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Agenda item #9

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 20, 2017

MOTION

Made By: Ms. DeTuncq **Seconded By:** Mr. Malbon.

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Naming of the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry vessel

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has a project underway to construct a new vessel to replace one of the four ferry vessels (the “Virginia”) currently operating in the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry system; and

WHEREAS, the project is included in the Six-Year-Improvement plan for 2013-2018, with \$2.5 million currently allocated for design, and \$25 million allocated for construction in FY 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, the new ferry vessel needs to be named and the name permanently welded on the vessel before it is painted in November 2017; and

WHEREAS, the name “Powhatan” has been proposed for the new vessel, Powhatan being Pocahontas’ father and the chief of all the Algonquin tribes in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation has, in a letter to VDOT dated September 1, 2017, encouraged VDOT to utilize the opportunity presented by the ferry naming to “highlight the story of Powhatan in an appropriate way on board the ship”; and

WHEREAS, the new ferry will be delivered to the Virginia Department of Transportation in spring 2018; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has the power and duty to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commonwealth Transportation Board authorizes the name “Powhatan” for the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry vessel and authorizes the Commissioner of Highways to take all actions necessary to implement this naming.

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CTB Decision Brief

Naming of the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry vessel

Issue: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is requesting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), pursuant to §33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, designate a name for the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry vessel which is currently under construction.

Facts:

- VDOT has a project underway to construct a new vessel to replace one of the four ferry vessels (the “Virginia”) currently operating in the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry system.
- The new vessel needs to be named and the name permanently welded on the ferry before it is painted in November 2017.
- The name “Powhatan” has been proposed for the new vessel, Powhatan being Pocahontas’ father and the chief of all the Algonquin tribes in the area.
- The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation has, in a letter to VDOT dated September 1, 2017, encouraged VDOT to utilize the opportunity presented by the ferry naming to “highlight the story of Powhatan in an appropriate way on board the ship” The Foundation has indicated an interest in working collaboratively with VDOT in this regard.
- The ferry vessel project is included in the Six-Year-Improvement Plan for 2013-2018, with 2.5 million currently allocated for design, and \$25 million allocated for construction in FY 2017-2018.
- Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, empowers the Commonwealth Transportation Board to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities.

Recommendation: VDOT recommends that the CTB authorize the name *Powhatan* for the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry vessel.

Action Required by the CTB: Approval by majority vote the resolution providing the naming of the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry vessel, “Powhatan” is necessary in order for this naming to proceed.

Result, if Approved: The name of the new vessel can be affixed before it is painted in November 2017.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer

Public Comments/Reactions: Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation (letter attached)

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- The name “Powhatan” has been proposed for the new vessel, Powhatan being Pocahontas’ father and the chief of all the Algonquin tribes in the area.
- The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation has, in a letter to VDOT dated September 1, 2017, encouraged VDOT to utilize the opportunity presented by the ferry naming to “highlight the story of Powhatan in an appropriate way on board the ship” The Foundation has indicated an interest in working collaboratively with VDOT in this regard.
- The Boards of Supervisors of both Surry County and James City County have, by resolutions dated September 1, 2017 and September 12, 2017, respectively, supported and recommended naming the new ferry vessel “Powhatan” (resolutions attached).
- The ferry vessel project is included in the Six-Year-Improvement Plan for 2013-2018, with 2.5 million currently allocated for design, and \$25 million allocated for construction in FY 2017-2018.
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MINUTES
OF
MEETING OF STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Richmond, Virginia

January 18, 1973

The monthly meeting of the State Highway Commission was held at the Central Highway Office in Richmond, Virginia, on January 18, 1973, at 10 a.m. The Chairman, Mr. Douglas B. Fugate, presided.

Present: Messrs. Fugate, Crowe, Eakin, Fitzpatrick, Janney and Roos.

Absent: Messrs. Glass, Hall and Landes.

In opening the meeting, the chairman recognized Mr. Rufus T. Hairston, member of the Commission from the Bristol District from 1968 through 1972. On behalf of the Commission members who served with Mr. Hairston, Mr. Fitzpatrick presented Mr. Hairston a suitably inscribed silver tray.

Motion was made by Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Crowe, that permits issued from December 21, 1972, to January 17, 1973, inclusive, as shown by records of the Department, be approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Crowe, cancellation of permits from December 21, 1972, to January 17, 1973, inclusive, as shown by records of the Department, was approved.

The chairman stated the law provides that the Commission of Outdoor Recreation and the State Highway Commission shall coordinate in selecting scenic highways and byways but does not specify what standards might be established. He said the Commission of Outdoor Recreation had made a study and on December 18, 1972, approved procedures for selection of such highways. After some discussion, the Commission, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Roos, approved procedures, criteria and objectives outlined by the Commission of Outdoor Recreation, as attached.

VIRGINIA SCENIC HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

PROCEDURES

1. The study of a potential scenic highway or Virginia byway may be initiated by the Department of Highways or the Commission of Outdoor Recreation as a measure implementing the Virginia Outdoors Plan or upon the request of a local governing body.
2. The Department of Highways and the Commission of Outdoor Recreation will make an on-site inspection of the route to determine if it meets the physical criteria.
3. The Commission of Outdoor Recreation will obtain assurance from the local governing body that it is interested in scenic designation.
4. The Commission of Outdoor Recreation will determine that local zoning and comprehensive planning programs of the locality and the planning district commission are consistent with the management objectives established for scenic highways or Virginia byways.
5. The Department of Highways will secure approval of the designation from the local governing body.
6. The Department of Highways will advise the Commission of Outdoor Recreation when the approval has been received.
7. The Commission of Outdoor Recreation will recommend designation to the Highway Commission.
8. The Highway Commission will designate the road, and the Department of Highways will work with the local governing agency to achieve the management objectives.
9. The Department of Highways will take an annual inspection of the maintenance and improvements of the route.

If the Department of Highway's annual inspection indicates a scenic highway or Virginia byway no longer meets minimum standards, the Highway Commission will request an investigation by the Commission of Outdoor Recreation. Listed below are the procedural steps which should be followed:

1. The Commission of Outdoor Recreation will notify the local governing body, the planning district commission, interested individuals and organizations of the requested investigation.
2. In coordination with the local governing body, the Commission of Outdoor Recreation will make an on-site inspection of the route.
3. The Commission of Outdoor Recreation will recommend that the designation be revoked upon finding that the quality of the road segment cannot be restored to meet minimum standards.
4. The Highway Commission will revoke the designation.

CRITERIA

In order to be considered for designation as a scenic highway or Virginia byway, a segment of road must substantially meet the tests of the following physical criteria:

1. The route provides important scenic values and experiences.
2. There is a diversity of experiences as in transition from one landscape scene to another.
3. The route links together or provides access to significant scenic, scientific, historic or recreational points.
4. The route bypasses major roads or provides opportunity to leave high-speed routes for variety and leisure in motoring.
5. Landscape control or management along the route is feasible.
6. The route is susceptible to techniques to provide for user safety.
7. The route contributes to good distribution within the State of elements of the scenic highway and byway system.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve the purposes of scenic highways and Virginia byways, the Department of Highways has established the following management objectives.

Development - improvement necessitated by traffic safety and conveniences should be carried out in conformance with the following recommendation of the Virginia Outdoor Plan for upgrading Virginia's highway system.

"Everything that can be done within the limitation of available funds should be done toward providing wide rights-of-way, adopting corridor zoning and designing for visual enjoyment."

Development Control - to prevent undesirable development on adjacent property or in sight of the road through sign control, by using Virginia's Outdoor Advertising Law, and by cooperating with local governments in the achievement of proper zoning, land use controls, and assisting in the development of adequate standards and easements.

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September 1, 2017

Mr. Wes Ripley
Facility Manager
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Dear Mr. Ripley,

The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation has no objection to the Virginia Department of Transportation's proposal to name its newest ferry, currently under construction, the *Powhatan*.

