: Ms. Nyholm cannot be with
17 us today. Dr. Pillion?

18 DR. PILLION: Here.

19 MR. PFOHL: Dr. Redwine?

20 DR. REDWINE: Here.

21 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Reynolds?

22 MR. REYNOLDS: Here.

23 MR. PFOHL: Ms. Rhinehart?

24 MS. RHINEHART: Here.

25 MR. PFOHL: Senator Ruff?

1 SENATOR RUFF: Here.

2 MR. PFOHL: Senator Smith?

3 SENATOR SMITH: Here.

4 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Spiers?

5 MR. SPIERS: Here.

6 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Stallard?

7 MR. STALLARD: Here.

8 MR. PFOHL: Senator Stanley?

9 SENATOR STANLEY: Here.

10 MR. PFOHL: Ms. Thomas?

11 MS. THOMAS: Here.

12 MR. PFOHL: Mr. Walker?

13 MR. WALKER: Here.

14 MR. PFOHL: Delegate Wright?

15 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Here.

16 MR. PFOHL: You have a quorum, Mr.

17 Chairman.

18 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you. Do I
19 have approval of the 9/26/13 minutes published on the
20 website? I'm sure everybody has seen them. Do I have a
21 motion to approve the minutes? I have a motion and a second
22 to approve the minutes, all those in favor say aye. (Ayes.)
23 Opposed? (No response.) Thank you. Tim, every two years
24 we have to have the election of officers so Tim, I'll turn it over
25 to you.

1 MR. PFOHL: By law it calls for the
2 election of the two officers every two years. The Executive
3 Director at this time will entertain the nominations for the
4 position of Chairman of the Virginia Tobacco Commission?

5 SENATOR RUFF: I would move that
6 Delegate Kilgore serve as Chairman.

7 MR. PFOHL: Is there a second?

8 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Second.

9 MR. PFOHL: Are there any other
10 nominations? It's been moved that the nomination be closed.
11 Nominations are closed, is there any discussion, if not we'll
12 call for the question. The election of Delegate Kilgore for a two
13 year term to serve as Chairman of the Tobacco Commission.
14 All in favor signify by saying aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No
15 response.) The ayes have it. Congratulations Delegate
16 Kilgore.

17 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you. Now
18 the nominations are open for the Vice Chairman of the
19 Tobacco Commission.

20 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman,
21 I'd like to nominate Senator Frank Ruff to serve as Vice
22 Chairman of the Tobacco Commission.

23 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion
24 and a second, nominations are closed. It's been moved and
25 seconded that Senator Frank Ruff serve as Vice Chairman of

1 the Tobacco Commission, all those in favor say aye. (Ayes.)
2 Opposed? (No response.) Congratulations Senator Ruff.

3 Now, we'll continue on. Southside
4 Economic Development Committee, page five. Delegate
5 Wright?

6 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, the
7 Southside Economic Development Committee met on
8 December 4th in South Boston. The Committee recommended
9 a total of thirteen grants for a total of \$5.3 million as you
10 referred to on page five. I move that we accept the proposal
11 and the thirteen grants for approval.

12 MR. CANNON: Second.

13 MR. CUNDIFF: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
14 pull 2814. We have the assistant town manager here that
15 would like to speak on that, please.

16 DELEGATE KILGORE: Let's pull that one
17 out of the block and we'll get to that in just a minute. Does
18 anyone else or does any member of the Commission have any
19 other requests or modifications they'd like to pull out of the
20 block other than 2814, which is out of the block?

21 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman,
22 then I make that motion that we approve the balance of the
23 projects in the block.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion
25 and a second. All those in favor of approving the block other

1 than 2814 say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

2 MR. CUNDIFF: The assistant town
3 manager of Rocky Mount is here and he'd like to speak on
4 that.

5 MR. HANKINS: Good morning, Mr.
6 Chairman and Members of the Committee, the Town of Rocky
7 Mount is trying to get, this is an industrial development
8 project for the town. We purchased an old hardware store in
9 the center of town and we want to try to increase our music
10 culture and 175 acts per year. We're trying to repurpose this
11 old hardware store as I said and this certainly would increase
12 business for the Town of Rocky Mount. It's a \$2.6 million
13 project but since the application was submitted to the
14 Commission, the budget had grown by a couple of hundred
15 thousand, \$225,000 to be exact and we're trying to renovate
16 some old buildings in terms of making some useful space. We
17 hired a pretty well-known general manager that will help us
18 bring in musical acts. We've also got some, we have a couple
19 of members of the act in town now and that's a good deal for
20 us. We're simply asking that you participate more fully with
21 us and we are appreciative of the Southside Committee's
22 recommendations for \$400,000. We would respectfully ask
23 you increase it to \$500,000 and the original application was
24 \$675,000.

25 DELEGATE KILGORE: The original

1 allocation was \$587,788, is that correct?

2 MR. HANKINS: Yes, sir.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: You're asking for
4 an additional \$100,000 to make your total \$500,000?

5 MR. HANKINS: Yes, sir.

6 DELEGATE KILGORE: Is that your
7 motion?

8 MR. HANKINS: Yes, sir.

9 DELEGATE KILGORE: Any discussion?

10 SENATOR RUFF: I would ask the staff to
11 tell us how you came up with the \$400,000 figure.

12 DELEGATE BYRON: I made a motion
13 that the Committee raise that.

14 MR. PFOHL: Your motion in the
15 Committee raised above the staff recommendation to
16 \$400,000 to that figure.

17 SENATOR RUFF: Refresh our memory on
18 how that was arrived at, the original one.

19 MR. PFOHL: The project involved
20 renovation of buildings and the staff had focused on some
21 community tax on furnishings and stage lighting and sound
22 equipment and staff proposed fifty percent funding of those
23 final costs that are going to be completed in the spring
24 timeframe. The motion in the Committee was approved by the
25 Southside Committee and that was to increase the

1 recommended funding to \$400,000 to cover the majority of
2 that build out.

