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TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

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Southside Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018
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1 APPEARANCES:

2 The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, Jr., Chairman

3 The Honorable Edward Owens, Vice Chairman

4 Ms. Gayle F. Barts

5 Dr. Alexis I. Ehrhardt

6 The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III

7 Mr. Robert Mills

8 Ms. Cassidy Rasnick

9 The Honorable Frank M. Ruff

10 Mr. Buddy Shelton

11 The Honorable William M. Stanley, Jr.

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13 COMMISSION STAFF:

14 Mr. Evan Feinman, Executive Director

15 Mr. Andy Sorrell, Deputy Executive Director

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

17 Ms. Sarah K. Capps, Grants Program Administrator,

18 Southside Virginia

19 Ms. Stephanie S. Kim, Budget Director

20 Ms. Stacey Richardson, Executive Assistant

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22 COUNSEL FOR THE COMMISSION:

23 Ms. Elizabeth B. Myers, Assistant Attorney General

24 Richmond, Virginia 23219

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DELEGATE WRIGHT: Good afternoon, everyone. I want to thank you all for coming to this wonderful facility here in Southside Virginia. With that, I'll ask Evan to call the roll.

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MR. FEINMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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Ms. Rasnick.

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MS. RASNICK: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Barts.

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MS. BARTS: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Byron.

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DELEGATE BYRON: (No response).

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MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Edmunds.

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DELEGATE EDMUNDS: (No response).

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DR. FEINMAN: Dr. Ehrhardt.

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DR. EHRHARDT: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Marshall.

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DELEGATE MARSHALL: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Mills.

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MR. MILLS: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Senator Ruff.

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SENATOR RUFF: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Buddy Shelton.

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MR. SHELTON: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Senator Stanley.

1 MR. STANLEY: Here.

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

3 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Thank you. Next we have
4 approval of the minutes from January 8th, 2018. Do I have a
5 motion?

6 MR. OWENS: So moved.

7 MR. MILLS: Second.

8 DELEGATE WRIGHT: We have a motion made and
9 seconded to approve the minutes. All those in favor, say aye.
10 (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). The minutes are approved.

11 We have a grant review, and this is an out-of-cycle
12 request for Cumberland County. I'll ask Mr. Pfohl if he'll proceed.

13 MR. PFOHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a
14 request for the available Southside Economic Development
15 allocation for Cumberland County request for \$24,841. And this
16 is to extend sewer service to the County Business Park and a
17 shell building. This request was filed on May 10th with the
18 approval of the Committee Chairman.

19 Project Shield involves a company now new to
20 Virginia, which has an approved \$470,000 TROF grant to create
21 154 jobs with taxable capital investment of \$12.5 million. That'll
22 be the first to occupy the County Business Park. The Commission
23 has submitted a \$470,000 TROF to the project.

24 There was a shell building built for those that
25 remember back that the Commission funded through

1 Agribusiness several years ago. There was that building that was
2 directed as a shell and didn't have a floor, so it was an
3 incomplete building. There was a \$1.4 million cost for buildout.
4 This request and a second request or companion, and that
5 project went to Special Projects for the sewer.

6 As I said, buildout funds will come from TROF and the
7 Commonwealth Opportunity Fund and Company Investment,
8 which will serve as match to this and a component out-of-cycle
9 request to Special Projects for just under a million dollars to
10 construct a sewer pump station and extend existing sewer lines
11 approximately one mile to the Business Park. The sewer exists
12 around the courthouse area, and that's got to be extended about
13 a mile to take in the park.

14 The Staff asked if this particular prospect can be
15 served by septic, and the County said the prospect didn't use the
16 water in their production processes.

17 The request to Special Projects is to extend the sewer
18 lines, and that involves the line and sewer pump station. The
19 Staff asked if it could be served by septic, and we got an
20 estimate from the engineering firm on Friday that sewer could be
21 constructed, assuming that the property perks, and that was for
22 about \$208,000, but I believe the County has an interim solution,
23 and that will be batted around during Special Projects, and they'll
24 be the source of funding for that.

