

1 **TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION**

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9 **Executive Committee Meeting**

10 Wednesday, September 20, 2017

11 8:30 A.M.

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14 The Crossroads Institute

15 Galax, Virginia

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1 **APPEARANCES:**

2 The Honorable Terry G. Kilgore, Chairman

3 The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Vice Chairman

4 The Honorable Kathy J. Byron

5 The Honorable Charles W. Carrico, Sr.

6 Ms. Mary Rae Carter

7 The Honorable A. Benton Chafin, Jr.

8 The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III

9 The Honorable James W. Morefield

10 The Honorable Edward Owens

11 The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, Jr.

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1 **APPEARANCES (cont'd):**

2 COMMISSION STAFF:

3 Mr. Evan Feinman – Executive Director

4 Mr. Christopher E. Piper - Deputy Director

5 Mr. Timothy S. Pfohl – Grants Director

6 Ms. Stephanie S. Kim – Director of Finance

7 Ms. Sarah K. Capps - Grants Program Administrator,
8 Southside Virginia

9 Ms. Michelle Faircloth – Grants Assistant, Southside Virginia

10 Ms. Sara G. Williams – Grants Program Administrator,
11 Southwest Virginia

12 Ms. Jessica Stamper – Grants Assistant, Southwest Virginia

13 Ms. Stacey Richardson – Administration Supervisor

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16 Ms. Elizabeth B. Myers, Assistant Attorney General
17 Richmond, Virginia.

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1 DELEGATE KILGORE: Good morning,
2 everyone, I'm going to call the meeting to order of the
3 Executive Committee. The agenda is on page eleven. So
4 again, I want to welcome the Executive Committee and let's
5 give a happy birthday to Cathy Lowe, her 39th birthday, so
6 happy birthday Cathy.

7 MS. LOWE: It's always nice to be 39.

8 DELEGATE KILGORE: Evan would you
9 call the roll?

10 MR. FEINMAN: Yes, sir. Delegate
11 Byron?

12 DELEGATE BYRON: Here.

13 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Carrico?

14 SENATOR CARRICO: Here.

15 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Chafin?

16 SENATOR CHAFIN: Here.

17 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Carter?

18 MS. CARTER: Here.

19 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Kilgore?

20 DELEGATE KILGORE: Here.

21 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Marshall?

22 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Here.

23 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Merricks?

24 MR. MERRICKS: [No response.]

25 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Morefield?

1 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Here.

2 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Owens?

3 MR. OWENS: Here.

4 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Ruff?

5 SENATOR RUFF: Here.

6 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Wright?

7 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Here.

8 MR. FEINMAN: You have a quorum, Mr.

9 Chairman.

10 DELEGATE KILGORE: Do I have a
11 motion that we approve the minutes from 5/3/17 meeting?
12 All right, it's been moved and seconded. All those in favor say
13 aye. (Ayes.) Opposed, no? (No response.) The minutes are
14 approved. Now, do I have a motion that we go into Executive
15 Session?

16 MR. FEINMAN: This will be for project
17 transformer. We need to move into Executive Session for the
18 purposes of discussing an economic development project,
19 specifically project transformer new world.

20 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Second.

21 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor
22 say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) We'll be going into
23 Executive Session.

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25 NOTE: A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IS HELD;

1 WHEREUPON, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXECUTIVE
2 SESSION, THE COMMITTEE MEETING RESUMES IN OPEN
3 SESSION, VIS:

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5 DELEGATE KILGORE: Do we have a
6 motion?

7 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I
8 have a motion. I move that we vote on and record our
9 certification that to the best of each member's knowledge only
10 public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting
11 requirements under this chapter and only such public
12 business matters as were identified in the motion by which
13 the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or
14 considered in the closed meeting.

15 MR. OWENS: Second.

16 DELEGATE KILGORE: We need a roll
17 call.

18 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Byron?

19 DELEGATE BYRON: Yes.

20 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Carrico?

21 SENATOR CARRICO: Yes.

22 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Chafin?

23 SENATOR CHAFIN: Yes.

24 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Carter.

25 MS. CARTER: Yes.

1 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Kilgore?

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: Yes.

3 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Marshall?

4 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Yes.

5 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Merricks?

6 MR. MERRICKS: [No response.]

7 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Morefield?

8 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Yes.

9 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Owens?

10 MR. OWENS: Yes.

11 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Ruff?

12 SENATOR RUFF: Yes.

13 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Wright?

14 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Yes.

15 MR. FEINMAN: The motion is carried,

16 Mr. Chairman.

17 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you. Now,

18 I think we're going to have a couple of motions.

19 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, I move

20 that we recommend to the Full Commission that we have a

21 corpus invasion of twelve percent.

22 MR. OWENS: Second.

23 DELEGATE KILGORE: Any discussion?

24 MR. FEINMAN: Just to make it clear, up

25 to twelve percent and contingent upon project new world,

1 project transformer moving forward and/or.

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: So the motion
3 would be exactly what?

4 MR. PIPER: I move to recommend, well,
5 you move to recommend a request of corpus invasion of up to
6 twelve percent for FY18 contingent upon project transformer
7 and/or project new world moving forward.

