



County of Roanoke **PIPELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

Committee Members Present:

Louise Garman (Catawba)
Steve Hanes (Bent Mountain/Preserve Roanoke)
A. J. Phillips (Sencontrology)
Joyce Waugh (Roanoke Regional Chamber)
David C. Perry (Blue Ridge Land Conservancy)
Shawn Day (Designee for Mountain Valley Pipeline)
Gary Robertson (Western Virginia Water Authority)
Max Beyer (Hollins)
Deedie Kagey (Vinton)
Sean Horne (Roanoke Regional Home Builders)
Jim Woltz (Planning Commission)
Robert Guiles (Catawba Civic League)
Ann Rogers (Cave Spring)

Committee Members Absent:

Roberta Bondurant (Windsor Hills)
Dan Miles (Roanoke Valley Resource Authority)
Keith Garman (Bradshaw Citizens Association)

Staff Present:

Richard Caywood, Assistant County Administrator
Amy Whittaker, Public Information Officer
Susan McCoy, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Mr. Caywood called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. He introduced Mr. Shawn Day, Designee from Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). He reviewed the meeting agenda with the Committee.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments at this time.

Committee and Staff Comments

Mr. Caywood stated he will brief the Board of Supervisors at the February 9, 2016 Board of Supervisors Work Session regarding recent FERC responses. He discussed rumors regarding Catawba Hospital being connected to the pipeline. He discussed the large distance the pipeline will be from the hospital property. He reviewed the next steps including recommendation to the Board of Supervisors as a collective effort. He discussed the Section 106 status. He stated FERC has verbally granted Roanoke County consulting party and intervener status. He stated that both he and Ms. Kuhnel have been conferring with the Corp of Engineers to have them come and teach us about the process

and address questions. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed this issue. Mr. Caywood explained the role of the Corp of Engineers regarding the project permitting process. He discussed the various types of permits. Mr. Perry suggested coordinating with other surrounding counties which have the same interest.

Mr. Caywood discussed the draft of the terrain map for MVP's final route and slope including the percent rise. He discussed the topography, noting some of the slopes are 60% and above. He reviewed where water flows into the Roanoke River. He stated he is concerned about erosion and sediment issues especially in these steeper areas. He stated a large amount of blasting will be required for the pipeline. Mr. Horne noted the soil will not adhere to the steep slope. Mr. Caywood discussed ways it could impact the river and reservoir. Mr. Robertson discussed the operation of the Spring Hollow Reservoir, including water sources which feed the reservoir. Mr. Caywood discussed the aerial map, construction techniques, and environmental protection. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed regulations regarding access roads which lead to the construction sites.

Mr. Caywood discussed the Motion to Answer and Answer of Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, making the argument not to have Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed the importance of the PEIS. Mr. Caywood discussed information and bar graphs regarding natural gas supply. He stated it is important for Roanoke County to submit its issues as soon as possible, including water and species issues. Mr. Perry stated Craig County has organized a committee and may have applicable information. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed including all applicable issues on the report. Mr. Caywood requested all PAC members review the information and submit recommendations to the Committee. He discussed the importance of being strategic with requests, noting wetlands should be first concern.

Mr. Beyer stated he is concerned about limitation of action and how far the County wants to go. He suggested being open minded and include benefits of the project. He discussed the importance of determining the things that will affect the County.

Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed the importance of emphasizing issues in response which will directly affect Roanoke County as opposed to global debates, political issues, and economic issues since they are not part of the FERC process. Mr. Caywood discussed focusing on impacts to Roanoke County citizens.

Mr. Caywood thanked the Committee for their participation and input. He requested the Committee members email additional input to him. He requested Mr. Perry and Ms. Bondurant attend the March 8, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting when he will provide a status update on the pipeline. Mr. Beyer thanked Mr. Caywood and Ms. Kuhnel for their work regarding the Pipeline Advisory Committee. Mr. Guiles inquired about coordination with other affected localities. Mr. Caywood discussed this issue, noting many of the other committees are citizen led. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed graph indicating age of various pipelines and number of incidents.

Mr. Caywood requested the Committee's input for the Board of Supervisors status update by the February 22, 2016 PAC meeting. Mr. Perry discussed process for submitting input to FERC.

Mr. Caywood discussed the importance of focusing on issues which have not been addressed. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed steep slope pipeline development, including erosion and sediment control issues and endangering citizens. Mr. Caywood discussed the importance of providing input regarding location and construction of the pipeline. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed the status of the surveys within Roanoke County. Mr. Day stated he will research this issue and report the status of the surveys at the next meeting.

Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed future meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2016.

With no further business or comments, Mr. Caywood adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan McCoy
Recording Secretary, Roanoke County

Richard Caywood
Assistant County Administrator, Roanoke County

David Perry
Chairman, Roanoke County Pipeline Advisory Committee