

Minutes from 29 September 2016

HRMFFA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

1. HRMFFA's quarterly Board of Directors meeting was held at the Regional Building in Chesapeake on 29 September 2016. Public Board members present were: Mayors Krasnoff, Price, Rabil, Sessoms, Tuck and Wright; Supervisors Sadler and Shepperd; Poquoson City Councilman Southall attended for Mayor Hunt; Williamsburg City Councilwoman Ramsey attended for Mayor Freiling; Military Affairs Liaison Baker attended as a non-voting member for Mayor Alexander; Economic Development Director Hughes attended as a non-voting member for Mayor Johnson. Private Board members present were: Baugh, Brickell, Curtis, Faulkner, Hoogstraten, Klett, Kuhns, Paveglio and Stephens. Executive Director Quigley, Deputy Executive Director Dwyer and Treasurer Collins were also present. A quorum was achieved.
2. Board Chair Alan Krasnoff called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
3. Executive Director Quigley introduced the new Deputy Executive Director, Rick Dwyer, to the Board members.
4. First quarter financials were presented; no issues.
5. The Fort Monroe National Monument Superintendent, Mr. Terry Brown, presented an update and future vision for Fort Monroe which includes connecting people to the history and resources of the fort, enhancing the professional and organizational structure of the staff and laying the foundation for a rich education program.
6. Executive Director Quigley presented the annual audit results; clean audit with no issues.
7. The proposed 2017 HRPDC/HRTPO/HRTAC/HRMFFA Board meeting schedule re-alignment was presented for a vote; approved unanimously.
8. Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce President Bryan Stephens, Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce President Mike Kuhns and Opportunity Inc President/CEO Shawn Avery gave presentations of their veterans transition to employment programs. Each Chamber leads one of the Commonwealth's four Local Planning Groups that are working to establish a single "one-stop shop" for transitioning service members looking for assistance in finding jobs in the region. The presentations garnered very robust interest and discussion from Board members, emphasizing the need to quickly match skilled veterans with open jobs in order to keep these valuable professionals in Hampton Roads.

9. Executive Director Quigley and John Simmons from The Roosevelt Group provided an update on the Navy's Triton unmanned aerial system east coast beddown. The Navy's recently released environmental assessment indicated none of the three locations considered (NASA Wallops, NAS Key West and Mayport, FL) had any environmental showstoppers. Therefore, the beddown decision will likely come down to the Navy's preference based on operational considerations. The Roosevelt Group is working with the Virginia congressional delegations to get all of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware delegations to sign a letter of support highlighting the advantages of bedding down the aircraft at NASA Wallops. A decision by the Navy is expected later this year.
10. Bob Crum of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission presented information on the federal Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and the All Hazards Advisory Committee's (AHAC) and Virginia efforts to get Hampton Roads approved for UASI funding. Hampton Roads previously received over \$36 million under UASI, but has not received any money the last several years. AHAC has developed a 4-pronged strategy to move forward. AHAC will work with HRMFFA to jointly advocate for this program.
11. John Simmons provided an update on recent Congressional actions related to the FY2017 continuing resolution, NDAA and Military Construction & Veterans Affairs legislation, Virginia congressional delegation turnover and presidential transition team activities. He also provided an update on the efforts to locate an Air Force unmanned aerial system mission control element at Langley AFB. Langley did not score well enough to make the list of five finalist bases, primarily due to the Air Force's criteria that heavily favored bases that had multiple different flying missions. Kevin Felix of The Roosevelt Group provided an update on the William & Mary Whole of Government Center of Excellence.
12. Mayor Krasnoff adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.