

MINUTES
VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
VIRGINIA HOUSING CENTER – HENRICO I
4224 COX ROAD
GLEN ALLEN, VA

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Matthias called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Joan Bondareff, Mary Doswell, Douglas Faulkner, Bob Matthias, Brian Redmond, Ron Ritter

Members Absent: Art Moye, Ronald Rosenberg

DMME Staff Present: Al Christopher, DMME Energy Division Director; Ken Jurman, DMME Renewable Energy Manager; Barbara Simcoe, DMME State Energy Program Manager; Evie Christopher, DMME Administrative Staff Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair called for a motion to approve the April 10, 2014, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT (VOWTAP) PROJECT UPDATE

Presenter: John Larson, Director-Alternative Energy Generation Technologies and Alternative Energy Research, Dominion Resources Services, Inc.

On May 7, 2014, the U. S. Department of Energy announced that Dominion Virginia Power was awarded a \$47 million grant to support VOWTAP, the wind turbine demonstration project off the coast of Virginia. Dominion was one of three projects selected to receive the additional funding. John Larson presented an update of VOWTAP and plans to develop the Virginia Wind Energy Area. Areas covered included the DOE selection process, design features, project development major tasks, Commercial Site Assessment Plan, and DMME funding award. See the PowerPoint presentation on the VOWDA website at: <http://wind.jmu.edu/offshore/vowda>.

DEEPWATER WIND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Presenter: Brian Redmond, member of VOWDA and Deepwater Board of Managers

Brian Redmond presented an overview of Deepwater Wind and the company's East and West Coast projects: Block Island Wind Farm in Rhode Island, possibly the first U.S. offshore wind farm; Deepwater ONE offshore wind farm project, the first federal lease auction awarded by BOEM; Garden State Offshore Energy wind farm off the southern New Jersey coastline, a joint venture project with PSEG; WindFloat Pacific Project off the Oregon coast in partnership with Principle Power, the first-ever commercial floating wind farm and one of the three projects awarded additional DOE funding. See the PowerPoint presentation on the VOWDA website at: <http://wind.jmu.edu/offshore/vowda>.

DMME UPDATES

Presenter: Al Christopher, DMME, Director of Energy Division

Research Lease 2: On May 6, 2014, BOEM offered DMME the second research lease for the conduct of renewable energy activities. This lease will facilitate the VOWTAP project. DMME responded and has requested an informal meeting with Dominion, the Office of the Attorney General, and BOEM to discuss lease stipulations, terms and conditions.

Offshore Wind Research Projects: The four award recipients [Dominion Virginia Power, CoastalObsTechServices, Alstom Power, Timmons Group] of the \$860,000 funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia to conduct offshore wind research projects have been asked to make presentations on their projects to VOWDA at future meetings.

Funding for Offshore Wind

State Budget: The state budget has not yet been approved.

New Funding Opportunities: BOEM has extended the June 17, 2014, deadline for the Commonwealth to respond to two research cost-share opportunities up to \$350,000 to August 5, 2014.

Virginia Energy Plan Update

Governor McAuliffe signed Executive Order 16 which establishes the Virginia Energy Council to assist in the development and implementation of the Virginia Energy Plan that is to be submitted to the General Assembly by October 1, 2014. Six Listening Sessions have been scheduled across the state to provide the opportunity for public input. Information on the six listening sessions and a portal by which to submit suggestions, energy goals and other recommendations and input to the 2014 VEP are available on the website for Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice Jones: <http://commerce.virginia.gov/2014-va-energy-plan/>. Al Christopher will circulate a draft of the renewable energy section of the VEP to VOWDA members for comments.

AWEA CONFERENCE

Joan Bondareff reported that the June 3, 2014, AWEA State Wind Energy form held at JMU in Harrisonburg was an excellent conference that addressed both onshore and offshore wind energy in Virginia. Al Christopher will send members the JMU website link to the AWEA presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOWDA members' recent appointments were confirmed by the General Assembly.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2014, in Richmond. A tentative meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2014, if needed to discuss updates to the Virginia Energy Plan.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST BRIEFING

Presenter: Matt Gooch, Office of the Attorney General

Matt Gooch provided FOIA and COIA training to members of VOWDA, which also included information about the new ethics legislation [SB 689] passed by the General Assembly this session and Executive Order 2 (2014) signed by Governor McAuliffe.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.