

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 12, 2022

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Patricia S. O'Bannon, Chairman, Tuckahoe District
Frank J. Thornton, Vice-Chairman, Fairfield District
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukaskas, County Manager
Andrew R. Newby, County Attorney
Tanya N. Brackett, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Monica Smith-Callahan, Deputy County Manager for Community Affairs
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Steven W. Knockemus, Assistant Director of Media Relations

Solar Panel Renewable Energy Credits

Mr. Vithoukaskas called for the presentation on solar panel renewable energy credits ("RECs") first. Carrie Webster, Energy Manager with the Department of General Services, gave the Board a brief update on the County's solar energy projects. These projects earn the County RECs. In 2021 the Virginia Clean Economy Act mandated that electric utilities in Virginia offset their carbon emissions, and utilities can meet these mandates by purchasing Virginia RECs, like the County's.

Mrs. Webster noted the County has the opportunity to monetize its Virginia RECs and exchange them for national RECs produced by other systems for a net financial gain. The current gain would be \$280,931, which could be used toward future solar projects or received as a cash payment. In conclusion, she explained that the Board's evening agenda contained a resolution requesting approval for the County Manager to execute agreements with Sun Tribe Solar LLC to purchase, sale, and trade RECs. Mr. Thornton asked how Sun Tribe was selected to transact RECs for the County. Mrs. Webster stated that the County selected Sun Tribe through an RFP for solar services.

There were several concerns raised by the Board members on whether the County should sell the RECs now or wait, and whether approving the resolution that evening would require the Board to sell the County's RECs. Mrs. Webster stated the Board paper would only give the Manager the option to sell the RECs. Andrew Newby added that the resolution would provide

the Manager that option through December 31, 2025. Mr. Branin asked whether the RECs expire. Mrs. Webster stated the RECs would not expire. The Manager stated he would consult with the Board members before executing any agreement involving RECs.

Update on NOVA Aquatics Center at Regency Square

Anne McGee, Executive Director of NOVA, and Drew Hirth, Manager of Operations and Facilities, gave the Board an update on how the Aquatics Center at Regency Square has been doing. In the year since opening, NOVA has raised over \$1 million to outfit the facility, the programming and swim meet schedule is expanding, and the swim community is growing and becoming more diverse. Drew Hirth updated the Board on the events held since opening. Mr. Hirth stated the vision for NOVA is to continue to grow and expand the swim program by securing new corporate support and shared a plan to expand to the 2nd floor of Regency Square which will give them the capacity of adding 1,300 more spectators.

To continue building on the updates at Regency Square, Rob Hargett with Rebkee Company gave the Board a brief summary of how things are progressing with the rest of the mall since Rebkee purchased it in 2015. He explained they learned early on that retail alone will not sustain Regency Square and that they will need to create a new urban design that attracts best-in-class retailers, restaurants, and other businesses. He highlighted the opening of Class A Apartments Phase 1 in April, along with the Goddard School, Sheetz, the redevelopment of the JCPenney building in 2023, and Phase 2 of the Apartments in 2024. He thanked the Board for their continued support.

First Tee – Greater Richmond Update

Brent Schneider, CEO of First Tee of Greater Richmond, gave a brief update on their partnership with Henrico's Recreation & Parks, movie night on the Range beginning May 6, and hosting Hermitage and Henrico High School golf team practices. They also hosted the new Community School, St. Bridget's and Collegiate practices, and they have partnered with several Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He concluded with the 2022 property enhancements, including sand capping of the range and select tees, driving range mats, and a patio with anticipated installment in June/July. He shared a slide showing the 2022 League schedule and other upcoming events and he thanked the Board for their continued support.

General Meeting Agenda Overview

The County Manager briefly reviewed the agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia