

Meeting Minutes
Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission
CEDS Committee Meeting

January 20, 2010
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, Darlene Burcham, Jill Loope, Consuela Caudill, Carl Brinkley, Richard Flora, Teresa Hammond, Kevin Persinger, Joyce Waugh, Brenda Walker, Rebecca Walter, Jennifer Durling, Spencer Suter

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:

Beth Doughty, Don Assaid, Stephanie Clark, David Trinkle, Eddie Elswick, Bryon Foley, Carolyn Fidler, Gerald Burgess, John Doane, Tracey Shiflett, Chris Morrill, Kevin Boggess, Doloris Vest, Michael Maxey, Chuck Simpson, Anne Stanley, Ione Callender, Jay Foster, Terri Workman, Rob Erdman, Steve Mullins, David Preston, Hal Mabe, Stephanie Brown, Debbie Kavitz, Robert Sandel, Richard Teaff, Steve Cronemeyer, James Houff, John Strutner, Chris Lawrence, Anne Stanley, Mark Taylor

Proceedings:

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 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 Jeff Crowder (Virginia Tech – Program Director for Advanced Research Computing) for presenting on the Broadband service expansion project.

Chairman Lanford 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 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. Strickland also noted that the RVARC's EDD representative is in the process of submitting our designation request, and that an outcome is expected by the summer 2011. None of the members in attendance had any questions and/or comments regarding this particular agenda item and so Mr. Burton continued with his presentation.

Explanation of the Committee Approved Prioritization Criteria:

Mr. Burton began by providing an overview of the changes that were made to the prioritization criteria. At this time he also thanked those who served on the subcommittee for their input, guidance, and suggestions.

Explanation of the Revised Project Ranking Process:

Mr. Burton noted that several changes were made to the ranking process. At this time Mr. Burton briefly provided the committee with an overview of the 2010 ranking process. He also explained in detail the modifications that were made to the ranking process and project package organization.

Consideration of the 2011 Project Package:

Mr. Burton 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. The Tier 1 and 2 project lists were included in the PowerPoint presentation and Tier 3 was included in the meeting materials that were provided to all those in attendance.

Annual Data Update:

At this time Mr. Burton began presenting available 2011 economic data. Topics that were presented included the following: population, income (per capita and median household), labor force, employment, unemployment, housing, business establishments, and enplanements.

Broadband Service Expansion Presentation by Jeff Crowder (Virginia Tech ARC):

Jeff Crowder, the Program Director for Virginia Tech Advanced Research Computing, then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Broadband service expansion project. Several questions were asked at the conclusion of Mr. Crowder's presentation which led to a brief discussion.

Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Burton reminded everyone about upcoming CEDS meetings and provided a general workflow schedule.

Upcoming CEDS meetings: April 21, 2011 at 3:00 PM at the Greenfield Education and Training Center.

Mr. Burton noted that the Commission would consider the FY 2011 Annual Report in May and that a public meeting would also be held. Mr. Burton made clear that the Annual Report will be submitted to the EDA in June.

Adjournment:

Chairman Ken Lanford thanked everyone once again for their attendance and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.