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July 23, 2024, 2:00p.m.- 4:00p.m.

Via Zoom Webinar.

Council members in attendance: Doug Agner, Eddie Amos (Chair), Nathaniel Bishop, Kenny Craig, Whitney Czelusniak, Paul Denham, Greg Feldmann, Michael Friedlander, Don Halliwill, Pat Huber, Bif Johnson, Fourd Kemper, Marty Muscatello, Debbie Petrine, John Putney, Ray Smoot, Luke Towles, Cathy Underwood, Richmond Vincent.

Council members not in attendance: John Capps, Janice Crawford, Beverley Dalton (Vice-chair), Mike Hamlar, Vince Hatcher, Kim Payne, Amy Sebring, Jacob Wright, Justin Yalung.

Staff in attendance: Scott Tate, Quina Weber-Shirk, Jemma Sabokrouh, Rachel Jones, Elli Travis, Alyssa McKenney, Emmalee Wagner.

Public in attendance: Spencer Marsh, Will Karbach, Jeremy Holmes, Cody Anderson, Mary Zirkle, Jonathan Buttram, Christie Wills, Liz Povar, Erin Burcham, VERGE (RAMP and RBTC), Emma Brown, Andy McFarland.

The meeting convened at 2:04p.m. and adjourned at 3:34p.m.

Financials Review

Alyssa McKenney reviewed the financial reports included in the information packet. Council has a remaining balance of \$1,515,210 in per-capita funds. If the proposal before council is approved, there will be a remaining balance of \$1,415,210.

Project Pipeline and Tableau Review

Quina Weber-Shirk reviewed the project pipeline; listing 3 possible proposals that may come before council. Weber-Shirk then reviewed the Region 2 online tableau dashboard, an interactive web-based portal representing real time project data regarding outcomes/impact of active and closed projects existing in the region.

Council Business

Council Membership

Chairman Amos offered the name of Amy White, Virginia Western Community College, to fill the vacancy existing in the Roanoke sub-region. There were no questions or comments.

Greg Feldmann motioned to nominate Amy White. Don Halliwill seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.



Chairman Amos then informed the council that the executive committee has filled two existing vacancies with members Richmond Vincent and Justin Yalung. There were no questions or comments.

Project Proposals

GMP Clean (Good Manufacturing Practices: Cleanroom manufacturing for Local Engineering Advancement in the New River Valley)

Scott Tate offered a brief overview of the new project proposal, “GMP Clean”, submitted by Fralin Biomedical Research Institute. Spencer Marsh, Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, shared project deliverables and answered questions from the council. Greg Feldmann inquired if the J&J Labs space in Roanoke was considered during the application process. Spencer replied that the building was discussed with Roanoke leadership, the interest in parceling out that space is low by the owner as the owner prefers the entire space to be leased out instead of a portion. Only around 5% of that space includes clean room, therefore, it did not seem like a good fit at this time. Marty Muscatello inquired on the entirety of Region 2 being included in the project scope. Spencer confirmed no area of the region would be excluded.

Council members recusing from the vote include Michael Friedlander and Debbie Petrine.

Marty Muscatello motioned to approve this proposal, and Kenny Craig seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

Special Updates

Region 2 Talent Evaluation

Elli Travis presented information on a talent evaluation report led by Region 2 staff. 14 closed projects were reviewed through this effort which led to 5 contribution stories, highlighting project impact within the region.

Region 2 TPI

Emmalee Wagner provided an update on the Region 2 Talent Pathways Initiative noting staff are holding interviews with transportation and autonomous employers as a needs assessment and have revised their milestones to best use their time for data collection purposes.

Council Business

Quarterly Project Reporting

Rachel Jones reviewed active project status, noting there are 3 current projects listed in yellow, meaning they did not meet one or more quarter 2 milestones and staff is monitoring. Center for Entrepreneurship was listed in yellow due to continued delays in the opening of their physical space. Region 2 staff have met with project leads to discuss the submission of a contract extension request



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following recommendations from a contractor. Regional Talent Strategy Implementation due to delays in the finalization of their web-based talent portal. Project has received an administrative no-cost extension through December 2024. Industry 4.0 for the Automated- Connected-Electrified (ACE) Workforce as the project has fallen behind in metrics reporting for students trained. Region 2 staff have met with the project team to discuss a remediation plan. All other active projects are listed in green, meaning they have met quarterly milestones and are on track with their current deliverables.

Minutes

Members of the council reviewed minutes from the Region 2 Council Meeting held on April 23, 2024. Chairman Amos asked if there were any corrections, additions, or questions regarding the minutes; there were none.

Ray Smoot motioned to approve the minutes, with Marty Muscatello seconding. All were in favor and none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34p.m.