



County of Roanoke
PIPELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2015

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)
Aaron Ruby (Designee for Mountain Valley Pipeline)
Dan Miles (Roanoke Valley Resource Authority)
Robert Guiles (Catawba Civic League)
Ann Rogers (Cave Spring)
Gary Robertson (Western Virginia Water Authority)
Keith Garman (Bradshaw Citizens Association)

Committee Members Absent:

Roberta Bondurant (Windsor Hills)
Max Beyer (Hollins)
Deedie Kagey (Vinton)
Sean Horne (Roanoke Regional Home Builders)
Jim Woltz (Planning Commission)

Staff Present:

Richard Caywood, Assistant County Administrator
Ruth Ellen Kuhnel, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Amy Whittaker, Public Information Officer
David Holladay, Planning Administrator
Naomi Siodmok, Planner II
Susan McCoy, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Mr. Caywood called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Mr. Caywood reviewed the maps and changes which need to be made on the County's maps regarding Alternate 135. He discussed updating the County's maps based on information acquired from the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) website. He stated he has requested electronic route updates from MVP regarding pipeline changes. Mr. Ruby discussed resolving the update issue. Ms. Rogers inquired about mile marker indicators on the map. Mr. Caywood discussed mile markers and points on the maps which when prompted will provide more detailed information. Ms. Kuhnel and Mr. Caywood discussed the mile markers which are designated by MVP. Mr. Ruby stated they will be submitting an alignment sheet regarding the final proposed route. Mr. Guiles inquired about the completion of surveys. Mr. Ruby stated surveying will be completed prior to choosing the final route. Mr. Caywood discussed the proposed portion of the route near Camp

Roanoke. Mr. Ruby discussed the study and easements of the routes. Mr. Phillips noted the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has provided only one shape file to the public.

Citizen Comments

There were none at this time.

Committee and Staff Comments

Mr. Caywood introduced Ms. Siodmok, stating the presentation will be made to the Board of Supervisors and may be published on the website.

Ms. Siodmok reviewed the legend symbols, including zoning and land use designation. She discussed measurement of distances and natural and cultural resources. She stated she was unable to include karst and species since this information is protected by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. She reviewed conservation easements and endangered species which would be affected by the pipeline. Mr. Caywood stated protected species information is not included in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) so the County is not allowed to map the information. He stated this is to protect the endangered species.

Ms. Siodmok discussed Historic Resources which are within 100 and 300 feet of the pipeline, including both historic properties and historic districts. She reviewed utilities, noting no public utilities are located within the proposed pipeline route. She stated the majority of land uses which are impacted are outside the easement area and mostly residential. She stated two broadcasting sites are within 300 feet of the pipeline. She stated the majority of the Future Lane Use areas which will be affected are rural preservation and conservation uses. Mr. Caywood stated additional follow-up may be needed in this area.

Mr. Phillips suggested creating a list of parcels that intersect with the pipeline. Ms. Rebecca Dameron requested information be made available regarding Poor Mountain route changes and details. Mr. Guiles suggested creating a guide to navigate the maps.

Ms. Siodmok discussed zoning information which is available, noting most property within 300 feet of the pipeline is currently agricultural and rural preserve. She stated the software used for this presentation creates a visually interactive map. The consensus of the Committee is that the information is impressive and helpful.

Mr. Caywood discussed Camp Roanoke access for MVP surveyors, noting the safety and security of camp visitors is top priority. He discussed MVP's response to comments. He requested the Committee members contact him if they have concerns regarding the comments. He stated the Committee will not know the route until the October, 2015 FERC filing. Mr. Ruby stated they have filed all draft resource reports that they plan to file at this time. He stated they will provide monthly updates. Mr. Caywood stated he will be sending monthly updates to the Committee.

Ms. Garman stated her family received notification from surveyors they would be entering their property on Sunday. She requested that the surveyors not enter their property on

Sunday. She also stated the surveyors provided a notice they would be entering the property between the dates of June 15, 2015, and June 24, 2015. She stated the landowners cannot be on their property all of those times. Mr. Ruby suggested contacting the land agent directly.

Mr. Hanes stated that survey crews have been waiting until landowners are not present to enter the property. He inquired if a landowner could give proxy to a neighbor to control entrance on the property. Mr. Ruby stated this is a legal issue, noting the surveyors would be unaware of proxy. Ms. Liz Terry Reynolds and Ms. Grace Terry stated they have sent certified letters regarding access on family property. Mr. Ruby stated physical surveys have to be performed on the properties. He requested citizens send information to him regarding specific instances. He noted they can only interact with the landowner. Mr. Guiles inquired about using notarized documents. Ms. Kuhnel discussed this issue. Mr. Caywood stated these issues are currently before the courts. Mr. Ruby stated they do not want confrontation, noting the State statute allows the surveyors the right to enter the property. Mr. Perry inquired about eminent domain issues. Ms. Kuhnel provided an update on current court cases.

Ms. Getra Selph discussed the importance of safety when surveyors come into the neighborhood, noting they should be more respectful of the property owners. Mr. Ruby stated they are trying to come to a mutually agreeable time to access property with minimal disturbance. Ms. Terry stated the surveyors entered their property with no notice in March, 2015.

Mr. Caywood stated FERC's formal filing will be submitted in October, 2015. Mr. Caywood and the Committee discussed future meetings. The consensus of the Committee was to conduct future Committee meetings as needed.

With no further business or comments, Mr. Perry adjourned the meeting at 1:44 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