

THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION (TJPDC)

Minutes, July 25, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	IN PERSON	REMOTE	STAFF PRESENT	IN PERSON	REMOTE
Albemarle County			Christine Jacobs, Executive Director		
Ned Galloway		x	David Blount, Deputy Director		x
Mike Pruitt		x	Ruth Emerick, Chief Operating Officer		x
Fluvanna County			Logan Ende, Regional Planner II		x
Tony O'Brien, Chair		x	Sarah Simba, Regional Planner II		x
Keith Smith, Treasurer		x			
Greene County					
Tim Goolsby					
James Higgins		x			
Louisa County					
Tommy Barlow		x			
Manning Woodward		x			
Nelson County					
Ernie Reed			GUESTS/PUBLIC PRESENT		
Jesse Rutherford		x	Natalie Oschrein		x
City of Charlottesville			Sean Tubbs		x
Phil d'Oronzio		x			
Michael Payne, Vice Chair		x			

1. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Call to Order, Roll Call:

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) Chair, Tony O'Brien, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Ruth Emerick took attendance by roll call and certified that a quorum was present.

b. Notice of Electronic Meeting: Ruth Emerick read the Notice of Electronic Meeting.



2. PRESENTATION:

a. Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)

Logan Ende, Regional Housing Planner II, gave an overview of the USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant program, including local history of administration of the grant, population served, program goals, and the proposed project scope for FFY24.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Housing Preservation Grant Public Hearing

Chair Tony O'Brien opened the public hearing for the draft Housing Preservation Grant Statement of Activities. There was no one from the public in attendance who made comments, nor were any comments submitted in advance of the meeting. The public hearing was closed.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Inter-Governmental Review and Resolution of Support for Housing Preservation Grant

Ruth Emerick gave an overview of the Inter-Governmental Review (IGR) process and how the TJPDC has met that federal requirement.

Motion/Action: On a motion by Phil d'Oronzio, seconded by Keith Smith, the Commission unanimously approved the Resolution of Intergovernmental Review and Project Support for Housing Preservation Grant, as presented.

b. Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy

David Blount shared an update on state legislation changes that impact how certain public bodies hold all-virtual meetings and allow remote participation. New requirements are for public bodies to annually adopt their remote participation and virtual meeting policy and for officials to have their camera turned on for purposes of a quorum. The number of all-virtual meetings allowed per year increases from 25% to 50%.

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tommy Barlow, seconded by Phil d'Oronzio, the Commission unanimously adopted the Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy, as presented.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Monthly Update on VATI Project

David Blount shared that Firefly hosted an event on June 25 to celebrate 30,000 fiber connections across central Virginia. Current project milestones include five communications huts, 1,046 miles of aerial fiber, 412 miles of underground fiber, and 13,059 passings. Additionally, the TJPDC was notified that their 2024 VATI grant application was awarded.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Next Meeting: September 5, 2024

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Keith Smith, seconded by Phil d’Oronzio, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the July 25, 2024, Commission meeting at 6:41 pm.

Commission materials and meeting recording may be found at www.tjpd.org