



County of Roanoke **PIPELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

Committee Members Present:

Louise Garman (Catawba)
Steve Hanes (Bent Mountain/Preserve Roanoke)
A. J. Phillips (Sencontrology)
Joyce Waugh (Roanoke Regional Chamber)
Rob Shinn (Designee for Mountain Valley Pipeline)
Gary Robertson (Western Virginia Water Authority)
Roberta Bondurant (Windsor Hills)
Max Beyer (Hollins)
Deedie Kagey (Vinton)
Sean Horne (Roanoke Regional Home Builders)
Dan Miles (Roanoke Valley Resource Authority)
Robert Guiles (Catawba Civic League)
Ann Rogers (Cave Spring)

Committee Members Absent:

David C. Perry (Blue Ridge Land Conservancy)
Jim Woltz (Planning Commission)
Keith Garman (Bradshaw Citizens Association)

Staff Present:

Richard Caywood, Assistant County Administrator
Philip Thompson, Deputy Director of Planning
Ruth Ellen Kuhnel, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Susan McCoy, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Mr. Caywood called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. He reviewed the meeting agenda with the Committee. He stated a status update was presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 27, 2015, regarding the Mountain Valley Pipeline FERC filing. He stated the filing included MVP's selected route, noting the route submitted is the proposed route and could change. He stated there will be additional opportunities for public comment during the process. He stated approximately one-third of the route deviates from the previously viewed route. He discussed access roads and construction areas. He stated the proposed compression stations have been reduced to three locations. He discussed issues including wetlands, historic factors, and erosion and sediment control. He reviewed future comment opportunities, including the submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). He reviewed the project schedule timeline. He discussed the next steps which include filing as an intervener by November 23, 2015, noting this issue will be discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 10, 2015. Mr. Caywood introduced Mr. Rob Shinn, Designee for Mountain Valley Pipeline.

Ms. Deedie Kagey introduced David Parr, Attorney, Roanoke Preservation Foundation.

Citizen Comments

Rebecca Dameron, Bent Mountain, stated she was concerned about delineation of the wetlands. She requested that the Board of Supervisors and the Committee insist on the Programmatic Impact Statement.

Committee and Staff Comments

Mr. Caywood discussed updates made to the County's Mountain Valley Pipeline maps. He stated the County has secured a law firm to assist with the FERC process. Mr. Guilles inquired if surrounding localities will be coordinating with each other. Mr. Caywood stated staff has been speaking with other localities but will have separate legal counsel. Ms. Bondurant inquired about opportunities to offer comments. Mr. Caywood stated the Board of Supervisors will discuss filing as an intervener at its November 10, 2015 meeting. He discussed the legal status if the County files as an intervener.

Mr. Caywood reviewed recommendations for the Board of Supervisors, including filing as an intervener and issues regarding going forward with documents. Mr. Phillips inquired about the deadlines and if DEQ could become an intervener. Mr. Caywood reviewed the timeline and process. Mr. Shinn discussed the timeline regarding submission of the DEIS.

Mr. Hanes inquired about the process for access roads. Mr. Caywood, Mr. Shinn, and the Committee discussed issues regarding eminent domain and access roads. Mr. Hanes inquired if landowners would be compensated for temporary roads crossing their property. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed types of roads and easements. Mr. Caywood stated the deadline to file as an intervener is November 27, 2015. He stated he has spoken with some Bent Mountain citizens who have expressed concerns regarding viewshed protection and wetlands which have not been thoroughly delineated.

Ms. Kuhnel discussed the role of the intervener. Mr. Phillips discussed the importance of having provisions for erosion and sediment control, abandonment, and water protection. Mr. Shinn stated a compressor station is not planned for Virginia. He stated they have listened to citizens input and tried to act on comments by making route changes. He stated Roanoke Gas Company is a formal partner and gas will be used in the area. Mr. Hanes inquired about a formal agreement with Rocky Mount. Mr. Shinn stated there is not a formal agreement with Rocky Mount. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed mapping and surveying issues regarding the pipeline route. Ms. Bondurant inquired about the possibility of future installation of a compressor station in the area. Mr. Shinn discussed this issue, noting he will further research this issue. Ms. Garman inquired about the duration of the project. Mr. Shinn stated he will check with representatives of MVP regarding this issue. Ms. Bondurant discussed reduction of land area and values near the pipeline route. She also inquired if the pipeline will be providing gas to the nearby localities. Mr. Shinn stated this issue may not have been determined yet. Mr. Guilles inquired about repairing property when the pipeline construction has been completed. Mr. Shinn discussed the abandonment plan which was filed. He stated he will further research this issue. Mr. Beyer discussed abandonment issues.

Mr. David Carr stated he has legal experience with FERC projects, including abandonment plans and environmental reports. He discussed these issues, including timelines and deadlines for filing comments. He stated an extension request can also be submitted.

Mr. Caywood stated the Board of Supervisors meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. He stated the next Pipeline Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015, at 12:00 noon in the South County Library.

With no further business or comments, Mr. Caywood adjourned the meeting at 2:11 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