

VIRGINIA: MINUTES FOR THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM LOCATED IN THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING ON THE 12TH DAY OF MAY AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	SAMUEL W. HAYES		AT-LARGE
	THOMAS TUCKER	VICE CHAIRMAN	AT-LARGE
	JOHN HARVELL		DIST #3
	BUTCH CUNNINGHAM	CHAIRMAN	DIST #4
	EVERETTE PROSISE		DIST #1

ABSENT:	EDWARD TITMUS		DIST #2
	ANTHONY SIMMONS		DIST #5

OTHER:	MARK BASSETT	PLANNING DIRECTOR	
	MICHAEL DREWRY (Webex by Phone)	ASST. COUNTY ATTORNEY	

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

The Chairman asked for the roll to be called and Mr. Titmus and Mr. Simmons were not present.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. He said since there are none he would entertain a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Upon a motion by Mr. Prosise and seconded by Mr. Harvell the agenda was approved as presented.

AYES:	Mr. Harvell, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Prosise, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Cunningham,
NAYS	None

IN RE: BORREGO SOLAR SYSTEMS, INC. SOLAR FACILITY INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION – Jessie Robinson & Alex Deuson, Borrego Solar Systems, and John Bennett, AES Consulting Engineers

Ms. Robinson gave a presentation on why distributed generation solar is developing in Virginia. She talked about the difference between distributed generation and utility scale solar generation. She mentioned the solar project benefits, environmental benefits, and local economic benefits that distributed generation solar would provide for the County. She answered, in her presentation, the question of property values being adversely impacted by solar. Her report showed there was no impact to the sales price of adjoining properties after installation of this type of solar energy generating project. She also provided the Planning Commission members with a before and after landscape plan for the proposed solar energy generating project site. She continued her presentation with why the County should consider encouraging distributed generation type projects.

She mentioned it was good for the community, because it would help stabilize the electric grid in the area of a distributed generation project. She also mentioned that this type of project was good for the locality due to increased tax revenue.

She discussed the benefits for the landowner due to the project affording the landowner lease payments. She also discussed the renewable energy's environmental benefits. She concluded her presentation by giving a brief summary of what is next in the process for them to move forward with their proposed project in the County.

Following the presentation there was some general discussion with the Commissioners and the project representatives.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman indicated that there was no old business to discuss.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman said if there is no further business he would entertain a motion for adjournment. Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Harvell seconded it and with all Commissioners in agreement the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bassett
Planning Director

Signed: _____
Calvin (Butch) Cunningham, Chairman
Dated: _____