3 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, we
4 discussed this pretty thoroughly and considered what the staff
5 did and their recommendations. So I'll make a motion that we
6 accept the staff recommendation today.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: That would be a
8 substitute motion, we already have a motion to accept the
9 staff's recommendation of \$400,000. Do we have a second on
10 that? All right. That died without a second. We're back to the
11 original motion. Any more discussion on the main motion to
12 increase it to \$500,000?

13 MR. HILL: Mr. Chairman, what would
14 the \$100,000 go for?

15 MR. HANKINS: It would cover significant
16 change orders. One thing we're doing is we're preserving an
17 old wood ceiling and that's \$50,000, that increased us by
18 \$50,000. We're looking at significant change order costs
19 totaling approximately \$50,000. I'm suggesting those two are
20 part of the final build out that we think is appropriate.

21 DELEGATE WRIGHT: I'd like to hear the
22 staff recommendation.

23 MR. PFOHL: The Committee
24 recommended \$400,000.

25 MR. CUNDIFF: Mr. Chairman, the

1 renovation of this building, there's two empty buildings next to
2 it they have purchased now. One of them will be turned into a
3 restaurant and the other one is a bed and breakfast, which
4 would give an economic boost to the Town of Rocky Mount. I
5 think the town de-obligated \$587,000 or \$600,000 from a
6 grading pad site that the Tobacco Commission was given back
7 and turned that back in and asking for some of that money to
8 get the project going to help boost the economic development
9 of the Town of Rocky Mount, so we're asking for that
10 \$100,000. This would be a big economic boost for the town.
11 As far as people spending money in the town and the
12 buildings are being purchased and renovated.

13 DELEGATE BYRON: Mr. Chairman, I'm
14 a little bit curious as to why in the meeting right now, is this
15 something you just found out or something that we can talk
16 about the difference at the next meeting we have and maybe
17 make up the difference. We generally don't vote on things
18 without having some type of review by the staff and the costs
19 associated with it. Is it something that that difference is going
20 to make or break the project? I believe we'll be meeting in
21 April or the next meeting.

22 MR. PFOHL: May will be the next
23 Commission meeting.

24 MR. HANKINS: I apologize for making
25 this request. Most of these things were in discussion last

1 week and we really didn't have an opportunity to address the
2 staff and came to find out yesterday afternoon. I apologize,
3 something not in my control.

4 DELEGATE BYRON: Can this wait to
5 May?

6 MR. HANKINS: We anticipate we would
7 be open in April and my understanding the Commission is not
8 going to issue retroactive funds for the project so we're asking
9 because this is an extra two and a half to three months to get
10 the construction done.

11 DELEGATE KILGORE: You hope by May.

12 MR. HANKINS: Yes, sir. It was
13 scheduled by April or May we anticipate that will be done by
14 that timeframe.

15 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right, you've
16 heard the arguments for and against. The motion before you
17 is to approve \$500,000 for the Town of Rocky Mount for the
18 Performance Center. Any discussion?

19 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, let
20 me say that although I think this is kind of unusual to make
21 this request after the meeting of the Southside Committee, I've
22 heard what's said and the use of the money and no objection
23 by staff, so I'll withdraw my objection to it.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor
25 of the motion say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

1 MR. HANKINS: Thank you.

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right, Senator
3 Carrico?

4 SENATOR CARRICO: Mr. Chairman, I
5 have a motion in the Executive Committee, we had an
6 extensive discussion on the City of Bristol and the fact that
7 the Commission had a guarantee and we were unable to come
8 up to any solution. I have a motion today that the staff work
9 with the City of Bristol on a solution and bring it before us at
10 the May meeting so we can discuss that further. That's my
11 motion that the staff work with them on a meaningful solution
12 and we have a meaningful discussion and try to reach a
13 solution and bring it to us.

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion
15 and a second that the staff work with the City of Bristol to
16 come up with a solution. Any further discussion? All those in
17 favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) That motion
18 passes. Next we have the Agribusiness Committee on page
19 twenty in your books. Mr. Spiers?

20 MR. SPIERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21 On December 9th, the Agribusiness Committee met with Joe
22 Johnson presiding. We received twelve proposals and the staff
23 reviewed them. We had discussions and questions and some
24 modifications. You can see the six recommendations on page
25 twenty with a total of \$2.2 million. We have one request for an

1 extension. You can see the summaries on page twenty
2 through twenty-seven and the extension on page twenty-
3 seven. I make a motion that we accept the Committee's
4 recommendations.

5 MR. BARNARD: Second.

6 MR. MONTGOMERY: I would like to talk
7 about three things.

8 DELEGATE KILGORE: Which ones?

9 MR. MONTGOMERY: 2777, 2797 and
10 2801.

11 DELEGATE KILGORE: So we have the
12 remaining four plus the extension, is that all right with you
13 Mr. Spiers?

14 MR. SPIERS: Yes.

15 DELEGATE KILGORE: 2798, 2799,
16 2609, 2802 and the extension on 1907. Do I have a motion to
17 approve those grants? All right. I have a motion and a
18 second. Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.)
19 Opposed? (No response.) Mr. Montgomery?

