



Chinaka A. Barbour
Warren Beeton
Dr Joseph P Boutte
J. Randall Freed, Chair
Stephanie Johnson
Martin Jeter
Elizabeth H. Ward, Vice Chair

**Meeting
Minutes
September 26,
2024
6:30 P.M.**

UTILITIES REPRESENTATIVE

Christine Hoeffner
Gilbert Jaramillo
Scott McGeary
Perrin Palistrant
Don Pannell
Kyle Reglin

Cedar Run Conference Room
McCoart Building
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22192

Present: Commissioners Chinaka Barbour, Warren Beeton, Dr. Joseph Boutte, J. Randall Freed, Stephanie Johnson, Elizabeth Ward

Non-voting Commissioners: Gilbert Jaramillo, Christine Hoeffner, Kyle Reglin

Others: Giulia Manno – Senior Environmental Program Manager, Michelle Smyk – Climate and Energy Program Manager

Absent: Commissioner Martin Jeter

Non-voting Commissioners: Scott McGeary, Perrin Palistrant, Don Pannell

Roll Call: Quorum Present

Citizen's Time: Nicole West is interested in Sustainability and the CESMP.

Old Business

- Approve July 25 meeting minutes with correction of resignation of Erik Wiesbock from the Commission. (VOTING RECORD: Motion: E Ward; Second J Boutte; Ayes: by acclamation; Nays: none)
- G Manno provided an update on the Sustainability Legislative Agenda Recommendation. Leadership is composing recommendations to provide a draft to the Board for their review.

- G Manno provided an update on the Groundwater Study. Public Works received an updated Joint proposal from USGS and Virginia Tech. Sustainability Commission requests were incorporated into their existing proposal. Once proposal is finalized, a budget request will be made to procure funds then non-compete contracts with USGS and Virginia Tech will be executed.
- G Manno updated on the Strategic Planning Process. The draft goals and objectives were presented at the Board meeting and county Staff has requested the Boards feedback for review. The action strategies will be developed by departments from October through November. Finalized draft expected to be completed by December.

New Business

- M Smyk provided an update on the Office of Sustainability draft work/staffing plan. Provided an update on feedback from county agencies involved in the development of the CESMP and its implementation.
- R Freed opened discussion for development of recommendations for the Comp Plan Amendment. Commissioners broke out into workgroups to discuss recommendations on where each CESMP action should be incorporated in the Comp Plan update.
- G Manno provided an update on the JET meeting. Dr. Earnie Porta, Chair of the JET, had his tenure end with his appointing organization. Supervisor Boddye is acting Chair until elections are held. Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has funding for a reforestation project at Bristow Station. Planning has created an app for a walkability analysis where volunteers will assess any walkability issues. The JET discussed if there were opportunities for collaboration between the county and schools for the movement of construction dirt.

Commissioner's Time

- S Johnson provided an update on the event she hosted to teach community about invasive plants. Shared there are opportunities to work on invasive removal in the Dale City area.
- C Hoeffner shared October 5th is the 3rd Annual Tour of the VRE.
- W Beeton shared that he facilitates an after-school club interested in climate change and inquired about what the county is doing about Green House Gas inventory education. Inquired if Commissioners were interested in outreach and education on this topic.

- M Smyk informed the position for the GHG and Sustainability Analyst is still open and will close on October 3rd.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM