

Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority
Spring Board Meeting
April 18, 2017 | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Primary Location: Libbie Mill Library, 2100 Libbie Lake East St, Richmond, VA 23230

Remote Location: 1019 Haverhill-Ohio Furnace Road, Haverhill, Ohio 45636

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Joan Bondareff called the meeting to order at 10:12am.

VOWDA Members Present:

Primary: Joan Bondareff, Mary Doswell, Phillip Green, Bob Matthias, Deborah Miller, Varun Nikore

Remote: Brian Redmond

VOWDA Members Absent: Art Moye, Ron Rosenberg

VOWDA Staff Present:

John Warren (DMME), Al Christopher (DMME), Lynne Astroth (DMME), Evan Helgesen (DMME), Eric Jenkins (DMME), Ken Jurman (DMME), Chris McDonald (DMME), Barbara Simcoe (DMME), Duncan Pitchford (Office of the Attorney General)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:

Staff had previously distributed copies of the November 10th meeting's minutes. Mary Doswell moved for approval and Bob Matthias seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Tom McNeilan (McNeilan & Associates) presented on behalf of the Lake Erie Energy Development Company and Fred. Olsen Renewables USA and provided VOWDA members with an update on the Icebreaker Offshore Wind Demonstration Project.

Andy Geissbuehler (Renewable Resources International) presented to VOWDA, speaking on what's next for offshore wind in Virginia and what role the Commonwealth can play in the continued development of the offshore wind industry. Virginia should focus on the development of a robust supply chain, Mr. Geissbuehler explained, with three main categories at the forefront: 1) Structure supply and design; 2) Jones Act compliant vessels; and 3) Jacket Foundations. A copy of his presentation will be made available on the VOWDA website.

VOWDA received comments from Chuck de Cuir, Chairman of the Virginia Offshore Wind Coalition (VOW), who provided members with an update on VOW activities and spoke of their government relations plans for the upcoming election cycle. Jeff Keefer, former chairman of VOW, briefly spoke after

Mr. de Cuir, first providing insights on Virginia's role in the offshore wind industry (particularly as it does not have the first mover advantage) and then providing a brief update on the status of a proposed Tangier Island wind project.

VOWDA WORKPLAN:

VOWDA members took time to review the VOWDA work plan and provide comments and suggested edits. The new VOWDA work plan will be uploaded to the VOWDA website after staff complete all revisions and VOWDA approves the final plan.

DMME UPDATES:

Al Christopher, DMME Division of Energy Director, provided VOWDA members with a brief update on DMME activities pertaining to offshore wind. Specifically, Mr. Christopher provided updates about the status of the BOEM Lease and port readiness studies (both past and future).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

With all scheduled business complete, Chair Bondareff opened the floor to public comment.

Primary Location: Comment was given by Eileen Levandoski of the Sierra Club (Virginia Chapter). Ms. Levandoski expressed concern about the long timeline of possible turbine projects in Virginia's lease area and noted she feared that there was a chance that the VOWTAP project would remain shelved indefinitely.

Remote Location: No public attendance

NEXT MEETING DATE:

With all scheduled business concluded and public comments heard, Chair Bondareff proposed scheduling the next VOWDA meeting for early fall 2017. Members agreed to convene again on September 12. DMME staff will circulate both the time and location of the meeting later this summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Bondareff adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm.