

Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority
Fairfax County Government Center
Fairfax, Virginia
April 21, 2010

Chairman Joe Reeder called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., welcoming Authority board members, staff, and guests. Len Wales, the meeting's host, was asked to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Authority board members present:

Mr. John B. Adams, Jr.	The Hon. Cord A. Sterling
Rear Adm. Robert R. Fountain, Jr., USN (Ret.)	Mr. Kurt H. Tripp
Mr. Jeff B. Franzen	Capt. Leonard P. Wales, USN (Ret.)
Vice Adm. James D. McArthur, Jr., USN (Ret.)	Mr. William L. Welch
The Hon. Joe R. Reeder	

Members absent:

Gen. John N. Abrams, USA (Ret.)	The Hon. John W. Knapp, Sr.
Mr. G. William Beale	Gen. Robert Magnus, USMC (Ret.)
The Hon. James S. Cheng	Dr. Eddie N. Moore, Jr.
Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF (Ret.)	Maj. Gen. Robert B. Newman, Jr.
Rear Adm. John G. Hekman, USN (Ret.)	

Chairman Reeder introduced Mr. Anthony Griffin, County Executive for Fairfax County, who welcomed the members on behalf of the county.

Chairman Reeder noted that four members have either left or will be leaving the board when their terms end with the current fiscal year (June 30, 2010). The Hon. Pat Gottschalk has been replaced by Sec. Jim Cheng, occupying a seat reserved for the Commonwealth's Secretary of Commerce & Trade. Dr. Eddie Moore will be retiring from his position at Virginia State University concurrent with the end of his term, and Gen. Dick Hawley and Gen. John Abrams are not seeking reappointment.

The draft minutes from the January 27, 2010 meeting were presented. Rear Adm. Fountain moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman Reeder presented the quarterly meeting dates for the rest of the calendar year. The July 21 meeting is expected to be in Fredericksburg, depending on availability of a suitable meeting space. The October 20 meeting location is yet to be determined.

Chairman Reeder introduced the first guest speaker, retired Army Lt. Col. Regan McDonald, who was asked to fill in for Col. Mark Moffatt, Fort Belvoir's Deputy Installation Commander for BRAC. Lt. Col. McDonald provided an update on seven of the larger BRAC projects at Fort Belvoir-proper and at three Fort Belvoir annexes. Of particular note are the new \$1.77 billion National Geospatial Intelligence Agency headquarters at the former Engineer Proving Ground;

the \$1.08 billion BRAC 133/Mark Center project in Alexandria; the \$807 million medical campus; and the \$61 million Joint Use Analysis Facility at Rivanna Station near Charlottesville. All of these projects are at least one-third complete, and expected to be completed in time for the September 2011 BRAC deadline.

Lt. Col. McDonald's presentation led to a discussion of the affects on transportation of the new construction and anticipated net gain of over 19,000 personnel between the various Fort Belvoir locations. In particular, the Mark Center project is expected to have significant negative implications. Mr. Tom Fahrney, VDOT's Commonwealth BRAC Coordinator, was present at the meeting and explained that VDOT has conducted studies that support these expectations. One sticking-point is ongoing efforts between VDOT and the City of Alexandria to find an acceptable way to route traffic into the center's new 3,840-space parking garage.

The next presenter was Mr. Brian Scull, Principal with The Shooshan Company, who briefed the board on the new Founders Square development in Arlington, which will include the new 13-story, 350,000 square-foot DARPA headquarters. The selected site was most recently a gated industrial area that included a WMATA bus yard. The site required some environmental remediation, but little in the way of changes to existing transportation infrastructure. It is also close to two Metro stops, making it attractive to mass transit commuters.

A key criterion in DARPA site selection and building design was the ability to meet anti-terrorism/force protection (ATFP) standards. The new site allows for the requisite 82-foot set-back, and includes approximately \$12 million in additional structure "hardening." A VNDIA-administered \$10 million grant from the Commonwealth will assist with these hardening costs.

