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TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

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Full Commission Meeting

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2 The Honorable Terry G. Kilgore, Chairman
3 The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Vice Chairman
4 Ms. Gayle F. Bartz
5 The Honorable Kathy J. Byron
6 Mr. John R. Cannon
7 The Honorable Charles W. Carrico, Sr.
8 Ms. Mary Rae Carter
9 The Honorable A. Benton Chafin, Jr.
10 The Honorable James E. Edmunds, II
11 Ms. Cassidy Rasnick, For Secretary Gooden
12 Ms. Melissa "Missy" Neff Gould
13 The Honorable Franklin D. Harris
14 Ms. Catherine L. Lowe
15 The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III
16 Mr. Donald W. Merricks
17 Mr. Robert Mills, Jr.
18 The Honorable Will Morefield
19 The Honorable Edward Owens
20 Mr. Cecil E. Shell
21 Mr. Robert Spiers
22 The Honorable William M. Stanley, Jr.
23 The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, Jr.
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1 COMMISSION STAFF:

2 Mr. Evan Feinman, Executive Director

3 Mr. Christopher E. Piper, Deputy Executive Director

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DELEGATE KILGORE: Good morning, I've already welcomed all of you, but this is the Full Commission meeting, and some of our senators have very tight time restraint, but I welcome you during the Executive Commission, and I'll welcome you again.

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I'll ask Evan to call the roll.

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MR. FEINMAN: Yes, sir. Ms. Bartz.

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MS. BARTZ: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Secretary Brown.

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SECRETARY BROWN: (No response).

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MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Byron.

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DELEGATE BYRON: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Cannon.

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MR. CANNON: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Senator Carrico.

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SENATOR CARRICO: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Senator Chafin.

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SENATOR CHAFIN: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Coleman.

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MS. COLEMAN: (No response).

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MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Edmunds.

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DELEGATE EDMUNDS: Here.

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MR. FEINMAN: Secretary Gooden/Ms. Rasnick.

1 MS. RASNICK: Here.
2 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Gould.
3 MS. GOULD: Here.
4 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Harris.
5 MR. HARRIS: Here.
6 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Carter.
7 MS. CARTER: Here.
8 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Holland.
9 MR. HOLLAND: (No response).
10 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Kilgore.
11 DELEGATE KILGORE: Here.
12 MR. FEINMAN: Ms. Lowe.
13 MS. LOWE: Here.
14 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Marshall.
15 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Here.
16 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Merricks.
17 MR. MERRICKS: Here.
18 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Mills.
19 MR. MILLS: Here.
20 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Montgomery.
21 MR. MONTGOMERY: (No response).
22 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Moore.
23 MR. MOORE: (No response).
24 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Morefield.
25 DELEGATE MOREFIELD: Here.

1 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Owens.

2 MR. OWENS: Here.

3 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Ruff.

4 SENATOR RUFF: Here.

5 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Shell.

6 MR. SHELL: Here.

7 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Spiers.

8 MR. SPIERS: Here.

9 MR. FEINMAN: Senator Stanley.

10 SENATOR STANLEY: Here.

11 MR. FEINMAN: Mr. Sutherland.

12 MR. SUTHERLAND: (No Response).

13 MR. FEINMAN: Delegate Wright.

14 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Here.

15 MR. FEINMAN: You have a quorum, Mr. Chairman.

16 DELEGATE KILGORE: Do I have a motion that we
17 approve the 9-20-2016 minutes?

18 MR. OWENS: So moved.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion and a
20 second. All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No
21 response). The minutes are approved.

22 The Executive Committee, Senator Ruff.

23 SENATOR RUFF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

24 The Executive Committee met just prior to this, and
25 there are three actions that we need to take. I would move to

1 authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a transfer of
2 Commission assets related to CAER, pending approval of the
3 Commission at a specially called meeting.

4 DELEGATE BYRON: Second.

5 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second.
6 And we discussed that issue in the Executive Committee, and
7 most of you all were in attendance for that. Any questions
8 concerning that? I have a motion and second. Any more
9 discussion on that? All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). All
10 opposed? (No response). All right, that motion carries.

11 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, the Committee
12 proposed changing the TROF policy, and that begins on page 25,
13 and summarizing on page 24. This will allow the Executive
14 Director to approve TROF proposals of capital investments less
15 than \$1 million. I so move.

16 MR. OWENS: Second.

17 DELEGATE KILGORE: Any discussion?

18 DELEGATE WRIGHT: I'd have to vote no on this one.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor, say aye.

20 (Ayes). Opposed?

21 DELEGATE WRIGHT: No.

22 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right, that passes.

23 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, during the year the
24 Executive Director gave the employees a two percent raise. The
25 Executive Committee proposed that the Executive Director

1 receive the same two percent raise. I therefore move that
2 action.

3 MR. OWENS: Second.

4 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
5 on that action. All those in favor, say ayes. (Ayes). Opposed?
6 (No response). That motion carries.

7 SENATOR RUFF: That completes the action we took.

8 DELEGATE KILGORE: And the reason that we took,
9 we did not need to take action, we directed the Staff not to
10 proceed with the collection of the TROF.

11 SENATOR STANLEY: Thank you.

12 DELEGATE KILGORE: Mr. Spiers, agriculture.

13 MR. SPIERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
14 Agribusiness information can be found on pages 5 through 14.
15 The Committee met December 14th, and we had 18 proposals.
16 You can see on page 4 the grant recommendations to the Full
17 Commission. I move to approve ten grants found on page 4.
18 Those numbers are 3219, 3224, 3225, 3218, 3229, 3231, 3227,
19 3234, 3222, 3226, and 3223. And they total \$1.5 million.

20 DELEGATE KILGORE: Does anyone have one that
21 need to take out of the block?

22 MR. MERRICKS: 3227 for an extension.

23 DELEGATE KILGORE: 3227 for an extension.

24 DELEGATE EDMONDS: 3218 for an extension.

25 DELEGATE KILGORE: 3218 for an extension. Anyone

1 else? All right.

2 On the remaining projects in the block, absent 3218
3 and 3227. Do I have a motion we approve the remainder, the
4 Agribusiness recommendations?

5 MR. SPIERS: So moved.

6 MR. HARRIS: Second.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
8 that we approve the Agribusiness recommendation except for
9 3218 and 3227. All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed?
10 (No response). And that motion carries.

11 Mr. Spiers, if you'd make a motion to approve 3218.

12 MS. SPIERS: Yes, sir. I'd move that we approve
13 3218.

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have a motion to approve
15 3218, Campbell County. All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). All
16 right, we have one abstention, and that motion carries.

17 MR. SPIERS: I'd move for approval of 3227.

18 DELEGATE KILGORE: Do I have a second?

19 MS. SHELL: Second.

20 DELEGATE GILORE: I have a motion and a second.
21 All those in favor of 3227, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No
22 response). That's for an extension. That passes.

23 You also have 3224.

24 MR. SPIERS: Yes, sir. We have 3224, and you might
25 say it's a combination. I move to approve \$100,000 loan

1 advance and a recommendation of a loan up to \$1.9 million for
2 Grant 3224, and the summary can be found on page 6, and we're
3 recommending this be a loan application to VRA.

4 DELEGATE KILGORE: Do I have a second on 3224, on
5 the loan application to VRA? I have a second. Any more
6 discussion on that? All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). All
7 opposed? (No response).

8 MR. SPIERS: I have one other piece of business. It's
9 on page 16, and an extension for Grant 2617, and the Committee
10 recommends an extension on that.

11 DELEGATE KILGORE: A six-month extension until July
12 8, 2017?

13 MR. SPIERS: Yes, had to do with procurement of a
14 piece of equipment. They're working through that and they think
15 they can have that accomplished in six months.

16 DELEGATE KILGORE: Do I have a second?

17 MR. HARRIS: Second.

18 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
19 to extend Grant 2617 for six months, until July 8th, 2017. All
20 those in favor, say aye? (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That
21 motion carries.

22 MR. SPIERS: That concludes our business.

23 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you for your hard work.
24 The next one is Business Support. Mr. Piper.

25 MR. PIPER: Mr. Chairman, the Committee met, and

1 there was no action or items for the Committee to take up.

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: That was short and new. Thank
3 you.

4 The next is Education Committee, Senator Ruff.

5 SENATOR RUFF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
6 Committee met in September and yesterday, and there's two
7 actions that are required to be taken before the Full Commission.

8 Firstly, I would move that the Commission approve, or
9 first of all, because we have a reduced budget, we had to reduce
10 the amount of money going to the two-year program and four-
11 year program. I move that the Commission approve the 12
12 grants on page 90, totaling \$3,228,038 for Workforce Financial
13 Aid. That's less than they received in the pass.

14 The higher ed. centers were included in that equation.
15 We've tried to encourage those schools teaching with the
16 Workforce Training Program that the state began July 1st. We
17 encourage them to use those faster programs, and we will
18 encourage them more strongly next year. So, I move that those
19 grants to be approved.

20 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you. Does anyone need
21 to take any of them out of the block on page 90? Do I have a
22 second to approve the grants on page 90?

23 MR. HARRIS: Second.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: Have a motion and a second.
25 Any more discussion? All those in favor say aye. (Ayes).

1 Opposed? (No response). That motion carries.

2 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
3 Commission approve grants to the Southwest Virginia Higher Ed.
4 Center Foundation for those four-year undergraduate programs,
5 and the amounts are about 15 percent less than in the past,
6 \$4,467,964 Southside and \$2,734,000 for Southwest.

7 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
8 on those two budget items for the Higher Ed. Center. Any
9 discussion? All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No
10 response). That motion carries.

11 SENATOR RUFF: That completes the Education report.

12 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you. Now, we have
13 Southside Economic Development.

14 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
15 direct your attention to page 17. There are three grants for the
16 Committee to consider first, 3240, 3238, and 3241. And the
17 Committee, when we met, voted to approve these grants, and I
18 so move.

19 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
20 on 3240, 3238, and 3241. Does anyone need to remove any of
21 those out of the box? All right, I've got a motion and a second.
22 All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response).
23 That motion carries.

