

Meeting Minutes
Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission
CEDS Committee Meeting

April 21, 2011
3:00 PM, Greenfield Education and Training Center
57 South Center Drive
Daleville, VA 24083

Committee Members:

Committee Members Present:

Ken Lanford, Jim Poythress, Hunter Young, Mark Stockwell, Mark Taylor, Jill Loope, Consuela Caudill, Joy Tucker (on behalf of Doloris Vest), Richard Peters, Carl Brinkley, Kevin Persinger, Joyce Waugh, Brenda Walker, Hal Mabe, Suzanne Adcock, John Hull (on behalf of Beth Doughty)

Others Present:

Rob Ledger, City of Roanoke Economic Development
Lindsay Hurt, City of Roanoke Economic Development
David Kleppinger, AHEDC
Wayne Strickland, RVARC
Eddie Wells, RVARC
Scott Burton, RVARC

Committee Members Absent:

Spencer Suter, Teresa Hammond, Darlene Burcham, Don Assaid, David Trinkle, Eddie Elswick, Bryon Foley, Carolyn Fidler, Gerald Burgess, John Doane, Tracey Shiflett, Chris Morrill, Kevin Boggess, Michael Maxey, Chuck Simpson, Anne Stanley, Ione Callender, Jay Foster, Terri Workman, Rob Erdman, Steve Mullins, David Preston, Stephanie Brown, Debbie Kavitz, Robert Sandel, Richard Teaff, Steve Cronemeyer, James Houff, John Strutner, Anne Stanley, Jennifer Durling, Richard Flora

Proceedings:

The Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Chairman Ken Lanford.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Lanford welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Following introductions, Chairman Lanford thanked everyone once again and then turned the time over to Mr. Burton.

Update on Designation as an Economic Development District

Mr. Burton began by providing the committee with an update regarding the RVARC's Economic Development District (EDD) designation. Mr. Strickland explained that the EDA is looking at board structure to ensure that it meets all necessary EDD requirements. Mr. Burton then noted that the RVARC may need to resubmit their EDA application. It was also noted that the EDA has not been very responsive. None of the members in attendance had any questions and/or comments regarding this particular agenda item.

Review of Significant Process Changes

Mr. Burton began by providing an overview of the changes that were made to the prioritization criteria and ranking process. Mr. Burton also explained in detail the modifications that were made to the project package organization. He noted that the project package is disaggregated into three tiers. Each Tier is organized according to the Economic Development Administration's locality and project eligibility requirements.

Consideration of the FY2011 Annual Report

Mr. Burton then asked the committee if they had any Annual Report comments, suggestions, and/or questions.

Upcoming CEDS Schedule

Mr. Burton noted that the Commission would consider the FY 2011 Annual Report in May at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission meeting. A public hearing will also be held at this time. Mr. Burton made clear that the Annual Report will be submitted to the EDA in June.

FY 2012 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Burton then provided an outline of the FY 2012 meeting dates.

- August 18, 2011
- November 3, 2011
- January 19, 2012
- April 19, 2012

Mr. Burton also noted his desire to provide conference/dial-in capabilities for FY 2012 CEDS meetings. He noted that several committee members indicated that they would be able to attend more frequently if they could participate remotely.

Chairman's Discussion Regarding Project Updates and Presentations

At this time Chairman Lanford asked those in attendance if there was any particular topic or project that they would like to know more about. If so, then Mr. Burton would coordinate with project sponsors to see if they could present during FY 2012. He noted that it would be beneficial to have more presentations on projects that are located within the RVAR CEDS region. Presentations on projects that could potentially impact our area would also be beneficial.

Chairman Lanford also wanted to provide those in attendance with an opportunity to update the committee on any current/future/proposed economic development projects or initiatives within the locality they represent. He noted that an open discussion about regional projects would be

helpful. It would provide everyone in attendance an opportunity to learn more about economic development projects/initiatives within the region.

This led to a committee discussion of various economic development efforts currently being undertaken throughout the region

Adjournment

Chairman Lanford then thanked everyone once again for their attendance and participation. He requested that any comments, suggestion, or questions regarding the Annual Report be directed to Mr. Burton within the next couple of weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.