

**REGION VI PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2009**

ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Kim Haws | Bridgeport, City of |
| 2. Orië Ellen Sterling | Marion County Private Sector |
| 3. Etta Stadler | West Union, Town of |
| 4. Francis Pat Daniels | Doddridge County Private Sector |
| 5. Charles Hollandsworth | Monongalia County Private Sector |
| 6. Jesse Corley | White Hall, Town of |
| 7. Debra Herndon | Shinnston, City of |
| 8. Asel Kennedy | Monongalia County Commission |
| 9. James Wagner | Reedsville, Town of |
| 10. Wilfred Fredrick | Preston County Private Sector |
| 11. Bob Barlow | Preston County Private Sector |
| 12. Donna Hall | Barrackville, Town of |
| 13. Zane Shuck | Monongalia County Private Sector |
| 14. Thomas Konchesky | Star City, Town of |
| 15. Victoria Cole | Preston County Commission |
| 16. Barry Pallay | Monongalia County Private Sector |

COUNCIL STAFF

17. James L. Hall, Executive Director
18. Lea Wolfe, Assistant Director
19. Rosemary Raschella, Planning Coordinator
20. Kent Rollins, Project Specialist
21. Sheena Hunt, Project Administrator
22. Lana Smith, Acquisition Manager
23. Lydia Ingram, Acquisition Processor

GUEST:

24. David A. Sims, Attorney at Law
25. Rose Barker, Mannington
26. Al Anderson, Scott's Run PSD
27. Bob Martin, Scott's Run PSD
28. Frances Stewart, West Union
29. Bobby Lewis, RD Director
30. Anne Cavalier, EDA
31. Debra Beavin, EDA Philadelphia Regional Office

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED FROM MEETING

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| Butch Tennant | Marion County Commission |
| Angie Pratt | Doddridge County Commission |
| Bernie Fazzini | Harrison County Commission |
| Jay Rogers | Fairmont, City of |
| Jack Bish | Pleasant Valley, City of |
| Doug White | Fairview, Town of |

Melynda Cooper	Albright, Town of
Julia Bolyard	Tunnelton, Town of
Lydia Main	Masontown, Town of
Dan Boroff	Morgantown, City of
Barbara DeMary	Marion County Private Sector
George Levitsky	Marion County Private Sector
ML Quinn	Harrison County Private Sector
William Brooks	Harrison County Private Sector
Shirley Higginbotham	Harrison County Private Sector
Janice Polce	Preston County Private Sector
Jim Plaughter	Salem, City of
Thomas Bartlett	Grafton, City of
Betsy Haught	Marion County Private Sector
Donald Webster	Nutter Fort, Town of
James Lopez	Lumberport, Town of
Margaret Bailey	Clarksburg, City
Barbara Banister	Rowlesburg, Town of
Paul Elder	Taylor County Private Sector
Earl Daughtery	Doddridge County Private Sector

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT EXCUSED FROM MEETING (NO REPLY IS RECEIVED)

Terring Skinner	Taylor County Private Sector
Diane Parker	Taylor County Private Sector
Craig Watson	Flemington, Town of
David Gobel	Taylor County Commission
Charles Feather	Terra Alta, Town of
Edgar Fortney	Newburg, Town of
James Lobb	Kingwood, City of
Cathy Smith	Bruceston Mills, Town of
Sebastiona Diaz	Brandonville, Town of
Dave Johnson	Westover, City of
Patricia Lewis	Granville, Town of
Bobby Lemley	Blacksville, Town of
Edgar Burley	Worthington, Town of
Ed Mahalick	Rivesville, Town of
Roger Huffman	Monongah, Town of
Donna Costello	Farmington, Town of
Tony Blidgett	Harrison County Private Sector
Sharon Cunningham	Harrison County Private Sector
Nancy Gall	West Milford, Town of
Christopher Davis	Stonewood, City of
Rondal Lake	Lost Creek, Town of
Paul Hardman	Anmoore, Town of
Robert Riggs	Grant Town, Town of
Robert Garcia	Mannington, City of

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kim Haws, Chairperson called meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Kim apologized for being late for the Council meeting and dinner. There was a car accident on I-79N and traffic was backed up for over 15 miles. Kim stated that the meal was great and wanted to thank staff for all their hard work. Kim also acknowledged guest that were present ; Bobby Lewis, Rural Development, Anne Cavalier, EDA, Debra Beavin, EDA PRO, Al Anderson & Bob Martin from Scott's Run PSD.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 30, 2009

Kim Haws, Chairperson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the September meeting minutes. With no corrections or additions indicated, motion was made by Jesse Corley to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Etta Stadler. Motion passed unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Financial statements were presented for the months of September, October and November 2009. Motion was made to approve financial statements as presented and was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Kim Haws, Chairperson complimented staff and the passion staff has for their jobs. Staff members all stood and were recognized. Kim also wanted to thank David Simms, Region VI Attorney for all the hard work he has done and for helping us through the growing pains, the restructuring and reorganization.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Hall wanted to thank members for their support throughout the year. Jim introduced two new staff members for the new ROW Department: Lana Smith, Acquisition Manager and Lydia Ingram, Acquisition Processor. They have also signed their first contract with the City of Kingwood Sewer project. The Executive Director Report is attached.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Pat Daniels (Private Sector Doddridge County) wanted to formally request assistance from Region VI to help seek funding for a water project to the Doddridge County Park. Jim Hall stated that he spoke with Mr. Daniels and would let him know if any funding sources became available.

- Jim Hall announced guest speaker Robert D. "Bobby" Lewis, State Director for USDA Rural Development. He was appointed by the Obama Administration. Jim Hall also quoted Senator Jay Rockefeller who spoke highly of Mr. Lewis.

"Bobby is one of West Virginia's finest native sons and a public servant in the truest sense. He has spent his entire career working to promote community and economic development across his home state," Rockefeller said. "I have been proud to know and work closely with him for years, and I am thrilled that he's been selected to again serve as West Virginia's leading advocate at the USDA."

A life-long resident of West Virginia with roots in McDowell County, Lewis began his career working in a family-owned business and served two terms of Mayor of Welch and a term as Commissioner of McDowell County. In

1993, he was appointed by the Clinton administration as the USDA State Director, and in 2001 was appointed Director of Community Development for the West Virginia Development Office.

The USDA Rural Development programs in West Virginia will receive substantial funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This year our agency has a total funding of \$352 million in the State of West Virginia. These monies will be used for infrastructure projects mostly water and sewer projects.

Bobby wanted to thank Region VI staff and council members for inviting him. "Being here is very special and I appreciate being invited".

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting.