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MINUTES
VIRGINIA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION (VOF)
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 22, 2017

Attendees

Board Members

Tom Slater, Chair, Energy and Infrastructure
Committee
Steph Ridder, Chair
Eleanor Brown
Elizabeth Obenshain
John Richardson

Guests

Rex Linville, Piedmont Environmental
Council

Consultants

Rich Mahevich, Office of the Attorney General

Staff

Brett Glymph, Executive Director
Bobbie Cabibbo, Executive Assistant
Anna Chisholm, Director of Administration
Leslie Grayson, Deputy Director – Policy &
Acquisitions
Jason McGarvey, Communications Manager
Dave Morton, IT Manager
Tamara Vance, Deputy Director - Easements
Harry Hibbitts – Assistant Director - Stewardship
Martha Little – Deputy Director - Stewardship

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by the Chair, Mr. Slater.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rex Linville, representing Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) shared concerns about changes to VOF policies that might allow large scale alternative energy industrial uses on easements.

Martha Little gave an overview of VOF’s history in considering large scale alternative energy projects. Harry Hibbitts presented specific cases where VOF denied large scale alternative energy requests. This presentation is on file with the permanent record of this meeting.

A change to the charter language was discussed. The new language in the charter is as follows: ***However, the siting of renewable energy facilities may be accommodated on VOF easements on case by case basis if impacts to conservation values are not significant.*** The word “limited” in the original proposal is to be replaced by “not significant”. The Board of Trustees asked that if after review, the staff recommends approval of a request for industrial or commercial or renewable energy projects which serve more than the property, those projects come to the Board of Trustees for review and approval.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Mr. Slater and approved unanimously.