

**Sully District Council**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**April 27, 2005**

President Mark McConn called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. at the Sully District Government Building. In attendance were Members Mark McConn and Judith Heisinger, Bull Run Civic Association; Jay Johnston, Virginia Run; John Swanson, Franklin Farm; Jeff Parnes, Chantilly Highlands; Jim Neighbors, Sully Station; Joy B. Shelton, Pleasant Valley; Dave Sanders, Horse Works; Jody Kopach and Kayleigh Kopach, Bull Run; and Julie Dime with Delegate Hugo and Larry Krakover with Delegate Reese.

Virginia Legislation Panel:

Judith introduced State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, Senator Kenneth Cuccinelli, Delegate Timothy Hugo, Delegate Gary Reese, Delegate Thomas Rust

Successes and failures during the 2005 legislative session were discussed; future plans were presented; and the legislators were open for questions and discussions from the field. Session ended at 9:05 pm.

- Bills
  - Assisted Living Units
    - Assaults, rapes
    - Mental health victims
  - Technology
    - Hacking is a federal crime
    - Spyware
    - “Fishing” for IDs
    - Felony in Virginia
    - Spaming mail
  - Ken C.
    - Long-term impact on assisted living units bill
    - Overtime pay for police officers bill
      - Coordination with FC Police
      - Leave/Work hour balance
    - Merit-based comp for judges
      - Quality impact on the judicial system
    - DUI Bill
      - Tougher penalties
      - Good fix
      - Tougher penalties for gun crimes
    - Gun Crime Bill
      - 80/20 balance
  - Tim Hugo
    - Working better together
    - Pleasant Valley Road issues
    - Transportation
      - TC Press Conference
      - Insurance Premium into the Trust Fund

- No bonding this year
    - \$895 million for the transportation
  - Finance Committee
    - Double tax for federal contractors
    - Services and Pass-Through Products
    - “Golden Goose” in NOVA with revenue
  - Voting
    - Two-year study
    - Automatic voting machines
    - Voting process
  - Telecommuting
    - Require state employees to telecommute
- Gary R.
  - Medical condition
  - Transportation
    - Emerge of a coalition
    - I-81 is very bad
    - Big needs for transportation (\$35B)
    - House, Senate, and Popular approval needed
  - Long-term care
    - Bankruptcy medical care
    - Double your personal taxes without a fix
    - Tax deduction on relative medical care
    - Helping the middle-class
  - Budget Reform
    - First transparency budget in VA
    - Break down the govt into functions
    - Independent review
    - Good progress
  - Education
    - No Child Left Behind is good for the education
    - Challenges the special needs and ESL programs
    - Get waivers for federal govt compliance
    - Difficult decisions ahead
  - Tom Russ
    - Good session with transportation
    - No new money for transportation
    - 26% of the insurance premium
    - Chesterpeake Bay progress
    - College Re-structuring
      - Far-reaching of the VA public college system
      - Reduces Richmond oversight
    - Bad Driver Fees
    - Three big themes next year
      - Budget, transportation, tax reform
    - VA Tax Code needs work

- Gas Tax
  - Finance Committee does not approve of it
  - Has not raise by 1987
  - Does not come close to fix our transportation needs by raising the tax by five cents
  - NOVA gets most of the transit funding
  - NOVA is driving the VA economy
  - Big bonds for the transportation
  - Tolls on I-81 for truck traffic
  - Supporting coalition for the needs
  - \$850M pays for existing projects
  - Medicare bills are \$1B next year
  - No additional transportation dollars in the budget
  - HOT Lanes in the I-495 is moving forward
  - No constitutional amendment for the gas tax
  - Invasion of the Transportation Trust Fund for other issues
- Impact Fees
  - No usable for the counties
- Real Estate Tax
  - Acquisition fees
  - Lower tax for long-term owners
  - Higher taxes for new homeowners
- Increase Taxes
  - Proffers
  - Impact fees
  - Gas Tax
  - Car Tax
- Transportation
  - Establish priorities for the state
  - Dulles Rail
    - \$4.4B for entire costs
    - Alternatives
      - HOT Lanes
      - Busses
    - \$45M for FC
  - Northern Virginia Transportation Council
    - DC-centric
    - TC, Reston, and Chantilly are the employment centers
- Reduce taxes on the elderly
- Relationship between the city, town, and state needs improvement
- Real estate taxes are driving people out of FC not personal property taxes
- FC School Board has a program budget but not using to reduce costs and re-structuring programs

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jay Johnston reported that we have a balance of \$2779.85.

Meeting schedule (also see web site):

May – DOT Charlie Strunk, and VDOT Bud Seigel presentations (Fairfax County and State of VA representatives.)

June – Jerry Connoley

Land Use: Check the web site.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Certification – I hereby certify the foregoing is an accurate account of the Sully District Council meeting, April 27, 2005.

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Mark McConn, President

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John G. Swanson, Secretary