

**Virginia Rural Center
Minutes for Council for Rural Virginia Board of Directors Meeting
The Tides Inn, Irvington, Virginia**

September 26, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Emmett Hanger (Introductions) and agenda adopted.

2) **ROLL CALL:** Christy Morton

Present: Senator Emmett Hanger, Ward Stevens, Ron Jefferson, Morgan Wright, Senator Frank Ruff, Matt Lohr, Robin Sullenberger, Delegate Dickie Bell, Brian Warner, John Meade, Shannon Fedors, D. Walton, Secretary Todd Haymore, Delegate Randy Minchew, Carlyle Wimbish and Christy Morton

3) **Approval of Minutes:** June 21, 2016 Center and Council minutes approved and accepted.

4) **Presentations and Reports:**

- **Financial/Budget Review**
 1. Quarterly P&L – Handout was reviewed and discussed
 2. Quarterly Forecast – Handout was reviewed and discussed
- **Board Discussion**

The board discussed in detail the current financial situation of both the Center and Council.

The USDA grant payment was discussed and Secretary Haymore offered to check into the issue.

Financial projections for the remainder of the fiscal look strong. For the first time, we will be able to catch up on salary recovery payments to VCOM and have money in the bank.

At the suggestion of Treasurer John Meade, the Board decided to conduct an internal informal audit for review of the financials. John Meade, Ward Stevens and D. Walton have agreed to serve on the Internal Financial Review Committee and will meet in the coming months.

An overview of preliminary summit financial results was also given.

Senator Frank Ruff asked about the work of the PR team and the Consociate Media contract and workplan was discussed. Christy Morton explained that she has been very pleased with their work and dedication to the summit and heightening the presence of the VRC. A full report including metrics will be provided at the December board meeting.

Policy issues of importance were discussed and Robin Sullenberger recommended having Dr. Craig Herndon of VCCS attend the next board meeting to discuss changes in workforce legislation and the VCCS system.

5) **New Business:**

1. Following adjournment, board members are asked to have their headshots taken by Sara Harris with Consociate Media and Sara Harris Photography for the website and other uses to promote the board.

6) **Old Business**

1. There was no old business for discussion.

7) **MOTION ON TABLE TO ADJOURN:** Meeting Adjourned.