8 SENATOR RUFF: I would not state that
9 motion quite like that. I would say contingent on certain
10 economic development proposals.

11 DELEGATE KILGORE: So the full
12 Committee is ultimately going to take a roll call vote. Second
13 to that motion, Danny Marshall. All in favor of that motion
14 say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.) We'll have to have
15 a roll call vote in a full Commission meeting.

16 All right, there will be a motion that we
17 authorize for the project incentive fund disbursement for
18 certain economic development projects. All right, that's the
19 motion and we have a second. Any further discussion? All in
20 favor of that motion say aye. (Ayes.) Opposed? (No response.)
21 Then that motion carried.

22 Now we're on the foreign direct
23 investment update.

24 MR. FEINMAN: I think Tad is here and
25 he can enlighten us and give you more details. And this is

1 merely to let you guys know that we have engaged in
2 partnerships with Mid-Atlantic Broadband and we're going to
3 be really involved in this foreign direct investment. Joe Anwal
4 has been one of the better investments this organization has
5 made and will now be raising his number from one to three
6 and then there will be an additional foreign direct investment
7 focused on Southwest Virginia exclusively and in a
8 partnership between CTC and Lenowisco.

9 We will be serving in a coordinating role
10 making sure that all of those folks and their counterparts that
11 we're all going in the same direction as far as prospects and
12 those sorts of things. That's something we got ironed out
13 pretty well. When we got here, there was a great deal of
14 tension between Joe and the foreign direct investment folks
15 and that's all been smoothed over now and he's pretty well
16 coordinated with their efforts. Tad, would you tell us a little
17 bit more about this and how you envision them nesting with
18 MBC and then a little bit broader on the development aspect.

19 MR. DERISO: I'm Tad Deriso. I'm
20 president of Mid-Atlantic Broadband. We're really pleased to
21 continue Joe Anwal's work in our region. The Commission
22 funded us back in 2004 to create the infrastructure to help
23 economic development and we're taking this to the next level
24 and some matching funds we have as a result of our business
25 to go in and help match Joe's funding as well as the additional

1 people we'll be hiring on the west coast and some in Europe
2 and most likely in Germany as part of the advanced
3 manufacturing companies considering prospects and all that.

4 From our perspective, it is a way to
5 continue the investments. It's been working very well. All this
6 has generated actual jobs and investments over the past few
7 years and we're moving very aggressively and we're very
8 excited about it. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

9 DELEGATE KILGORE: Sounds good to
10 me.

11 DELEGATE MARSHALL: While you're
12 there can you help update the board on the Microsoft project
13 from Europe to Virginia Beach?

14 MR. DERISO: Thank you. As you all
15 know, there is a cable pretty much complete that's coming
16 from Spain to Virginia Beach and we've been involved in that
17 project for the last two and a half years working on some
18 construction in Virginia Beach and trying to tie that system
19 back into the network that covers southern Virginia and into
20 the southwestern networks. That project is transformational
21 for Virginia.

22 This Friday, the governor and both
23 senators came and Warner and a host of other people will all
24 be in Williamsburg to announce this project and fiber cutting
25 or ribbon cutting, whatever you want to call it. If you can

1 south than the others and the South American cables come as
2 far north as Jacksonville, Florida.

3 DELEGATE MARSHALL: So we get with
4 another cable South American, Brazil to Virginia Beach. Is
5 Virginia Beach the next hub?

6 MR. DERISO: Right. The interesting
7 thing about Virginia Beach, it's the quickest way to get to
8 Ashburn. They looked at North Carolina but because of the
9 Outer Banks and I think that puts Virginia well ahead of any
10 other in the southeast or mid-Atlantic in attracting those
11 kinds of companies that want access to those types of cables.
12 There are additional cables planned. I think there is some
13 coming from Denmark or northern Europe or the Norway
14 region direct to Virginia Beach and the consultant indicated
15 six or seven cables landing in Virginia Beach.

16 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you. Any
17 other questions? Thank you. All right, administrative budget.
18 Stephanie?

19 MS. KIM: I think you've already handled
20 that.

21 DELEGATE KILGORE: Moving on, any
22 other business to come before the Executive Committee? Is
23 there any public comment? All right, hearing none, do I have
24 a motion that we adjourn?

25 MR. OWENS: So moved.

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DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor
of adjournment say aye. (Ayes.) We're adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.

1 CERTIFICATE OF THE COURT REPORTER

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3 I, Medford W. Howard, Registered Professional
4 Reporter and Notary Public for the State of Virginia at large,
5 do hereby certify that I was the court reporter who took down
6 and transcribed the proceedings of the **Tobacco Region**
7 **Revitalization Commission Executive Committee meeting**
8 **when held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 8:30**
9 **a.m. at The Crossroads Institute, Galax, Virginia.**

10 I further certify this is a true and accurate
11 transcript, to the best of my ability to hear and understand
12 the proceedings.

13 Given under my hand this 27th day of
14 September, 2017.

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17 Medford W. Howard
18 CCR #0313137

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20 My Commission Expires: October 31, 2018.
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