



Region 8

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Counties of: Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, & Warren*

GO Virginia Region 8 Grant Review Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 10:03 a.m. – 11:37 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting @ Laurel Ridge Community College – Middletown Campus

FIRST	LAST	AFFILIATION	ATTENDED
Tracy	Fitzsimmons	Shenandoah University, Committee Chair	✓
Ashley	Driver (Vice)	AD Engineering	✓
Devon	Anders	InterChange Group	V
Mike	Goertzen	Serco, Inc.	✓
Emily	Marlow-Beck	Marlow Auto Group	✓
Mary	McDermott	Retired Legal Counsel, NTelos	✓
Doug	Moyer	Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital	X

Also present; Deborah Flippo (Region 8 Executive Director), Jay Langston (Shenandoah Valley Partnership), Chris Boies and Michele Ridings (Clarke County). Nina Fox (Page County) attended by phone.

Call to Order

The October 8, 2024 Grant Review Committee meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Chair Tracy Fitzsimmons at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call/Quorum Confirmation

After brief introductions, Deborah Flippo called the roll, and a quorum was confirmed.

Approval of April 9, 2024 Grant Review Committee Minutes

Emily Marlow Beck noted that corrections were needed for the April 9 attendance list for affiliations. On the motion by Mary McDermott and second by Emily Marlow Beck, the minutes were approved, pending affiliation corrections, by unanimous vote.

Grant Review Committee Action

Deborah provided an update on allocated but unspent funds that DHCD and NSVRC discovered. A portion of these funds now reallocated to the Region 8 per capita balance can be used to add scope and increase funding request to the application about to be discussed. At Chair Fitzsimmons' request, Deborah explained the differences between planning and implementation grants.

Enter into Closed Session

Chair Fitzsimmons made the motion for the GO Virginia Region 8 Grant Review Committee to convene into Closed Session for discussion or development of grant proposals by a regional council established pursuant to

Article 26 (§2.2-2484 et seq.) of Chapter 24 of the Virginia Administrative Code to be submitted for consideration to the Growth and Opportunity Board. Ashley Driver seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Exit from Closed Session

The GO Virginia Region 8 Grant Review Committee unanimously certified that to the best of their knowledge that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by this Committee.

Committee Action

Page County – Regional Meat Processing Organization Formation - \$43,725 Planning Grant

Ashley Driver motioned to defer this application to the January Grant Review Committee meeting, so the applicant can work with staff to address the Committee's questions. Emily Marlow Beck seconded, and the Committee unanimously voted to defer.

Clarke County – Double Tollgate Site Development - \$170,625 Site Development Planning Grant

Mike Goertzen motioned to approve this application as submitted, contingent that no work begins until Clarke County closes on the property. Ashley Driver seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously voted approval to forward the application to the Region 8 Council.

Shenandoah Valley Partnership – Blue Mountain Extended Due Diligence -- \$348,810 Implementation Grant

After lengthy discussions in closed session, and again with Jay Langston after closed session, the Committee asked Jay Langston if he could meet again in one week to provide an improved application. The improved application should include the current marketing agreement which addresses the expanded acreage and a provision for "clawbacks" for changed use or zoning or other substantial changes by the property owner.

Public Comment

No one from the public participated.

Adjournment

The Region 8 Grant Review Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. by Chair Fitzsimmons, to reconvene on October 21 at 9:00 a.m. for a virtual meeting to discuss and address ways to move the Blue Mountain application forward to Council.



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Monday, October 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

FIRST	LAST	AFFILIATION	ATTENDED
Tracy	Fitzsimmons	Shenandoah University, Committee Chair	✓
Ashley	Driver (Vice)	AD Engineering	✓
Devon	Anders	InterChange Group	X
Mike	Goertzen	Serco, Inc.	✓
Emily	Marlow-Beck	Marlow Auto Group	✓
Mary	McDermott	Retired Legal Counsel, NTelos	✓
Doug	Moyer	Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital	X

Also present: Deborah Flippo (Region 8 Executive Director), Jay Langston (Shenandoah Valley Partnership).

Call to Order

The October 21, 2024 continued Grant Review Committee meeting for GO Virginia Region 8 was called to order by Chair Tracy Fitzsimmons at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call/Quorum Confirmation

Deborah Flippo called the roll, and a quorum was confirmed.

Grant Review Committee Action

At Chair Fitzsimmons' request, Jay Langston reviewed the changes submitted to the Committee on Thursday, October 17, via email from Deborah: small changes, rewritten Question 15, and inclusion of a Property Owner Performance MOU (including "clawback" language) and signed Marketing Agreement between Augusta County and the property owner.

Committee members agreed that the soon-to-be-formed RIFA would be ideal for ownership, but this vetting process gave them comfort with the decreased risk of approval overcome by the potential benefits of proceeding.

Mary McDermott motioned to recommend sending the application forward to Region 8 Council for approval, seconded by Ashley Driver. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

Adjournment

The Region 8 Grant Review Committee's continued meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. by Chair Fitzsimmons.