24 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, also, on page 17,
25 Grant Number 3239, that's an amount of \$5 million, lower than

1 originally requested, and that's found on page 18. And the
2 Committee voted to approve this, and that's my motion.

3 MS. GOULD: Second.

4 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
5 on 3239. Any discussion? All those in favor, say aye. (Ayes).
6 Opposed? (No response). That motion carries.

7 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I move to grant
8 an extension for six months on Grant 2467, Mid-Atlantic
9 Broadband Communities Corporation, on page 21 of your
10 Commission book, and that would be my motion.

11 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
12 to extend that to July 10th, 2017?

13 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Correct.

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: All those in favor, say aye.
15 (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That motion carries.

16 DELEGATE WRIGHT: There's one further item of
17 business, Mr. Chairman. On page 22, the Town of Gretna,
18 Gretna Industrial Site Development, Piedmont BioProducts, Grant
19 2624. The motion is to recommend the project remain in an
20 active status for consideration of an extension request from the
21 Town in the spring of 2017. The Committee so voted, and that's
22 our recommendation or motion.

23 MS. GOULD: Second.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
25 for the Town of Gretna, 2642. All those in favor, say aye.

1 (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That passes.

2 What about the Prince Edward County, 2623?

3 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Didn't we vote on that?

4 DELEGATE KILGORE: No.

5 DELEGATE WRIGHT: Then I move that we grant an
6 extension for Project Number 2623, Prospect Depot, for one
7 year, page 22 of your book, to January 8, 2018.

8 DELEGATE KILGORE: I have a motion and a second
9 to extend 2623 until January 8, 2018, the Prospect Depot. All
10 those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That
11 motion passes.

12 DELEGATE WRIGHT: That concludes my report, Mr.
13 Chairman.

14 DELEGATE KILGORE: Thank you. Special Projects,
15 Delegate Marshall.

16 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If
17 you all will look at page 92 in your book. Special Projects
18 Committee met yesterday to consider some extensions. So I
19 move to approve extension grants for 11 requests, 2487, 2266,
20 2818, 2264, 2491, 2641, 2820, 1816, 2268, 2486, and 2821.
21 And that includes the time listed for each grant.

22 DELEGATE KILGORE: Those are the megasites, is that
23 correct?

24 DELEGATE MARSHALL: They're all megasites, and the
25 reasons for the extensions and most of the sites now are trying

1 to go forward, and there's some things that are holding it back.

2 DELEGATE KILGORE: Does anyone need these taken
3 out of the block? All those in favor of those extensions, say aye.
4 (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That motion carries.

5 DELEGATE MARSHALL: I move to authorize Staff to
6 provide up to \$3 million to Sussex County for the Megasite
7 Prospect Incentive Fund, exclusive of the TROF Loan Programs
8 with directions to Staff to reduce the Commission's costs, and
9 with as much additional funding from other sources as possible.
10 That's the motion.

11 MR. MILLS: Second.

12 DELEGATE KLGORE: We have a motion and a second
13 for that grant affecting Sussex County. Any discussion? All
14 those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That
15 motion carries.

16 DELEGATE MARSHALL: That's my report.

17 DELEGATE KILGORE: We have to go back and revisit
18 an item.

19 SENATOR RUFF: Mr. Chairman, either I read
20 something wrong or heard something wrong, but the Four-year
21 Education Program, the Southside figure is \$4,467,965. And the
22 Southwest portion is \$2,700,347. And so moved.

23 MR. MERRICKS: Second.

24 DELEGATE KILGORE: We've already approved it, we
25 need a motion and a second to approve those numbers. All

1 those in favor, say aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response).
2 Those numbers are approved.

3 Evan?

4 MR. FEINMAN: I only have two things for you.
5 Number one, please remember to file your financial disclosures
6 by the 15th of the month. You will get fined \$250 if you don't do
7 it. You can file online; if not, get in touch with us, we'll walk you
8 through it. But don't spend \$250 for nothing. We'll be glad to
9 help you.

10 DELEGATE MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, a member of
11 the Board thinks I may have read the numbers wrong, so I can
12 do it again.

13 DELEGATE KILGORE: All right.

14 DELEGATE MARSHALL: I move to approve the
15 extension requests for 11 grants, 2487, 2266, 2818, 2264, 2491,
16 2641, 2820, 1816, 2268, 2486, 2821.

17 DELEGATE KILGORE: It's been moved and seconded
18 to approve those grants. Anybody need any taken out of the
19 block? We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, say
20 aye. (Ayes). Opposed? (No response). That motion carries.

21 Thank you. Anyone want to make any public
22 comment? Thank you all for this efficiency, and we were able to
23 get through the Full Commission meeting. Our next Commission
24 meeting will be in May at a place to be determined at a later
25 date. I want to thank you all.

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Do I have a motion we adjourn?
DELEGATE MOREFIELD: So moved.
DELEGATE KILGORE: We are adjourned.

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I, Medford W. Howard, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public for the State of Virginia at Large, do hereby certify that I was the Court Reporter who took down and transcribed the proceedings of the **Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, Full Commission Meeting**, when held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Homewood Suites by Hilton, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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