

**Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2025 – 10:00 AM-Noon**

Virginia Inland Port – 7685 Winchester Road Front Royal, VA 22630

No Hybrid Meeting Option Available – In Person Only

	Clarke County		Warren County		Stephens City
✓	Bev McKay		Vicky Cook		Linden Fravel
	Brandon Stidham	✓	Cheryl Cullers (alt.)		Mike Majher (alt.)
	Frederick County	✓	John Vance		Strasburg
	Josh Ludwig		Berryville		Ashleigh Kimmons
✓	Eric Lawrence, Vice Chairman		(Jay) Harry Lee Arnold, Jr.	✓	J. Waverly Coggsdale, III
✓	Jay Tibbs	✓	Terry Russell (alt.)		Winchester
	Robert T. Liero		Front Royal	✓	Richard Bell
	Wyatt Pearson (alt.)	✓	Melissa DeDomenico-Payne	✓	John Fox
	Page County		Lauren Kopishke (alt.)		Mike Ruddy
	Keith Weakley		Luray		Woodstock
	Morgan Phenix	✓	Ron Vickers		Michelle Manning
	Shenandoah County		Middletown		Lauren Bennett (alt.)
✓	Dennis Morris, Chairman		Carolyn Aliff		
	Steve Baker				
	Conrad Helsley				
	Joe Lehnens				

Staff present: Brandon Davis, Shelley Owens, Karen Taylor, Tina Alley

Others present: Chris Gullickson with the Virginia Inland Port and Carrie Chenery with Valley Pike Partners

Call to Order

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for being present. Everyone introduced themselves to the Virginia Inland Port (VIP) representatives present. Commissioner Vance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Action Items

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2025

Chairman Morris asked if there were any amendments or corrections to the consent agenda and asked for a motion to approve it. The consent agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Commissioner Tibbs and seconded by Vice Chairman Lawrence.

Reports

Staff Report—Mr. Davis mentioned that the September report includes pertinent information and urged the Commissioners to distribute it as they deem appropriate. Please inform any staff member if you would

like us to include more details in the Staff Report. He also provided an update on the All Points Broadband (APB) Fiber to the Home project, as well as Water Supply Planning, Finance Director Recruitment, Septic Pump Out Program, Federal Funding Status and the upcoming meeting to be held at the Belle Grove Plantation in October. He mentioned that the Commission's new office will be ready for the Board Meeting in November, where he expects the primary agenda item to be the review of the FY25 Audit.

He thanked the Port for hosting us, and offered a bit of history on the longstanding partnership and respect among Regional Commission staff and Port representatives.

Quarterly Financial Report:

Mrs. Owens summarized the financials from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025 which shows a net income of \$28,298.46.

Program Spotlight

Chairman Morris thanked the Virginia Inland Port for their professionalism, partnership and the wealth of knowledge working with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission. A tour of the VIP yard and lunch. Chris Gullickson provided an in-depth presentation of the Port's operations and impact on Virginia's economy.

Unfinished Business:

Chairman Morris encouraged everyone to attend the Belle Grove Event.

New Business Items: None

Other Business: None

Closing Remarks: None

Announcements & Commissioner Comments: Members were offered the opportunity to announce upcoming events and provide updates on projects in their communities.

A tour of the VIP facility was provided upon adjournment at approximately 11:45 AM.