Vice Adm. McArthur reported for the Strategic Planning Committee on behalf of chair Gen. Abrams. The committee introduced a resolution for the board's consideration regarding the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA), a regional advocate of federal activities funded partly by the various Hampton Roads localities. Mr. Franzen moved that the resolution be adopted as presented, Mr. Adams seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the resolution signed by Chairman Reeder will be given to Frank Robert, HRMFFA Executive Director, prior to the April 23, 2010 HRMFFA board of directors meeting. The full resolution reads:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION

Whereas the thirteen cities and counties which comprise the region known as the Virginia Hampton Roads created the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA) in March 2006 to provide specific focus and systems approach on current and future federal investments;

Whereas the missions of both HRMFFA and this Authority are similarly engaged with the objective of supporting and nurturing the United States military's presence;

Whereas the economic impact of DoD spending on both Virginia's economy and the Hampton Roads region is a constant and substantial driver which has been documented by economists from George Mason University and Old Dominion University;

Whereas the Hampton Roads region is home to the world's largest Naval Base; home to the east coast carriers; four star commands including the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; the U.S. Air Force Air Combat Command; U.S. Fleet Forces Command; U.S. Joint Forces Command; as well as three star commands including the Naval Network Command; the Naval Submarine Forces, Atlantic Fleet; and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic;

Whereas Virginia and the Hampton Roads region continually seek to make the Commonwealth an attractive location, through schools, housing, employment and other amenities for each service branch and their families;

Whereas this Authority values the work and systems approach by HRMFFA on behalf of the Hampton Roads region;

Whereas our staffs rely on each other to bring research and focus on issues for Virginia's entire leadership to advocate;

Whereas the matter of federal investment, its impact, and cross domain solutions needs more attention not less;

And whereas we cannot afford to return to the days when federal investment was taken for granted.

Now, therefore be it resolved that this Authority believes that efforts at the state, regional and local levels in this regard must continue and be further resourced when public budgets afford that opportunity. We value the continued contributions being made by the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance.

Resolution unanimously adopted during the regular board meeting of the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority on April 21, 2010 held in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Signed, Joe R. Reeder, Chairman

Rear Adm. Fountain, chair of the Local Coordination, Support & Communications Committee, reported that the committee had a busy quarter, making four installation visits in addition to regular staff attendance at meetings and events. Committee trips included Fort A.P. Hill, which is working with the local community on specifics of an explosive ordnance range; Marine Corps Base Quantico, in the process of construction of a new \$478 million joint campus for military investigative agencies; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, the third and final joint base activity in Virginia; and finally the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, the oldest and largest of the Navy's four public yards and the fourth largest employer in Hampton Roads.

Mr. Welch reported on behalf of the Grants Review & Oversight Committee, which he chairs. Eleven of the 23 approved grants have been completed, with \$27.5 million of the \$52 million in funds reimbursed to date. Staff made visits to some of the outstanding grant project sites, and the committee will be meeting on April 28, 2010 to review Virginia Beach's application for fiscal year 2011, the status of current grants and the future of the grant program.

Mr. Dickson provided the board with an overview of the recently completed 2010 General Assembly Session. Of note, the budget includes continued funding for VNDIA, which is expected to remain unchanged through the upcoming veto session and Governor's budget amendments. The Virginia Beach grant program has been curtailed in the next biennium, with fiscal year 2011 kept at \$7.5 million but no money allocated for fiscal year 2012. The city may pursue continued funding in subsequent General Assembly sessions. The VNDIA executive director position has been added to the Oceana/Fentress Military Advisory Council. The council is a sub-organization of the Virginia Military Advisory Council, and VNDIA has been added because of the Authority's oversight role in the Virginia Beach grant program.

Mr. Dickson reported that the sixth statewide community roundtable was held in April, bringing together BRAC and military liaisons from localities around the Commonwealth.

Finally, Mr. Dickson added that Gov. McDonnell has issued an executive order establishing the "Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring." The commission will look at the effectiveness and efficiency of existing "agencies, governing bodies, programs, and services," and will report findings to the Governor by July 16, 2010, and a final report of recommendations by December 1, 2010.

Chairman Reeder opened the floor to new business. Seeing none, Mr. Sterling moved to adjourn, Capt. Wales seconded, and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.