20 MR. MONTGOMERY: Mr. Chairman,
21 there's a \$700,000 grant request that was tabled for two years
22 and I don't know the number.

23 MR. SPIERS: 2475.

24 MR. MONTGOMERY: 2475, that needs to
25 be on the table, I guess. It was \$700,000 for that.

1 DELEGATE KILGORE: Before we get to
2 that, can I have the staff give some background for the ones
3 you're asking about that you say were on the table.

4 MR. PFOHL: Two years ago in the
5 Agribusiness grant cycle, the Ag Committee recommended a
6 project #2475 to establish the Southwest Virginia Livestock
7 Center in Russell County. That was for \$1 million and the
8 Committee recommended \$700,000. At the Full Commission
9 meeting in January of 2012, the request was tabled. And so
10 for two years the project has been on hold. For two years staff
11 has been holding back \$700,000 so it's been in limbo for quite
12 a while. Mr. Montgomery suggested some action taken on that
13 project.

14 MR. MONTGOMERY: I'd like to make a
15 motion to award that money.

16 DELEGATE KILGORE: I guess the first
17 motion you need to make is to bring that one back off the
18 table.

19 MR. MONTGOMERY: Then I'd make a
20 motion to bring it off the table.

21 DELEGATE KILGORE: To take grant
22 #2475 Southwest Virginia Livestock Center off the table. Is
23 there a second? All right, we've got a second. All those in
24 favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) Now that's
25 properly before you. I know we have somebody here from

1 Southwest Virginia Livestock.

2 MR. MONTGOMERY: My motion would
3 be to award the grant #2801 full request and grant #2795
4 Abingdon Feeder Cattle full request and grant number since
5 it's off the table #2475 to give them the balance of the money,
6 which I believe to be in the neighborhood of \$229,000.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right, that's
8 your motion. Do we have a second?

9 MR. STALLARD: Second.

10 DELEGATE KILGORE: Now, I guess the
11 next thing is the follow-up. When you had the Agribusiness
12 meeting in December, what was the reason to grant \$400,000
13 to Abingdon Feeder Cattle Association?

14 MR. PFOHL: The main reason is we
15 haven't been authorized to print our own money yet. The
16 reason is the balance isn't available in the Agribusiness
17 Committee.

18 MR. SPIERS: Mr. Chairman, as he said,
19 the Committee did not authorize this is because and as you
20 see we were aware of the \$700,000 project but it was tabled. I
21 don't know that the Committee could take that action.

22 DELEGATE KILGORE: It was tabled by
23 the full Commission.

24 MR. SPIERS: Yes, it wasn't available for
25 our distribution and it made that allocation based upon our

1 allocation at the time. There's been some discussion and one
2 proposal. We do have Richard Scettle here from the Russell
3 Group that could speak to it also.

4 MR. SCETTLE: Mr. Chairman and
5 members of the Commission, I'm Richard Scettle. We've been
6 working on this project for a little over two years.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: Why or what
8 happened?

9 MR. SCETTLE: The first project and we
10 qualified for funding by the Agribusiness Committee and the
11 tabling of the project is so we could correct some errors in the
12 application and adopting the posture of a non-profit livestock
13 cooperative and organize our board and obtain an IRS
14 designation of tax-exempt non-profit. We've done all that and
15 we've amended our plan and our budget based on
16 recommendations from staff. I think we have satisfied the
17 requirements that were asked of us.

18 Granted, if you remember the headlines,
19 Ms. Learner was a little slow in processing it, some IRS
20 exemptions. I don't think it was caused by our people but the
21 general climate at the IRS. It took a long, long time to get that
22 done. We did ask that the project be brought back off the
23 table and considered for funding in the amount that was
24 recommended. We really appreciate your indulgence of this
25 petition and we appreciate the help and indulgence of the staff

1 that's helped us through this and we appreciate any further
2 consideration you can give us. Are there any questions?

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: Any questions?
4 Mr. Scettle?

5 MR. SCETTLE: Our request is there; it's
6 the will of the Commission to decide to do this. We're grateful
7 for any help that we can get. Mr. Leonard would like to say
8 something.

9 MR. LEONARD: Thank you, Mr.
10 Chairman, and good morning. We appreciate all the help you
11 can give us. I think it's in the record that our 501(c)3 status
12 has been approved by the IRS and we have that in hand. We
13 have a group of thirteen young men in our county who are
14 dedicated to help the cattle business who are really interested
15 in this project. This will be owned and operated by farmers.
16 We have letters of support from the Virginia Cooperative
17 Extension Service and representing all the county agents. We
18 have a letter from the Russell County Board of Supervisors
19 and the Russell County Chamber of Commerce, the Russell
20 County Cattlemen's Association, the Farm Bureau, and the
21 Southwest Virginia Angus Association. And the Tazewell
22 County, even though they have a stockyard, they said it would
23 not serve their needs if they didn't have to organize a sale. He
24 said there's 143 cattlemen and we have the names and
25 addresses and they're in that area that he thought would be

1 interested in this project. I understand there were twenty
2 applications made at the time the project came up and out of
3 the twenty, six were selected and approved and the staff had
4 the number two rating. I understand that the twenty young
5 cattlemen down in our area and thirteen of them, one of which
6 was selected as a manager and he does a lot of work. I won't
7 belabor you with all the names but I could give you that
8 information if you need it. We also have a group of investors
9 and they can offer support in the area and we have names of
10 those. We'd be willing if you wanted to make some conditions
11 and if we get the \$700,000 investment money we'd be glad to
12 do that and everybody would have an opportunity to own this
13 project. Two and a half years ago I had an opportunity to visit
14 and handling livestock in a humane way and we got her to
15 make a design for this yard and she did and we have that in
16 hand also and we paid her to do it or her staff. This yard
17 would be extremely lean. We have some swing gates and we
18 have the pens. So we have a lot of competition. This money
19 would go directly to help the farmers in this county area north
20 of the Clinch River. We're also trying to get an organization
21 together because this would benefit everyone and when we do
22 it this way and go to the feed lot, you can receive a premium
23 for your cattle. We think we have a great location for this and
24 that entire valley from West Virginia into Virginia and our area
25 we can serve and that's a busy interchange all the way

1 through. There's four thousand more per day, we think we've
2 got great locations to serve everybody in that whole location.
3 There's a lot of cattle in that area. I know cattle is a big
4 industry in Virginia along with general agriculture and this
5 would just serve and be a benefit to everyone. As I said, this
6 would serve the farmers. If you can't see clear to do this, to
7 fund this project today, we would appreciate you leave it open
8 ended so we can make plans to go further. Thank you very
9 much.

10 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you. No
11 matter what the outcome is, I think Ronnie's motion to keep
12 us from funding –

13 MR. MONTGOMERY: To earmark the
14 money.

15 DELEGATE KILGORE: It wouldn't keep
16 you from coming back.

17 MR. MONTGOMERY: No.

18 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right, any
19 questions of the presenters? Any discussion of Mr.
20 Montgomery's motion, which was to fully fund.

21 MR. PFOHL: Fully fund proposal 2795
22 from the Abingdon Feeder Cattle Association the request of
23 \$600,000. You would fully fund #2801 Lincoln Memorial
24 University Large Animal Clinical Skills and that amount
25 requested is \$607,421. With those additional funds coming

1 from the \$700,000 which you're holding for the Russell
2 County project. With the money that's left over, \$242,860,
3 which I believe Mr. Montgomery's motion was to award it to
4 this project.

5 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct.

6 MR. STEPHENSON: Just to help the
7 Chair, I think that's \$232,860.

8 MR. MONTGOMERY: I just say the
9 balance of the money, whatever it is. It's in the neighborhood
10 of 230.

11 MR. SPIERS: I came up with \$229,789.

12 MR. MONTGOMERY: The balance of
13 whatever is left.

14 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, can we
15 get some insight why the Committee chose to, #2795.

16 MR. SPIERS: My understanding is we
17 didn't consider the \$700,000 when we made the allocation. I
18 thought it was 2859 that project was not considered by the
19 Committee at the meeting, the \$700,000.

20 MR. MONTGOMERY: As I recall, Mr.
21 Blevins, I thought we funded them a few years ago and they
22 had 126 requests at that time they didn't have the money for
23 and that's one reason it came back to this \$600,000. So they
24 already have 126 applications for the facility or dock or
25 whatever but it's going to help all the counties in Southwest.

1 MR. SPIERS: The \$232,860 includes the
2 \$3,071. The other thing is the stipulations in the Abingdon
3 Feeder would still stay the same?

4 MR. PFOHL: The Committee
5 recommendations for the Abingdon Feeder Cattle that's the
6 first round of incentives limited to participants who are not
7 receiving Tobacco Commission cost share funds, first asked
8 offering incentives for first timers.

9 DELEGATE WRIGHT: The Committees
10 have set up to give recommendations and of course hearing
11 the staff's opinions and reports and it seems to me if any
12 further action needs to be taken by the Committee or the staff
13 and the staff is submitting recommendation through the
14 Committee process. And since we do have the Committee
15 process, it seems like we're overriding here. Otherwise, what's
16 the point in going through the Committee? I'd just submit
17 that.

18 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you,
19 Delegate Wright, for your words of caution. Any other
20 discussion? We have the motion before us, any further
21 discussion? All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed?

22 DELEGATE WRIGHT: No.

23 MR. SCETTLE: Thank you, Mr.
24 Chairman and members of the Commission.

25 MR. SPIERS: Mr. Chairman, before we

1 leave Agribusiness, Delegate Johnson and I understood that it
2 was his final meeting on December 9th and it's my
3 understanding that's the case and we wish him a farewell. We
4 also thank the Committee for allowing him to serve as
5 Chairman and we all appreciate that.

6 DELEGATE KILGORE: Joe was a
7 member of the Commission from the outset and I think
8 everybody appreciated shaking his hand. He's a wonderful
9 man and we're certainly going to miss him.

10 Next we go to Education page 28.

11 SENATOR RUFF: Thank you, Mr.
12 Chairman. What we did in the Education Committee today,
13 we introduced Mr. Bob Sobczak, who is now the director of
14 workforce. I believe he's still here and I want to make sure
15 you all meet him and we're glad he's come on board. By the
16 end of the week or certainly by the beginning of next week,
17 we're scheduled to send an RFP out and that will be
18 announced for the Centers of Excellence. As I understand it,
19 they'll have roughly about 90 days to put that together or put
20 a proposal together and the staff will then take 30 days to
21 analyze the proposal then be ready to move forward at the
22 next full Commission meeting. If you want to read more about
23 Bruce it's on page thirty and the next few pages. And he has
24 an extensive record of service in the education and workforce
25 field. Why don't you come forward Bruce so everybody can

1 recognize your face?

