



Chair: Devon Neary, RRPC  
Vice-Chair: Bill Colvin, BCRC  
Treasurer: Charlie Baker, CCRPC

## VAPDA DIRECTORS & ASSOCIATES MEETING

April 3, 2025

### MEETING MINUTES

Virtual: Zoom

**RPC Attendees:** Catherine Dimitruk (NRPC), Adam Lougee (ACRPC), Tasha Wallis (LCPC), Charlie Baker (CCRPC), Chris Company (WRC), Bill Colvin (BCRC), Jason Rasmussen (MARC), Devon Neary (RRPC), Christian Meyer (CVRPC), Peter Gregory (TRORC), and Dave Snedeker (NVDA - online).

**Guests:** Michael Moser and Andrew Brown

Meeting began at approximately 9:07 a.m. DN chaired the meeting. DS takes minutes.

- **Minutes & Treasurer's Report.** TW motion to approve minutes, BC second. Minutes approved. CM motion to approve financial report, PG second. Financial report approved.
- **Q4 Invoicing.** CB discussed invoicing. Special assessments of \$1,000 will be made for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter VAPDA invoices. CM motion to approve, PG second. Q4 increase approved. Also, LCPC offered to provide \$6K - \$7K for VHFA's work on housing targets.
- **VAPDA Funding Requests.** None.
- **Statewide Contract Coordination.** Discussion of VTrans and VEM contracts.
- **VAPDA Committee Reports:**
  - VEM** – CC shared that VEM funding will be cut, and likely ours in-turn, although numbers unknown. CDBG-DR funding is being withheld. A plan for these funds will be coming from DHCD. Outreach meetings weren't well attended.

**Energy** – AL shared that MERP work is progressing well. PG shared that some RPCs were assisting towns with contracting. CD noted the schedule of upcoming hearings for the Climate Action Plan.

**Planning & Economic Development** – CD asked RPCs to check on FY25 spending. Draft RPC workplan is coming. DS shared that the Development Review templates created by LCPC will be reviewed over April/May. Also, that Dubois & King has been working on the Planning Modules. Working team includes DHCD, NVDA, CCRPC, and RRPC. All VPIC materials will be migrated to the VAPDA website.

**Transportation** – JR asked RPCs to check progress on the required tasks. VTrans has begun scheduling mid-year reviews. Mention of multi-modal highway guide.

**Water quality & Natural Resources** – DN noted 604B progress. CC noted federal grants for forestry/tree planting being eliminated.

**Government Relations** – CB mentioned H.233 (Bulletin 5). Deadlines under the 3-acre rule may be extended by 2 years. Housing and brownfield bills noted. RPCs should receive 3% increase. COG bill and shared services mentioned.

- **VERTA.** Michael Moser and Andrew Brown joined to discuss Act 101. Slide presentation was given and will be shared with VAPDA. VERTA effort is to enhance Technical Assistance available to municipalities. RPCs will receive funding (\$5K each) to host regional meetings (2-3 each) with local officials. RPCs can begin scheduling meetings in April/May for Summer convenings.
- **NADO Report Recommendations** – Recommendations from the report that were discussed included: RPC funding tied to ability to assist towns; COGs/governance (already moving in legislature); Service delivery – a VAPDA staff person by end of CY25 (Y or N?) and developing best practices for working with municipalities. JR asked for a committee of VAPDA to work on response to recommendations.
- **Regional Future Land Use Map Discussion** – Pete Fellows and Alison Hopkins joined via Zoom. FLU Maps were displayed (in-person and virtually) and slight differences were noted. CD indicated that the guidance allows some flexibility, and some minor updates to guidance are forthcoming for consistency around river corridors and flood plains. Tying housing targets to the FLU maps was also discussed, including formulas being used by RPCs. Regional LURB meetings were mentioned.
- **New Business** – AL noted that sub-agreements for the work on water systems with the Bond Bank should be coming. DN asked RPCs to consider future meeting topics.
- **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm

**Next meetings:** The June VAPDA meeting will be at RRPC. Annual retreat will be in TRORC region.