

Un-Adopted Minutes
Brooke-Hancock Regional and Development Council
May 3, 2017

Present were:

Mark Henne, Weirton Transit Corp.

Linda Mcneil, Mayor of New Cumberland

Barb Zimnox, Region XI PDC

Adrienne Ward, BHJ

Mike Paprocki, Executive Director, BHJ

Mary Jo Guidi, Representative of Senator Joe Manchin's Office

Patrick Sutherland, Mayor of Bethany

Sue Simonetti, Mayor of Wellsburg

Hampton Cokeley, Senator Capito's Office

Jessicah Cross, Senator Capito's Office

Rick Rekowski, City of Weirton- Mary H. Weir Library

Mark Henne called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM. He asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting. Sue made a motion. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Pat Sutherland gave his report on the town of Bethany. He gave a handout to everyone and he asked if everyone would take time to look it over. He said they are trying to enhance safety and making some progress on pedestrian crossing. He brought some infrastructure improvements to show everyone what is happening on campus.

Mike then gave his Director's Report. He said May 8 Dave and Mike will go to Open House at ODOT. May 9 contractors for Wellsburg Bridge will be having a meeting at BHJ office. May 11 Mike said he will be going up to Regional Freight Conference in Cranberry Township, PA. May 15-17 he will be at the West Virginia Association of Regional Planning & Development Councils Annual Conference in Vienna, WV. May 17 BHJ TAC and Full Commission Meeting at BHJ. June 5 Executive Meeting at BHJ then on June 14 Brownfield Task Force Meeting at BHJ.

Mark then gave the Chairman's Report he started out by saying it was unfortunate that we lost the legislators back to Charleston at this time due to them trying to get a budget. He also wanted to welcome Rick back to the meetings.

Next Mike went over the (CEDs) report. He said we did pick up some more projects. Over next 18 months more projects will be coming. Rick then talked about comprehensive plan for the city

of Weirton. They came up with four goals and the objectives under each of them and they will be having another meeting May 11.

Transportation update, Linda McNeil said they had a failure on a part route 2 that goes through New Cumberland. She said WV DOT did respond quickly and it was poorly done and she said they are going to smooth it out. She said the latest communication with the new secretary that an environmental study is being done and it should take two years but she said they don't have two years. She said federally these environmental studies have to be done on all 5 plans. Mike said in Follansbee they have the project program. Mark then gave his update and said the traffic is getting worse in Follansbee due to this project. He and Mike talked about this and maybe they should take on a comprehensive study of route 2 and pursue through DOH to get these dollars. Sue gave her Wellsburg update and said she talked to some people about getting box on poles getting fixed. Then Linda talked about weigh limits for trucks passing through and if they could do random checks to check weight limit. US/22 Weirton joint pavement repairs Main St. to PA state line.

Mike went over the Brownfields Task Force Newsletter thanked Adrienne for writing it. NARC put out feeler for Brownfields Development values and he sent the newsletter and that led the lady from NARC to get in touch with Pat Ford to get some info on projects to send to Congressmen Ranking members in those communities. Then Mike said he got to attend a meeting with McKinley and he is rewriting the authorization for Brownfields. Mike then mentioned the National Brownfields Conference in Pittsburgh and how they will be doing a lounge presentation for the task force.

Barb gave her update on spending. Mary Jo then gave an update on senator Manchin and mentioned that major committees proportions good for WV. May 22-26 commonsense connections week and mentioned the upcoming job fairs they will be attending around the state.

Hampton then introduced Jessicah Cross, she will be taking over his job at the end of the June.

Barb then gave her update and status report which was enclosed in the packet. She mentioned the New Cumberland water/sewer project and then Hazard Mitigation Meeting on May 4th in the Blue Room at Milsop Community Center. She mentioned that this is the last meeting and then they will send draft to the state for review. She was pleased with the participation with the counties. She said if anyone had any questions they can contact her.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

With no further business to bring before the group Mark asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue approved and the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.