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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

**Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund (RVRF)
Advisory Review Committee Meeting
600 E Main St, 24th Fl, Richmond, VA 23219
September 28, 2026 – 2pm-3:30pm**

Attendees

Nikki Rovner, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Angela Davis, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Leanne Petroziello, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Scott Peterson, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Amanda Conrad, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Sharon Baxter, Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Robert Coates, Virginia Dept. of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Matt Weaver, Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
Rick Lugg, Virginia Realtors Association

Virtual Attendees

Kenneth Pennington, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Aaron Sizemore, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission (MRPDC)
Auna Louthian, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission (MRPDC)
Shiloh Brooks, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (CPPDC)
Miana Abshire, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (CPPDC)

Notes

- Ms. Davis called the meeting to order at 2:05pm
- Opening Remarks from Nikki Rovner & Angela Davis
- Roll Call
- Virtual Participation Policy
- Director Rovner recommended sending the policy to committee and voting via email
- Background & Overview of the Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund (RVRF)
 - Fund History
 - Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (PDC), sole awardee in Round 1 of RVRF.
 - Due to the low engagement with loans in Round 1, the previous administration decided to focus Round 2 on resilient flood recovery to Southwest Virginia.
 - DCR solicited feedback from the PDCs and developed the parameters for Round 2.
 - Initial Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released in 2025.
 - After substantial feedback from the PDCs and the transition to a new administration, the [NOFO](#) was subsequently re-released for Round 2 in July 2026.
 - Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) were signed between DCR, Virginia Resource Authority (VRA), and each of the four eligible PDCs.

Application Package Discussion

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Mount Rogers Planning District Commission

- Summarized Mount Rogers Planning District Commission Application Package (Appendix A), individual review.
- Discussion of relationship between DHCD & DCR, explanation of changing standards for project minimums to expand to accommodate longer-term resiliency goals of the region.
- Mount Rogers has applications that might be appropriate for Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund (VDAF) but have decided to continue with pursuit of RVRF Funds.
- Committee tentatively approved \$10,594,099.25 of requested RVRF funds, pending subsequent adjustments for changes requested by the PDC.

Lenowisco Planning District Commission

- Summarized Lenowisco Planning District Commission Application Package (Appendix B).
- Div. Director Davis explained that the program was originally intended to be a loan program but has temporarily shifted to accommodate grants, which many applicants find to be more favorable in response to Hurricane Helene.
- Committee tentatively approved \$456,500.00 of requested RVRF funds.

Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission

- Summarized Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission Application Package (Appendix C)
- PDC has expressed moving a certain number of projects from RVRLF to VDAF because of the VDAF renewed expansion of funding caps.
- This will move 49 of 93 projects from the RVRF Program and redirect to VDAF.
- If any are not eligible/appropriate for VDAF, they will be reconsidered for the next RVRLF review in December 2026.
- Committee tentatively approved \$6,742,006.26 of requested RVRF funds.

Summary Remarks from DCR

- Discussion of how the grants process will work in tandem with the PDC's
- No established timeline for grant deliverables at this time. DCR recognized the limitation in procuring contractor services in the SWVA region, therefore the agency will continue to work with the PDC's on reasonable progression of their awards.
 - Proposed timeline of three years

Public Comment

PDCs expressed gratitude to DCR Partners, Angela Davis in particular, for the extensive time and effort she has undertaken in this grant process.

Next Steps

- Award Notifications
- Disbursement Requisition
- Requisition Review and Disbursement
- Continue engagement
- Final submittal by December 1st of PDC's for last round of RVRF grant funding, then program will return to original loan program.
- Survey of room for attendee schedule of next meeting, planned tentatively to be the week of December 14th.

Closing Remarks Nikki Rovner & Angela Davis

Meeting Adjourned at 2:53pm