

VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Board Meeting
Twin Hickory Library
Glen Allen, Virginia
April 25, 2018 | 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at 10:15 a.m.

VOWDA Members Present – Richmond, Primary Location:

Mary Doswell, Brian Redmond, Art Moye, Jim McArthur

VOWDA Members Present – Washington, D.C., Remote Location:

Joan Bondareff, Phillip Green

VOWDA Members Absent:

Bob Matthias, Ron Rosenberg, Deborah Miller

VOWDA Staff Present:

DMME: John Warren, Will Payne, Al Christopher, Ken Jurman, Eric Bateman, Lynne Astroth, Barbara Simcoe

OAG: Paul Kugelman

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING’S MINUTES

Approval of the February 28 meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting. Absent a quorum in the primary Richmond location, no motions or votes could be taken.

VOWDA BUSINESS

SCC Letter – VOWDA Support of Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project (CVOW):

Discussions focused on minor format changes and the need to revisit the letter content once the Dominion filing occurs after July 1, 2018. Emphasis should also be placed on “approval of the CVOW project” and not so much on the “approval of cost recovery”.

BOEM Request for Feedback (RFF) – VOWDA Comments on Proposed Path Forward of Future Offshore Renewable Energy Leasing on the Atlantic OCS:

Virginia meets many of BOEM’s leasing criteria, although challenges still exist (e.g., maritime shipping, Wallop Island rocket launches, oil and gas activities). There still remains an area large enough to double/triple Virginia’s current Wind Energy Area. The proposed VOWDA comment letter will be rewritten and submitted to BOEM by DMME by the May 21, 2018, deadline since no vote could be taken by the Authority.

2018 Work Plan Updates: DE Director Al Christopher briefed the members on the considerable progress made by the task groups assigned to work on each Work Plan task. There was discussion on the possibility of combining or merging some tasks.

DMME UPDATES

Al Christopher reported on the following items.

- April 26 Port of Virginia tour with potential OSW industry representatives.
- Supply Chain Work Plan being developed.
- Open invitation to BOEM to tour the Port of Virginia in conjunction with a state/federal agencies meeting planned on CVOW, to include a power export cable site tour.
- Chair Bondareff will moderate a panel on Virginia/North Carolina offshore wind efforts at the 3rd Annual U.S. Offshore Wind Conference being hosted by NewEnergyUpdate of the UK in Boston on June 7-8.
- May 9 BOEM meeting in Newark, NJ; DMME will probably not be in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

NEXT MEETING DATE

With all scheduled business concluded, members agreed to convene again on July 25. Meeting venue to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.