2 MR. SOBCHAK: Thank you all, I'm glad
3 to be here.

4 SENATOR RUFF: The only action that we
5 need to take, there was some sort of mishap in our last
6 meeting or last action. The Education Committee set up the
7 rules for the scholarship program and somehow we adopted
8 the wrong version and the full Commission voted for. I refer
9 you to page 36 and the Committee moved those would be the
10 rules for the scholarship program for the coming year.

11 DELEGATE KILGORE: Anyone have any
12 questions on the rules?

13 SENATOR RUFF: I'd so move.

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion
15 and a second. If there's no further discussion, all those in
16 favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

17 SENATOR RUFF: That concludes the
18 Education report.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: Then let's turn to
20 page 37.

21 DELEGATE BYRON: Thank you, Mr.
22 Chairman, the R&D Committee met and we had several
23 applications in front of us. We had five grants that the
24 Committee approved for VEDP for vetting and we'll have the
25 results of those in April and vote on them at that time. That's

1 all I have to report and that's from page 38 in your book.

2 MR. PFOHL: The R&D Committee had
3 one other item in the business category and that's grant
4 #2699 for Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
5 Foundation to benefit the Lite Sheet project and that's a
6 request to rebudget a proportion of the funds there from the
7 equipment fund to personnel and other operational costs and
8 the R&D Committee recommended approval of that budget
9 change. No action was taken.

10 DELEGATE BYRON: I move that we
11 approve the motion for the Lite Sheet.

12 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion
13 and a second, any discussion? All those in favor say aye.
14 (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) All right, Dr. Redwine?

15 DR. REDWINE: Page 39, thank you, Mr.
16 Chairman, Southwest Economic Development Committee met
17 yesterday and considered several items of business as well as
18 taking up a couple of grants, some old business and a little bit
19 of new business and there's a couple of items we need to bring
20 before the Commission today. I move that the Committee
21 recommend the expiration date for grant #1958, which is the
22 King College, which is now being operated under the name of
23 Southwest School of Medicine be extended until May 31,
24 2014, at which time there will be a full report from them and
25 that will come to the staff by May 1st, 2014. They are

1 supposed to bring us a full business plan for their operation
2 as well as a report on the financial status of any contributions.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: What's your next
4 one?

5 DR. REDWINE: I would move that we
6 approve the Bland County IDA's request to repurpose
7 \$700,000 under grant #2737 land acquisition not included in
8 the original grant application. It's a pretty straightforward
9 repurpose.

10 The third item the Committee
11 recommended approval of the following grant, grant #2756
12 Scott County for Secure Mountain in the amount of \$300,000
13 from the Committee to be added to a TROF grant \$160,000 for
14 a total of \$460,000. All of that money would fall under the
15 stipulations of TROF with the goals of investments and jobs
16 and a clawback on all the money.

17 The last item is a new grant application
18 we received from the Virginia Coalfield Coalition, grant #2841
19 in the amount of \$1,500,000 and that would be to match
20 other funding amounts that they got from the Virginia
21 Coalfield Coalition to finish out other grants and the amount
22 from us is \$1,500,000, grant #2841. Those are the items that
23 we wish to have action on.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: The Coalfield
25 Coalition is matched by the Virginia Economic Development,

1 is that correct?

2 DR. REDWINE: Correct.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: Senator Smith
4 wants the first one out of the block. On grant #2737, #2756
5 and #2841, we'll take those in a block, is that your motion?

6 DR. REDWINE: Yes.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor
8 say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) Now, Southwest
9 School of Medicine grant #1958 motion to extend it to May
10 31st, 2014. Is that your motion?

11 DR. REDWINE: Yes, that's the motion.

12 DELEGATE KILGORE: With the
13 stipulation that they'll come before us with a business plan?

14 DR. REDWINE: Yes, that's the motion.

15 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion
16 and a second. All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed?
17 (No response.) That's your report?

18 DR. REDWINE: That concludes it.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: Special Projects,
20 Delegate Marshall?

21 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Page 44 of your
22 books. Special Projects met on November 25th and we
23 approved four applications for \$12.8 million.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: If you've got one
25 you want to pull out, that's #2821. So we have #2818, #2819,

1 #2820, #2822, and #2821 is pulled out of the block.

2 DELEGATE MARSHALL: So we have
3 #2818, #2820 and #2822.

4 DELEGATE KILGORE: That's your
5 motion to approve those three?

6 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Yes.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion
8 and a second, any discussion? All those in favor say aye.
9 (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) Now, we have #2821 before
10 you and Delegate Marshall makes a motion to approve #2821,
11 is there a second?

12 DELEGATE BYRON: I apologize, I was
13 late to the meeting and I was a little disturbed how much we
14 had invested so far in that Megasite.

15 DELEGATE MARSHALL: I'll call on Mark
16 Heath.

17 MR. PFOHL: While, Mr. Heath is
18 approaching Delegate Byron, I can tell you that the Special
19 Projects Committee, one or two Megasite grants \$7.4 million to
20 the Commonwealth Crossing Mega property in addition to a
21 reserve grant of \$1.7 million, two Megasite grants totaling \$7.4
22 million and this is one of the sites.

23 MR. HEATH: I didn't hear the question.

24 DELEGATE BYRON: I wanted to hear
25 where the additional investment is going to the Megasite.

1 MR. HEATH: That money was set aside
2 for the project and there were two amounts that came to us.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: Would you pull
4 up the mike?

5 MR. HEATH: And we don't get the TROF,
6 we haven't spent the money on ---

7 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Let me just say
8 will there be two buildings built and one is a million square
9 foot?

10 MR. HEATH: Yes. And the other one is
11 100,000 square foot building.

12 DELEGATE BYRON: The problem as I
13 understand it that you've had all along is the Corps of
14 Engineers?

15 MR. HEATH: Yes.

16 DELEGATE BYRON: And the funding
17 we're investing in this project, is this for the permit or what
18 are the different reasons that the Corps will not match the
19 amount?

20 MR. HEATH: This is for grading, these
21 two individual sites, and added to the project \$28 million
22 that's already been invested by the County, some of which is
23 Tobacco money and one by the foundation and other sources.
24 So originally there was \$30 million into this Megasite.

25 DELEGATE BYRON: Which is why I'm

1 questioning it. Six and a half million into this and no
2 guarantee by the Corps that you can go forward?

3 MR. HEATH: Well, I can't say as far as a
4 guarantee but it would address the specific requirements
5 given us and we have to have a name of the end user. This six
6 and a half million, one of the projects that came to us but we
7 had to get the initial funding for this grading.

8 DELEGATE BYRON: Do you anticipate
9 having to come back to the Tobacco Commission for additional
10 money?

11 MR. HEATH: I'm sure they'll come back
12 through the TROF if the site can be prepared with the TROF,
13 we might not have to come back to Special Projects for
14 additional funding outside of the normal channel.

15 DELEGATE BYRON: The main purpose
16 to accomplish is getting past the Corps of Engineers, is that
17 the main purpose?

18 MR. HEATH: To get a permit. If we're
19 permitted, I believe the model that the other, for Megasites,
20 this is the same issue as before.

21 DELEGATE BYRON: So the main thing
22 they want to know what it's going to be used for and without
23 the client, you don't know if they will approve it.

24 MR. HEATH: Without the named user,
25 the Corps said they will not permit it. The Corps' position is

1 that until you tell us who the end user is on the site, we won't
2 permit it. It's taken about three years to get them to this point
3 and we feel fairly confident we can accomplish our goals with
4 these two clients.

5 DELEGATE BYRON: Thank you, Mr.
6 Chairman.

7 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Senator
8 Wampler, do you want to comment?

9 SENATOR WAMPLER: No.

10 DELEGATE BYRON: As I understand the
11 issue we've been dealing with and the federal regulations how
12 they interpret them. I would hope that with our new governor
13 coming in and understand he has friends in Washington, he
14 might be able to talk to some people and see what other
15 options we have because if we're going to have to make these
16 type of investments in every site that we have, then there's no
17 guarantee on top of that and then these Megasites and their
18 requirements and it's my understanding that Megasites are
19 great opportunities but they also involve excessive spending
20 packages and there's no guarantees and there's a lot of
21 estimates here without any real guarantee we're actually going
22 to get a client.

23 DELEGATE MARSHALL: This has been
24 going on for several years and with Senator Warner and
25 Senator Kaine in DC and maybe in the spring with the Corps

1 and maybe try to move the ball down the field somewhat. The
2 rules of the game are that you have to have somebody sign on
3 the dotted line before the project can go forward and that's the
4 way the game is played. Now, with this project we have
5 someone who will sign on the dotted line to move this forward
6 and will be the same thing as the site at Berry Hill.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: Also, I think that
8 Senator Ruff and myself and Tim are supposed to brief the
9 governor and his folks soon and I'm going to request Tim to
10 put that on the list of things to talk to him about are economic
11 development areas in Southwest and Southside. We plan to
12 bring that to his attention.

13 DELEGATE BYRON: We have several
14 Megasites at the present time we've been making investments
15 on and I hope that we can take a step back at these and see
16 what develops before we continue to make investments into
17 other areas until we see what the outcome is going to be.

18 DELEGATE MARSHALL: All right, I've
19 got a motion to accept #2821 and a second.

20 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion
21 and a second to accept #2821, any more discussion? All
22 those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

23 DELEGATE MARSHALL: On page 49 of
24 your book is the Committee recommendation of the use of the
25 grant agreement, grant #2749, VCU \$3 million for the Massey

1 Cancer Center. We already did this at the last meeting and we
2 already approved it.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: So they're happy
4 with it and you are.

5 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Yes.

6 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman,
7 could Ned or someone explain this?

8 DELEGATE KILGORE: Ned, would you
9 make sure we understand what these mean?

10 MR. STEPHENSON: Mr. Chairman, this
11 is a standard grant agreement that is in use for all other non-
12 TROF grants. It contains six or seven pages of fairly complex
13 terms but the same terms that everybody else agrees to. I
14 don't think time would permit us to go through all of those
15 today but there is an Exhibit C to that agreement, which I
16 invite your attention to and it's on page 61. There's additional
17 statute requirements for this grant that are unique to Massey
18 Cancer Center. Those elements in Exhibit C have been
19 negotiated now for several months. We tried to reflect the will
20 of the Commission as expressed to us over a couple of months
21 and try to accommodate the limitations that Massey Cancer
22 Center said they're going to use this money for. It's not
23 perfect and it's not what everybody wanted but it was a
24 compromise that we felt both parties could live with. Massey
25 is happy with it and the staff is reasonably happy with it.