25 For purposes of the Southside Committee here, right

1 now, Staff recommends the award to the Southside allocation
2 \$24,841 contingent upon sufficient funds to complete the sewer
3 service to the business park.

4 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Thank you, Tim. But the
5 question before this Committee is the amount of the allocation
6 Cumberland County has, \$24,000-plus, and this can help create
7 154 jobs, and that's a big thing for Cumberland County.

8 At this time, are there any questions or any further
9 discussion?

10 DR. EHRHARDT: I have a question for Tim. Is there
11 any reason why this has not been lumped in with the larger
12 grant, or is there a cap on what we can award Special Projects?

13 MR. PFOHL: Yes, Special Projects requires the
14 participation of two or more localities, but because Cumberland
15 has such a low allocation, they get less than a third of one
16 percent of the money allocated to Southside Economic
17 Development. Our policy was made going back more than a
18 dozen years or so, that if the locality agrees to use whatever
19 they have in their allocation, then they could go to Special
20 Projects if the allocation is insufficient to fund the project even
21 without the participation of the second locality. So, I guess you'd
22 call a grandfather clause.

23 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Any further questions?

24 MR. OWENS: If we didn't have this funding ability,
25 would this project go away?

1 MR. PFOHL: If they don't have sufficient funds to
2 build the sewer service, this money would go back into their
3 allocation.

4 MR. SHELTON: I move that this be approved.

5 MR. OWENS: Second.

6 DELEGATE WRIGHT: I have a motion and a second to
7 approve the Staff recommendation to award \$24,841, and that's
8 the allocation Cumberland County has. Any further discussion?

9 MR. FEINMAN: Just to make sure, that's contingent
10 upon a sewer solution being found.

11 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Does everybody understand this
12 award will be made, a lot of money is required to do the whole
13 thing. Are there any other questions? We've got a motion and a
14 second. All in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response).
15 The motion carries.

16 And I'd like to say, Ms. Giles, from Cumberland
17 County, we appreciate your being here today. So, I guess with
18 that yes vote, you won't have to do anything else.

19 MS. GILES: I'm not going to say a word. Thank you.

20 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Thank you for being here.

21 MR. PFOHL: We have one other item of business, and
22 Sarah Capps will handle that.

23 MS. CAPPS: Mr. Chairman and members of the
24 Committee, we have an extension request from Prince Edward
25 County and this is for the Prospect Depot, Grant Number 2623,

1 and on page 7 in your book. The County is requesting a
2 seventh-year extension on this grant through June 30, 2019.
3 This is to support construction of the trail head facility for the
4 Virginia State Park's linear High Bridge Trail. The project is
5 proceeding, but they have faced a number of delays, something
6 to do with Dominion Power movement, but it is proceeding, and
7 they anticipate completion by June of 2019. Staff recommends
8 an approval of an extension through June 30, 2019.

9 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Thank you, Sarah. Any
10 questions or comments?

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Mr. Chairman, we are in Prince
12 Edward County distribution.

13 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Well noted. Is there anyone
14 here from Prince Edward that would like to speak? If not, and no
15 further questions.

16 MR. MILLS: Move for the extension.

17 DELEGATE WRIGHT: A motion has been made and
18 seconded. We have a question.

19 MR. OWENS: Do they understand this is the last
20 extension?

21 MS. CAPPS: They understand that.

22 DELEGATE WRIGHT: The answer is the affirmative.
23 And I think it's a wonderful project, and I feel sure they will.

24 MR. OWENS: Seven years is a long time.

25 DELEGATE WRIGHT: I agree. This is the last

1 extension. So, all those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed?
2 (No response). That motion passes.

3 Anything further? Any public comments? If not,
4 thank you for your time, and we're adjourned.

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Given under my hand this _____ day of June, 2018.

Medford W. Howard

Registered Professional Reporter

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