

VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Fall Board Meeting
Libbie Mill Public Library
Henrico, Virginia
September 12, 2017 | 10:00am – 12:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joan Bondareff called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

VOWDA Members Present:

Joan Bondareff, Mary Doswell, Bob Matthias, Varun Nikore, Brian Redmond, Art Moye

VOWDA Members Absent:

Ron Rosenberg, Phillip Green, Deborah Miller

VOWDA Staff Present:

John Warren (DMME), Al Christopher (DMME), Ken Jurman (DMME), Lynne Astroth (DMME), Evan Helgesen (DMME), Barbara Simcoe (DMME), Eileen Carson (DMME), Robin Jones (DMME), Evie Christopher (DMME), Duncan Pitchford (Office of the Attorney General)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

The Chair called for a motion to approve the April 18 meeting's minutes, which had previously been distributed to members. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Katharine Bond (Dominion Energy) reported on the status of the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Project, formerly VOWTAP. Dominion announced on July 10 its partnership with DONG Energy to start Phase One of CVOW.

Andy Geissbuehler (Renewable Resources International) spoke on U.S. offshore marine logistics and construction of the first U.S offshore wind installation vessel. A copy of his presentation will be made available on the VOWDA website.

Elisabeth Treseder (DONG Energy) provided an overview of DONG Energy's global offshore wind experience and its U.S. wind power projects, including what the next steps are for Virginia's CVOW project. She spoke about significant cost reductions, economic development opportunities for Virginia Ports and supply chain, and job creation opportunities. A copy of her presentation will be made available on the VOWDA website.

VOWDA BUSINESS

ITC Letter of Support: Members voted unanimously to approve the draft VOWDA letter, as presented, to Virginia's Congressional delegation requesting their support for S.1672, the *Incentivizing Offshore Wind Power Act*, introduced August 1, 2017, by Senators Tom Carper (D-DE) and Susan Collins (R-Maine). This bill would provide the offshore wind industry a stable but limited financial incentive by amending Section 48 of the tax code to extend the 30% investment tax credit (ITC) for the first three (3) gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind facilities placed in service through 2025. A copy of the letter will be made available on the VOWDA website.

SCC Letter of Support: Members voted unanimously to approve the draft VOWDA letter to the State Corporation Commission, as amended per discussions at today's meeting, that expresses its support for offshore wind in Dominion Energy's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), in particular the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project. Written comments are due to the SCC by September 18. A copy of the letter will be made available on the VOWDA website.

The SCC will hold a hearing later this month to receive public testimony on the IRP filed by Dominion Energy. Bob Matthias will attend and provide comments.

VOWDA 2017 Annual Report

Members agreed that the DMME staff will work with Chair Joan Bondareff and Vice Chair Deborah Miller to draft the outline of recommendations and future activities for VOWDA's 2017 Annual Report. To help develop the outline, members can submit their input to include their top two straw recommendations. Staff will circulate the drafts, based on members' input, for additional feedback. VOWDA will meet in November to discuss and vote on the annual report.

VOWDA 2018 Work Plan

In the process of writing the 2017 Annual Report, DMME staff will also develop the 2017-2018 VOWDA Work Plan based on the new recommendations and future activities. The draft Work Plan will be discussed and finalized at the November meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

NEXT MEETING DATE

With all scheduled business concluded, Chair Bondareff proposed scheduling the next VOWDA meeting for early November. Members agreed to convene again on either November 8 or November 9, depending on the availability of a meeting facility. DMME staff will circulate both the time and location of the meeting once confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bondareff adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.