

**VIRGINIA TOBACCO REGION
REVITALIZATION COMMISSION**

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Special Projects Committee Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2016

5:00 p.m.

The Harvester
Rocky Mount, Virginia

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1 **APPEARANCES:**

2 The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III, Chairman

3 The Honorable Charles W. Carrico, Sr.

4 The Honorable Kathy J. Byron

5 Ms. Melissa N. Gould

6 Ms. Mary Rae Carter

7 Mr. Robert Mills

8 The Honorable Edward Owens

9 Mr. Robert Spiers

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11 COMMISSION STAFF:

12 Mr. Evan Feinman, Executive Director

13 Mr. Chris Piper, Deputy Executive Director

14 Mr. Timothy S. Pfohl, Grants Program Administration Director

15 Ms. Stephanie S. Kim, Director of Finance

16 Ms. Sarah K. Capps, Grants Program Administrator - Southside
17 Virginia

18 Ms. Stacey Richardson, Executive Assistant

19 Mr. Jordan Butler, Public Relations Coordinator

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21 COUNSEL FOR THE COMMISSION

22 Ms. Elizabeth B. Myers, Assistant Attorney General

23 Richmond, Virginia

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1 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Good afternoon. I'm
2 going to call the Special Projects Committee to order.
3 Welcome.

4 I'd ask Evan if he would call the roll.

5 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Byron?

6 DELEGATE BYRON: Here.

7 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Cannon?

8 MR. CANNON: (No response.)

9 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Carrico?

10 SENATOR CARRICO: Here.

11 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Gould?

12 MS. GOULD: Here.

13 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Carter?

14 MS. CARTER: Here.

15 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Marshall?

16 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Here.

17 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Mills?

18 MR. MILLS: Here.

19 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Owens?

20 MR. OWENS: Here.

21 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Spiers?

22 MR. SPIERS: Here.

23 MR. FEINMAN: You have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.

24 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Approval of the minutes of
25 September 22, 2015. Do I have a motion?

1 MR. OWENS: So move.

2 MR. MILLS: Second.

3 DELEGATE MARSHALL: I have a motion and a
4 second to approve the minutes which are on the website. All
5 those in favor say aye? (Ayes) Opposed? (No response) All
6 right.

7 Tim, would you run us through what we have today.

8 MR. PFOHL: Yes, sir. Very briefly, and today's
9 meeting, hopefully, will take care of some extensions on project
10 time periods so we can allow some folks to continue moving
11 forward on both megasites as well as a couple of other Special
12 Projects grants that we awarded in past years.

13 I think without belaboring the topic of the mega sites and
14 some of the barriers they have encountered in permitting and
15 we're starting to make some breakthroughs on some of those.
16 So we wanted to present some time extensions to the Committee
17 so that this wouldn't be a barrier to developing some of the mega
18 sites.

19 There are four mega sites there that we are recommending
20 extensions on. I will note that you have a paper copy that is
21 slightly different than what is in your Commission meeting
22 packet.

23 DELEGATE MARSHALL: You are referring to the
24 one that was handed out that has yellow markings?

25 MR. PFOHL: Yes. It should look like the one on the

1 screen behind you. There are four mega sites, and we are now
2 recommending an extension on all four of these, as opposed to
3 what was initially in your Commission meeting packet. We
4 had some discussions late last week and two other Special
5 Project grant extensions. One for the Southwest Virginia
6 Higher Education Center, and this is for the R&D Center
7 construction. We have that final invoice in hand and just want
8 to get your committee's extension approval for that and we'll
9 process that.

10 The other is the IDA Cumberland County who are with us
11 today, so they can finish taking some building, construction,
12 steel and get that erected and have a shell building in effect to
13 show the prospects. So Staff is recommending the six
14 extensions you see in the paper in front of you.

15 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Members of the
16 Committee, any questions of Tim on the Special Project grants,
17 any questions?

18 MR. OWENS: Are these grants final?

19 MR. PFOHL: I think the two others are the last and
20 final mega sites. I think the Henry County one, this will be
21 their final extension they would need. The other three may
22 need more time with Wildwood and Blue Ridge Crossroads.
23 Smyth County came to us late last week and announced they
24 had three or four different aspects and some follow-up work on
25 their mega site and used most of the 192 thousand.

1 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Another way to look at this
2 is also we're asking to be prudent with that money that they
3 spend, rather than just spend it. Hopefully all the applicants
4 are watching out how they spend their money.

5 Any questions or comments? Will we take these in a
6 block? All right, we'll take them in a block. Do I have a
7 motion to accept?

8 MR. MILLS: So move.

9 DELEGATE BYRON: Second.

10 DELEGATE MARSHALL: The motion and the
11 second is to approve the active mega site grants and the other
12 Special Projects grant extensions. All those in favor say aye?
13 (Ayes) Opposed? (No response) All right.

14 Tim, is that it?

15 MR. PFOHL: That's all I have for you.

16 DELEGATE MARSHALL: All right. Is there any
17 public comment? Is there anyone who wants to speak? Then
18 if there are no comments the meeting is concluded.

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20 PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.

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