

MINUTES

PTRC Board of Delegates

August 17, 2016

Present

Marikay Abuzuaiter, City of Greensboro
Kevin Austin, Yadkin County
Jimmy Blake, Town of Biscoe
Alan Branson, Guilford County
Mark Brown, Town of Summerfield
Renee Bryant, City of Randleman
Mary Cameron, Village of Clemmons
Sharon Conaway, Town of Walnut Cove
Alvin Foster, Town of Yanceyville
Darrell Frye, Randolph County
Nathaniel Hall, Caswell County
Archie Hicks, Town of East Bend
Ernest Lankford, Stokes County
Bonnie Lasky, Town of Boonville
Molly Leight, City of Winston-Salem
Peggy Leight, Town of Walkertown
Walter Marshall, Forsyth County
Rick McCraw, City of King
Joyce McGee, Town of Tobaccoville
Wayne Moore, Town of Jonesville
Jackie Morris, Montgomery County
John Peterson, Town of Elon
Larry Phillips, Surry County
Naydine Sharpe, Village of Alamance
Tobin Shepherd, City of Lexington
David Smith, City of Asheboro
Ed Smith, Town of Lewisville
Chris Thompson, Town of Kernersville
Don Truell, Davidson County
Keith Volz, Town of Jamestown
Brent Ward, Town of Mocksville
Larry Ward, Town of Denton
Lenny Williams, Town of Gibsonville
Steve Yokeley, City of Mount Airy
Filmore York, Town of Liberty
Raleigh York, City of Thomasville

Absent

Latimer Alexander, City of High Point
Lori Armstrong, Town of Stoneville
Dwight Atkins, Town of Pilot Mountain
Wayne Atkins, Town of Dobson
Buddy Boggs, Town of Haw River
Layton Booker, Town of Candor
Frank Bruno, Town of Stokesdale
Jeff Bullins, Town of Mayodan
Jim Butler, City of Burlington
John Byrum, Town of Midway
Darryl Carter, City of Eden
Perry Conner, Town of Franklinville
John Ferguson, Davie County
James Festerman, City of Reidsville
Carissa Graves, Town of Green Level
Jesse Hill, City of Trinity
Ed Hooks, City of Mebane
Lestine Hutchens, Town of Elkin
Michelle Leonard, Town of Bethania
Linda Massey, Alamance County
John McDermon, Town of Rural Hall
Chip Miller, Town of Mt. Gilead
Dennis Paschal, Town of Wentworth
Brenda Platt, Town of Madison
Damon Prince, Town of Troy
Kenneth Rethmeier, Town of Bermuda Run
Mark Richardson, Rockingham County
Chris Sapp, Town of Bethania
Danny Shaw, Town of Ramseur
Bert Lance Stone, City of Archdale
Mike Stone, Town of Oak Ridge
Ron Surgeon, Town of Pleasant Garden
Chip Turner, City of Graham
Janet Whitt, Town of Danbury
Steve Yokeley, Town of Wallburg

Chairman Hall welcomed the PTRC Board of Delegates and called the meeting to order. He requested a moment of silence and then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Presentation: Focus on Members: Boonville, Sarah Harris, Town Manager and Bonnie Lasky, Commissioner

- a. Ms. Bonnie Lasky began by saying that Boonville is located half way between New York and Florida, right in the middle of the Yadkin Valley wine region. It is a wonderful location with over 30 wineries surrounding Boonville. They are just two miles from shore access to the Yadkin River and very close to the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- b. To begin taking advantage of the many assets of the area, the town was accepted into the NC Rural Economic Development Center's STEP program. Through this program they were able to develop a 10-year vision, identify strategies to support the vision and choose and began project implementation.
- c. After STEP, outcomes included NC Downtown Development Association Technical Assistance Team Report, new zoning ordinance and an ongoing streetscape assessment.
- d. Boonville's vision is to be an inviting small town of 2,000-2,500 people with an attractive "village" theme. In addition, they hope Boonville will be "walkable" from residential areas with additional retail and restaurant options, activity venues and other services.
- e. Ms. Sarah Harris explained Boonville's rejuvenation plan which includes crosswalks, another travel lane, improved safety for pedestrians, trees make the town aesthetically appealing, and more parking. To reach the goals of this plan Boonville has applied for many grants. The number one issue is motivating property owners.
- f. Other recommendations for the town include intersection improvement options, update façade improvements, create a versatile green space, Yadkin valley signage bicycle education signage, recreational facilities and a school crosswalk
- g. In the process of the Economic Development Strategic Plan over 100 assets were identified ranging from blueberry farms, a castle, and ziplining.
- h. Boonville has come a long way and they appreciate the help of NC Rural Economic Development Center, NC Downtown Development Association, NC Department of Commerce, PTRC, YVHC, ASU & UNC School of Government, Yadkin County, and Boonville's neighbors.
- i. Come out and visit Boonville!

2. Presentation: PTRC Area Agency on Aging: An Ally to Veterans, Holly Sluder, Aging Planner

- a. Ms. Holly Sluder shared the history of the Department of Veteran Affairs which began in 1636 when the pilgrims were at war with the Indians. A law was passed that stated that the disabled soldiers would be supported by the colony. Through the years and different wars the VA has added many different programs.

- b. There are over 19 million veterans in the US with over half age 65 or older. 7.4 million of the veterans have jobs and 70% vote in elections.
- c. Nationally, the Veterans First Act which is awaiting a vote, will help the VA put veterans first by increasing educational opportunities and work training.
- d. Another national program is Stand Down events. These events help provide food and clothing to homeless vets.
- e. On a state level, Governor McCrory signed a bill allowing disabled veterans to park in the handicap spaces when displaying a license plate stating "partially disabled vet."
- f. There are five veteran nursing homes in NC located in Fayetteville, Salisbury, Black Mountain, Asheville and Kinston.
- g. In North Carolina in 37 counties and 7 of our 12 county region, more than half of all veterans are 65 or older. To serve this population we have VA Health Care Center and office in Kernersville, the Triad Veteran and Military Resource Coalition and several local nonprofit organizations serving our veterans. There are also weekly veterans coffee meetings.
- h. Current demographics
- i. Many factors lead to our vets being placed in nursing home including chronic illness, mental/physical health, lack of able/willing caregivers, lack of social support, and proper housing.
- j. In an effort to keep more veterans living independently longer, the Medical Foster Home Program was started. Through this program vets live in a family setting and work with a professional care team to manage their health. Also, keeps them socially engaged in the community. Right now there are only four homes in NC that do this.
- k. The Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services (VDHCBS) was created in 2008 in an effort to keep veterans living in their own home. They are given a budget and set up with their own care team. This program is unique because it gives the power to the veteran but it gives them the resources to be healthy and independent. PTRC AAA is hoping that we can get this program locally.
- l. Mr. Matthew Dolge added that PTRC's goal to is manage this VDHCBS process. We already have the relationships and connections with home based services and can work with them to bring services to veterans in our region. If you know of anyone that would benefit from this type of program, please contact our AAA.
- m. Mr. Nate Hall asked if the program requires that they work through AAA. Mr Dolge said that the veterans are in control. They request the budget and we would handle the administrative side of things. It makes sense because we are already in touch with the community services so we have access.
- n. Mr. Blair Barton-Percival added that the VA determines eligibility.

3. Presentation: PTRC Housing Program: Michael Blair

- a. Mr. Michael Blair stated that our Housing Program works predominately with homeowners who are over 65.

- b. Currently we have PTRC Single Family Grants in following counties: Guilford, Davidson, Rockingham, Alamance, Surry, Davie, Stokes, Caswell, Randolph and we also administer the Surry Housing Consortium.
- c. The Housing program and the Weatherization Assistance Program complement each other and work together to make the most of our funding. WAP is currently in the following counties: Guilford, Davidson, Forsyth, Rockingham, Randolph, Alamance and Caswell.
- d. The Housing Program and the people we serve has grown rapidly over the past four years.
- e. Mr. Dolge added that this program has expanded dramatically since merger. WAP and Housing work together to save money and provide the clients with the highest level of service possible.
- f. Please spread the word and let us know of any elderly or disabled people in your areas that need help. In addition, if you know any licensed general contractors please let us know.

4. Action Item: Request for approval of June 15, 2016 PTRC Board of Delegates Minutes, Nathaniel Hall, PTRC Chair

- a. There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Lenny Williams.
- b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walter Marshall
- c. Request for approval of June 15, 2016 PTRC Board of Delegates Minutes were approved.

5. Action Item: Request for approval of adoption of submitted grant applications for consideration by the NC ARC, Anna Leonard, Environmental Programs Coordinator

- a. This item was approved at the Executive Committee meeting on August 3, 2016 but since then there has been an addition. The item seeks approval with the new application from Yadkin County added.
- b. The following ARC Emerging Opportunities pre-applications have been submitted to the PTRC for approval. The grant amount range is from \$20,000 to \$50,000. The available funding from the PTRC is \$100,000.
- c. **Mt Airy – Mount Airy, NC Water...It starts with the best ingredients Video and Outreach Initiative**

Total Project Cost: \$28,580 ARC Funds: \$20,000 Match Funds: \$8,580

The proposed project will utilize a video and companion literature to highlight and expand economic development opportunities as it relates to Mount Airy's extraordinary water quality and water capacity. The video outreach goal is to reach a minimum of 800 water users and generate a minimum of 10 serious inquiries from potential businesses as a result of the campaign. This video would act as an additional outreach component to the water data and samples already being sent to target breweries and bakeries.

- d. **Surry County – Yadkin Valley Heritage Corridor Partnership Project Surry County Wayfinding Signage**

Total Project Cost: \$29,000 ARC Funds: \$20,000 Match Funds: \$9,000

The purpose of this proposed project is the creation and installation of a series of five wayfinding signs located at strategic locations on roads in Surry County, conveying a brand promoted by the Yadkin Valley Heritage Corridor

Partnership. A similar ARC wayfinding signage project was completed in 2015.

e. **Yadkin County – Hospital Facility HVAC Equipment Replacement**
Total Project Cost: \$96,200 ARC Funds: \$48,100 Match Funds: \$48,100

The purpose of the grant is to support HVAC facility upgrades at the designated Legacy Medical Care Facility hospital in Yadkinville. The replacement of two air conditioning units will support and encourage medical offices to move into the hospital space, improving health care options for Yadkin County residents. In addition there will be support for local job opportunities by supporting local medical facilities in Yadkin County.

- f. There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Kevin Austin.
- g. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Phillips.
- h. Request for approval of adoption of submitted grant applications for consideration by the NC ARC with the addition of Yadkin County was approved.

6. Consent Items, Nathaniel Hall, PTRC Chair

- a. Request for authorization to administer Caswell County Housing Rehabilitation Grant from NCHFA, Michael Blair, Housing Director
- b. Request for authorization to administer Randolph County Housing Rehabilitation grant from the NCHFA, Michael Blair, Housing Director
- c. Request authorization to enter into contract with the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services in the amount of \$90,000 and enter into subcontracts with two local funded partners for Local Contact Agency (LCA activities) in the amount of \$32,984 for the contract period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, Blair Barton-Percival, Area Agency on Aging Director
- d. Request for authorization to accept grant funds from the City of Winston Salem’s “Successful Outcomes after Release” (SOAR) program in the amount of \$10,000, Matthew Dolge, Executive Director
- e. Request for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$31,150 from the City of Winston-Salem’s Community Development Block Grant program, Matthew Dolge, Executive Director
- f. ~~Request adoption of submitted grant applications for consideration by the NC ARC representative Olivia Collier, Elizabeth Jernigan, Regional Planner~~
This item was removed from the consent agenda and added as an action item.
- g. Request for authorization to utilize Weatherization funds in the amount of \$2,674,825 for fiscal year 2016-2017, Reginald McCaskill, Weatherization Assistance Program Director
 - i. There being no questions, a motion was made by Mr. Darrell Frye.
 - ii. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Richardson.
 - iii. The Consent Items were approved.

7. Informational Item: NCDHHS Audit Finding Letter

- a. We received a letter from John Thompson at the NCDHHS stating:

"We received the Single Audit Report of Piedmont Triad Council of Governments for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015, which has been accepted by the Secretary of the Local Government Commission.

The Auditor's Reports on Compliance, Internal Control, and/or Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs did not disclose any instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations for which the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for resolution. Accordingly, no Corrective Action Plan is necessary and resolution of this audit is closed with respect to programs of financial assistance administered by the Department of Health and Human Services."

8. Executive Director's Report, Matthew Dolge, Executive Director

- a. Mr. Matthew Dolge explained that our Workforce Program has seen an 18% cut. We are looking at places where we can make changes in response to this cut. Additionally, due to errors at the state level we don't have many of our Weatherization contracts yet. We will let you know when those come through.
- b. Mr. Dolge encouraged everyone to look over the nomination applications for the Randall Lake Billings Public Service Award and the Grady Hunter Regional Excellence Award and make a nomination.

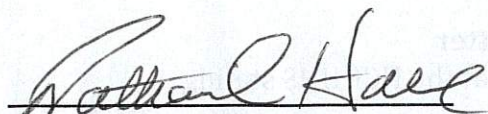
9. Around the Region, Nathaniel Hall, Chairman

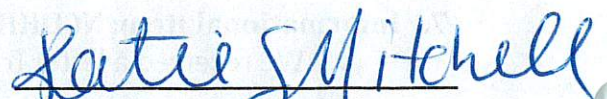
- a. Mr. Larry Phillips recognized Kevin Austin for being elected Second Vice President on the Executive Committee of the NC Association of County Commissioners. It is much deserved! Just to note, Larry Philips is the First Vice President. We are proud of our board members!
- b. Mr. Larry Phillips announced the 2015 NC Rural Assembly presented by the NC Rural Center. It will take place September 26-27 in Raleigh. All board members are encouraged to attend.

10. Chairman's Announcements, Nathaniel Hall, Chairman

- a. Mr. Nate Hall thanked the board for their continued dedication.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Marikay Abuzuaiter and was seconded by Ms. Bonnie Lasky. The Board of Delegates meeting was adjourned.


Nathaniel Hall, PTRC Chair


Katie Mitchell, Acting Clerk