1 DELEGATE KILGORE: I think this
2 addresses everyone's concerns.

3 DELEGATE WRIGHT: I'm not sure about
4 that.

5 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right, if
6 everyone's satisfied. All those in favor of #2749 Massey
7 Cancer Center say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

8 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Page 62, if you
9 would look at Martinsville/Henry County EDA \$500,000 that
10 we approved yesterday to be added to a TROF agreement
11 that's already \$655,000 for a total of \$1.1 million. If you look
12 in your red book on page 42, there's kind of an executive
13 summary of what goal Anwyl who works with CCAM and this
14 is in Europe. If you look at the number of projects, there's a
15 number of projects he's working on but the first project that
16 has come to us is with 155 jobs and an average range of
17 \$31,000 for a 60,000 square foot building and an investment
18 of \$23.5 million in Henry County. This is a good step and we
19 hope this will be successful for us and this is an aerospace
20 company from the U.K. and hopefully more will come. The
21 recommendation from the Committee yesterday was to
22 approve grant #2838 for \$500,000.

23 DELEGATE KILGORE: That's to be
24 added to the TROF fund?

25 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Yes.

1 DELEGATE KILGORE: Any further
2 discussion? Senator Wampler might have hit a home run. All
3 those in favor of grant #2838 say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No
4 response.)

5 DELEGATE MARSHALL: That's one of
6 the highest unemployment areas in the state. Next, the
7 Committee recommends approval for a request from the
8 Community Capital Group, to pledged loans that were made
9 previously, grant #2758. I'd ask Tim to explain a little more of
10 that or Ned.

11 MR. STEPHENSON: Mr. Chairman and
12 members of the Commission, we made a grant a couple of
13 months ago to a community development group. The purpose
14 of that grant was to supply them with funds to make
15 microloans with. In that process they're lending that money
16 out and they have an opportunity to pledge those loans to
17 another funding source in exchange for additional money,
18 which they also will lend out in the same manner they loaned
19 your money out. Yesterday the Committee consented and
20 approved the pledging of those loans, which are grant funded
21 assets to the other funding source, I believe it was USDA. The
22 purpose is to leverage the portfolio to make more loans and
23 more money. That was the recommendation of your
24 Committee when they met yesterday.

25 DELEGATE KILGORE: Any discussion?

1 All those in favor of the Committee recommendation signify by
2 saying aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) All right. Next
3 we have the Executive report, Senator Ruff?

4 SENATOR RUFF: The Executive
5 Committee met yesterday and the first item was a
6 recommendation to approve for broadband use \$719,000
7 project income for additional fiber routes for the counties of
8 Mecklenburg, Henry, Halifax, Charlotte, City of Martinsville,
9 #2031, I so move.

10 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion
11 and a second. This is generating some income and this will be
12 used to supply additional fiber routes. Any more discussion?
13 All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

14 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, the
15 next recommendation is to approve a \$500,000 TROF grant to
16 Bland County to benefit Project Bridge in exchange for among
17 other things 25 new employees or a \$610,000 grant that will
18 benefit Project Bridge for a promise of 50 employees. The
19 proposal has been somewhat of a moving target and we
20 wanted to help the employees try to maintain or keep jobs. I
21 so move.

22 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion
23 and a second. All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed?
24 (No response.)

25 SENATOR RUFF: The next

1 recommendation is a TROF grant #2836 Dinwiddie County
2 from \$160,000 to \$235,000 with no increase in jobs.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion
4 and a second. All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed?
5 (No response.)

6 SENATOR RUFF: The next
7 recommendation is a TROF award in the amount of \$1.15 to
8 the Martinsville/Henry County Economic Development. I
9 would remind you at this point this is one of the reasons for
10 the TROF, things come in bunches and actually according to
11 the Commission rules they exceeded the limit of the
12 Committee or the staff so you have to come to the full
13 Commission.

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: Special Projects
15 addressed that one. All right. I've got a second. All those in
16 favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

17 SENATOR RUFF: The next
18 recommendation and approval of a TROF award in the amount
19 of \$460,000 for Scott County EDA for the benefit of Secure
20 Mountain. I so move.

21 DELEGATE KILGORE: That's \$300,000
22 from Southwest?

23 SENATOR RUFF: Yes.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion
25 and a second. All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 SENATOR RUFF: The next
3 recommendation is for the Commission to participate in the
4 Farnborough Air Show in July of 2014 at a cost of \$30,000
5 and instead of making that motion, I'm going to ask that it be
6 changed. I move that we amend up to \$30,000. When we first
7 started talking to the Economic Development Partnership
8 about a better display at air shows and asked him to find a
9 partner and they didn't reach out as far and as wide as I
10 hoped they would. Last night at the reception, I talked to
11 some folks so I think the better motion is to make it that way
12 up to \$30,000 as far as our participation.

13 DELEGATE KILGORE: I've got a motion
14 and a second. I think this is an important show for us and we
15 need to bring our standards up to other states. Florida and
16 Alabama and some other states have a big display and a big
17 show. We need to increase our presence there because we'll
18 lose out if we don't. So hopefully if we do this, we'll get better
19 results and show a bigger presence. Now, all those in favor
20 say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

21 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, the
22 next recommendation of the Executive Committee, continue to
23 pay the salary and expenses for Mary Rae Carter, who is the
24 Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade from January
25 through May 9th at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 and I so

1 move.

2 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Second.

3 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor
4 say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)

5 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, the
6 next is a series of budget amendments that I'll ask Stephanie
7 to explain. Most of these things we've already voted on.

8 MS. KIM: First is transfer \$500,000 from
9 Special Projects to TROF to fund grant #2838 for
10 Martinsville/Henry County's Project Bespoke to be combined
11 with their TROF grant.

12 The next one is transfer \$300,000 from
13 Southwest Economic Development to TROF for grant #2756,
14 Scott County Secure Mountain to be combined with their
15 TROF grant.

16 The third is to transfer \$75,000 from
17 Southside Economic Development to TROF for grant #2836
18 Dinwiddie County's Wagman.

19 The next is to transfer \$249,980 from
20 unobligated funds in the general account to reserve to cover a
21 commitment made in May of 2012 to the Southwest Virginia
22 Cultural Heritage Commission under grant #2171.

23 Next transfer \$1,002,660 from
24 unobligated funds in the general account to TROF to fund
25 approved grants and make funds available for future projects.

1 The last one is transfer \$50,000 from
2 unobligated funds in the general account to Administration to
3 fund Deputy Secretary Mary Rae Carter's salary, fringe
4 benefits, and expenses through May 9, 2014.

5 DELEGATE KILGORE: Remove that last
6 one from the block.

7 SENATOR RUFF: I so move.

8 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right. We've
9 got a motion and a second.

10 MR. CUNDIFF: Second.

11 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor
12 say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) The last one
13 dealing with Deputy Secretary Mary Rae Carter, do I have a
14 motion?

15 SENATOR RUFF: So moved.

16 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion
17 and a second. All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed?
18 (No response.) All right. At this time, I want to recognize Ed
19 Owens. Ed has served for the last eight years as the
20 Chairman of the Southside Economic Development Committee
21 and TROF Committees. He's been a great Commissioner and
22 always attended Commission meetings and whatever was
23 necessary for Southside Economic Development. Ed, we're
24 going to miss you and I'm sure we'll be running into you from
25 time to time and I know you know our phone number. So, Ed,

1 I want to thank you for your service and what you brought to
2 this Commission. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

3 All right, at this time, we're going to hear
4 from the Executive Group.

5 MR. PFOHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I
6 want to direct your attention to page 19. There are two
7 previously funded Southside Economic Development awards
8 that have requested a fifth year to complete their projects. Per
9 the Commission policies any extension before the fourth
10 anniversary requires Commission action. So I'll ask for a
11 motion to approve fifth year extensions to the Town of
12 Lawrenceville and the IDA of Cumberland County.

13 DELEGATE KILGORE: I've got a motion
14 and a second. All those in favor say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed?
15 (No response.)

16 MR. PFOHL: Thank you. A few items of
17 interest and some challenges and transitioning the
18 Commission.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: You might notice
20 some of our Senators are leaving but they've got a meeting
21 downtown and that's why they're leaving. It's not that they're
22 not interested.

23 MR. PFOHL: I want to direct your
24 attention to the new, there's some extra copies of the annual
25 report and they're over there by the door for anyone that

1 Tobacco Region and that's certainly good news to the outgoing
2 and incoming administration. Another opportunity we've been
3 working on for a year now in conjunction with the state office
4 of the Inspector General, which is conducting per code audits
5 of the Commission's operational policies. We've received
6 second draft report of that and due to be completed December
7 31st, the staff is still working on our responses. We'll have our
8 responses to the issues that they brought up. Be happy to
9 share that draft but we'll wait until we have a final draft. I
10 think that's of the utmost significance to come up with
11 findings on allegations of fraud and abuse and waste within
12 the Commission program and their recommendations are
13 largely procedural in terms of our policies and procedures and
14 the staff will be responding to that very soon and
15 appropriately.

16 I remind you, your financial disclosure
17 forms are due by January 15, 2014 and those can be done
18 online. If you have any questions, contact our staff in the
19 Richmond office. Logistically, the shuttle will be leaving out in
20 front at 11:30 and please check out before you do that. With
21 the permission of the Chair and Vice-Chair, I will read a
22 resolution that I propose be adopted by the Commission. A
23 resolution from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and
24 Community Revitalization Commission reads as follows,
25 whereas Delegate Joseph P. Johnson, Jr. has served

1 admirably and effectively as a legislative member of the
2 Commission since its inception in 1999 as Chairman of the
3 Agribusiness Committee since 2003 and whereas the
4 Honorable Edward Owens has served admirably and
5 effectively as citizen member of the Commission since his
6 appointment in 2003 and as Chairman of the Southside
7 Economic Development Committee in 2008 and where as Mr.
8 Scott Harwood, Sr. has served admirably and effectively as a
9 member of the Commission since his appointment in 2005
10 and whereas Ms. Linda P. DiYorio has served admirably and
11 effectively as a member of the Commission since her
12 appointment in 2008 and as Vice-Chair of the Education
13 Committee since 2011 and whereas the Honorable James
14 Cheng has served admirably and effectively as a member of
15 the Commission since his appointment as the
16 Commonwealth's Secretary of Commerce and Trade since
17 2010, therefore it's hereby resolved that the members of the
18 Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community
19 Revitalization Commission commend Joseph P. Johnson, Mr.
20 Owens, Mr. Harwood, Ms. DiYorio and Secretary Cheng for
21 their many years of dedicated service to the Commission and
22 the Commonwealth and further contributions to the economic
23 and educational advancement of the Virginia Tobacco Region
24 and all its residents therein. And as the dedicated members of
25 the Tobacco Commission, fellow Commissioners and staff of

1 the Commission thank them for their tireless service and wish
2 them the best in their future goals and professional
3 endeavors, adopted and approved at the meeting of the
4 Commission, Tuesday, 7 January, 2014. I would ask for a
5 motion to adopt.

6 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a
7 motion. All those in favor? (Ayes.) Thank you all for all your
8 services.

9 All right, any public comment? Anyone
10 have any public comment? Now is the time for public
11 comment if you have a comment. Thank you all for coming.
12 Our next meeting will be May 21st and 22nd.

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14 PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.

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