

Un-Adopted Minutes

Brooke-Hancock Regional Council Meeting

August 12, 2015

Present were:

Mark Henne – Wellsburg City Manager  
Sue Simonetti – Mayor of Wellsburg  
Marvin Six – BDC  
Jim Andreozzi – Brooke County Commissioner  
Mark Zatezalo – WV House of Delegates  
Mike Paprocki – Region XI PDC  
Ric Rekowski – Mary H. Weir Public Library  
Mary Jo Guidi – Senator Manchin's Office  
Eric Sherrard – Thrasher Engineers  
Norm Schwertfeger – WVU Extension Office  
Linda McNeil – Mayor of New Cumberland  
Barb Zimnox – Region XI PDC  
Kevin Beynon – Weirton Transit Manager

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Mark Henne.

Mark Zatezalo reported on the interim session of the state legislature, stating that they had a serious problem with the EPA plan. Mary Jo Guidi stated that Senator Manchin was also against the plan. He would like to see a 90 day trial before anything is actually put into law.

Marvin Six reported that the US EPA is working well with the BDC, who received 3 clean-up grants in the last cycle – for TS&T, Beech Bottom and Brooke Glass. He reported that they are preparing the bid documents for these grants. He also reported that at the TS&T site, they just found out that there has been some impact with the river. Marvin reported that the BAD Buildings program that they sponsored at Mountaineer was successful. All municipalities were represented except for Follansbee, Windsor Heights, and Brooke County Commission.

Jim Andreozzi reported that the Brooke County Commission has improved or torn down 20 properties in the past year, and has recently sent out another 15 letters to property owners. He said that their ordinance is up to \$100/day fine and the property owner may go to court if no improvements are made.

Discussion included the Property Rescue Initiative and the National Brownfields Conference, which the BDC was attending. They are in the process of putting together a video of the Brownfields work done in the region for the conference.

Mike gave an update on the status of the new Ohio River Bridge. He said Dave Snelting had submitted a new cost estimate and payment plan to the State of Ohio. They are taking dirt samples and making right-of-way plans. They hope to bid early spring. The winning bidder will design as they go. The design-build is a 60 month process.

Mark asked if any meeting had been scheduled with Patty Hickman and the DEP regarding Genpak. Mike said that none had at present.

Mike reported that Barb Zimnox and Sue Simonetti would be attending the WV Brownfield's Conference.

Mike handed out copies of the RLS Coordination Plan. He said that anyone having any questions could call him.

Barb gave her Community Development report that led to a discussion regarding the Source Water Protection Plans and regional water issues.

Linda McNeil reported that there was a Route 2 Authority meeting scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>, and that Secretary Mattox would be speaking. She also reported that a disaster plan study had been done regarding the drainage issues on Station Hill in New Cumberland and she would be taking it to the WV Department of Transportation.

Rik Rekowski reported that John Deskin of the WVU Bureau of Economic Research would be at the library meeting in Wheeling in October.

Mark Zatezalo reported that he would have office hours the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in September.

With no further business to discuss, Mark asked for a motion to adjourn. Sue Simonetti made the motion. Mark Zatezalo seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM.