

VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Board Meeting
Tuckahoe Henrico Public Library ~ Meeting Room
Henrico, Virginia
January 10, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Joan Bondareff, Art Moye, Hayes Framme, Mark Mitchell, Philip Green, Laura McKay, Brian Redmond

Members Absent: Jim McArthur, Bob Matthias

DMME Staff: John Warren, Al Christopher, Jennifer Palestrant, Lynne Astroth, Barbara Simcoe, Larry Corkey, Ken Jurman, Brandi Frazier Bestpitch, Jordan Burns

OAG Staff: Grant Kronenberg

DMME Director John Warren introduced DMME's new Chief Deputy, Jennifer Palestrant, to the group and cited her credentials in offshore wind and workforce development activities.

PRESENTATION

VOWDA member Laura McKay from DEQ presented on the *Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program's Coastal Needs Assessment & Strategy Development* process for the upcoming October 2021 – September 2026 period. This process considers nine enhancement areas that include Ocean Resources and Energy Facility Siting, which could assist shared ocean use planning related to the development of the commercial lease area. More information about the current ocean strategy can be found at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/CoastalZoneManagement/Funding/CoastalNeedsAssessment/CoastalNeedsAssessmentFY2016-2020.aspx> and as it is developed, information on the next strategy will be posted there as well. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean's Ocean Data Portal can be viewed at <https://portal.midatlanticocean.org>. The portal contains 10,000+ maps of Mid-Atlantic ocean resources and uses. During further discussions, VOWDA members confirmed their continued interest in CZM issues and signaled support for inclusion of offshore renewable wind energy as a priority in the five-year planning strategy to support establishing an additional lease area off the Virginia coast. Members also expressed interest in learning more about the Mid-Atlantic Ocean

Forum scheduled for May 19, 2020, in New York City. A copy of her presentation is available on the VOWDA website, <https://www.vaoffshorewind.org/authority/about/>.

UPDATES

Executive Order 43: DMME staff Larry Corkey provided detailed information on the Governor's E.O. 43 that includes the following goals:

- 30% of Virginia's electricity generation will be produced from renewable sources by 2030,
- 100% of electricity will be produced from carbon-free sources by 2050,
- At least 3,000 MW of solar and onshore wind will be under development by 2022, and
- Up to 2,500 MW of offshore wind (OSW) will be fully developed by 2026.

Corkey also explained that the 2020-2022 proposed budget includes proposals for the establishment of an Office of Offshore Wind within DMME, \$10 million for financing programs, and \$40 million in capital improvements for the Portsmouth Marine Terminal. Anticipated legislation may include the declaration that up to 5200 MW of offshore wind is in the public interest and the development of an OSW Master Plan.

CVOW Project and Commercial Wind Area Status: G.T. Hollett (Dominion Energy) described the CVOW project as being on track and reported that Siemens Gamesa was announced on January 7 as preferred turbine supplier for the 2640 MW commercial project. The first of three phases is scheduled to be under construction by 2024 and the final 880-MW phase will be generating electricity by the end of 2026.

Commonwealth Offshore Wind Task Force: Paul Olsen (Old Dominion University) provided an activities update for the Task Force that includes over 180 members to date. An 11-member Executive Committee's (EXCOM) first task was to organize the Task Force into five subcommittees (program development, technology and innovation, supply chain, workforce development, and legislative outreach). Several VOWDA members serve as chairs and/or members on these groups. The EXCOM held a meeting after the conclusion of the VOWDA session on the afternoon of January 10.

Supply Chain Resource Network Directory: Andy Geissbuehler described recent improvements to the Virginia Offshore Wind Supply Chain Partnering Resource Directory, which has been converted from a spreadsheet to a database that is an independent subset of the Business Network for Offshore Wind's national supply chain registry. Supply chain partnering outreach, marketing and assistance will be supported by the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA), Virginia Maritime Association (VMA), DMME and VEDP.

Virginia Maritime Association: Will Fediw provided the group with information on VMA’s work on providing routing areas and shipping lanes for commercial traffic that avoid the wind lease area and the Dam Neck military ordinance areas.

Port of Virginia: Chris Gullickson talked about the \$40 million proposed in the Governor’s 2020-2022 budget for Tier 1 improvements to the Portsmouth Marine Terminal and described other investments and activities by the Port of Virginia to make PMT and other port facilities ready for potential offshore wind supply chain businesses, staging and lay-down areas, and other development.

Avangrid Renewables: Craig Poff described the Kitty Hawk OSW project in North Carolina and potential collaborative efforts with Virginia to ensure the success of that project. Craig urged VOWDA to consider the Kitty Hawk project as another Virginia project because it will come ashore in Virginia and use Virginia ports, too, as staging areas.

Virginia Chapter of Sierra Club: Eileen Woll talked about the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club’s current goal to push for passage of the Virginia Clean Economy Act that is expected to be introduced in the General Assembly this session. The Chapter is also encouraging the Governor and Dominion Energy to increase OSW generation capacity by 2026.

VOWDA BUSINESS

Approval of September 12, 2019 meeting minutes: On a motion by Framme, seconded by Green, the last VOWDA meeting’s minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

2020 VOWDA Work Plan: Most of the 2020 Work Plan task activities will be accomplished by three work groups. Because of meeting time constraints, it was decided that DMME staff will send out an email to VOWDA members soliciting volunteers to lead each work group. Once the work group chairs are identified, they can proceed with setting dates for the Q1 2020 planning meeting and other quarterly meetings; identify resources and other support needs; and report progress, barriers and recommendations at regular VOWDA meetings.

Draft Proposed Policy in Electronic Meetings: VOWDA members were provided draft language to establish a policy for meeting attendance by members via electronic means if medical or other emergencies preclude a member from physically attending a meeting. The early draft, which is modeled on the policy adopted by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Advisory Council, is still in review and should be finalized for consideration at the next VOWDA meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (meeting venue to be determined according to availability).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Bondareff at 12:30 p.m. EST.