The historical story of Powhatan, Pocahontas, and the Native American population of the region and the convergence of their culture with the culture of the Africans and Europeans who arrived in the early 1600s is a critical part of our shared American history. We encourage the Virginia Department of Transportation to utilize this opportunity to engage the public in the story of the birth of our nation and to highlight the story of Powhatan in an appropriate way on board the ship. The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation is prepared to work collaboratively with the Virginia Department of Transportation in this regard, if requested. We also encourage the Virginia Department of Transportation to actively engage Virginia's Native American communities regarding the naming of the vessel and public engagement efforts.

We value our continued positive relationship with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry and we look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia and visitors to our great state. We also look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership to support tourism to our area and to provide educational opportunities for visitors. Furthermore, as the home of Virginia's Founding Fleet, we congratulate the Virginia Department of Transportation on the impending christening of their newest vessel.

Sincerely,



Frank N. Stovall
Deputy Executive Director of Administration
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

cc: Philip G. Emerson; Executive Director, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation



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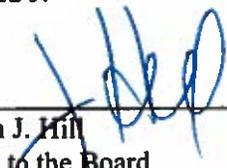
NAMING THE NEW JAMESTOWN-SCOTLAND FERRY VESSEL THE "POWHATAN"

- WHEREAS, the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry system transports approximately 936,000 vehicles annually and is the only 24-hour, state-run ferry in Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry fleet currently operates with four boats, carrying between 28 and 70 cars; and
- WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is in the process of building a new ferry vessel to replace the ferry boat Virginia, which was built in 1936; and
- WHEREAS, the new vessel, with 70-vehicle capacity, is under construction in Pascagoula, Mississippi; and
- WHEREAS, the project is included in the six-year improvement plan for 2013-2018 with \$2.5 million currently allocated for design, and funding for the remaining \$25 million for construction available in FY 2017-2018; and
- WHEREAS, the name of the new vessel needs to be placed on the ferry before it is christened in November 2017; and
- WHEREAS, there has been a return to the naming of ferries after important historical figures, including the most recent ferry boat Pocahontas, which was built in 1995; and
- WHEREAS, Powhatan was Pocahontas' father and was chief of all the Algonquin tribes in the area; and
- WHEREAS, according to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation historian, John Smith recorded on his map of Virginia the Indian name for the James River, the Powhatan; and
- WHEREAS, Powhatan represents a strong name for a strong vessel; and
- WHEREAS, the new ferry will be delivered to VDOT in the spring of 2018.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based on the above reasons, the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby supports and recommends the name Powhatan for the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry boat.



Kevin D. Onizuk
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Bryan J. Hill
Clerk to the Board

	VOTES		
	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
MCGLENNON	✓	—	—
SADLER	✓	—	—
HIPPLE	✓	—	—
LARSON	✓	—	—
ONIZUK	✓	—	—

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 12th day of September, 2017.

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As the Administrative Coordinator, and Certified Municipal Clerk,
for the Board of Supervisors and custodian of the Seal, I, Teresa J. Fellows,
hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original document.

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AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER ON AUGUST 3, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	VOTE:
The Honorable Judy S. Lyttle, Chairperson	Aye
The Honorable Michael H. Drewry, Vice-Chair	Aye
The Honorable John M. Seward	Aye
The Honorable Kenneth R. Holmes	Aye
The Honorable Giron R. Wooden, Sr.	Aye

A Resolution in Support of Naming the New Jamestown-Scotland Ferry Vessel the "Powhatan"

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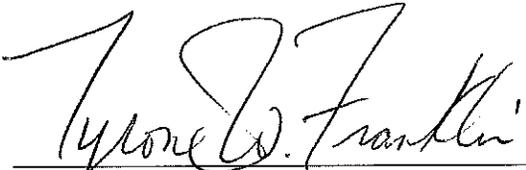
WHEREAS, **Powhatan** represents a strong name for a strong vessel; and

WHEREAS, the new ferry will be delivered to the Virginia Department of Transportation in the spring of 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the above reasons, the Surry County Board of Supervisors supports and recommends the name **Powhatan** for the new Jamestown-Scotland Ferry boat.

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2017

ATTEST:



Tyrone W. Franklin, County Administrator/
Clerk, Board of Supervisors