

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at the Public Safety Building in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jon Amores (designee for Development Office Executive Director Kelley Goes)
Chris Fletcher, Member
Brian Jones, Member

The following members participated by teleconference:

Jim Morgan, Member
Emmett S. Pugh III, Member (designee for the Honorable Joe Manchin III)
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member

The following member was absent:

Edwin Bowman, Member

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jon Amores. It was reported that notice of the meeting had been lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened.

Mr. Amores opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Emmett Pugh recently appointed by Governor Manchin to serve as his designee. After Mr. Amores furnished an up to date summary of the Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program, Mr. Pugh respectfully requested that Mr. Jon Amores chair the remainder of the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Fletcher to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Jones and unanimously carried. Member Jim Morgan abstained from voting.

Chair's Report

The chairman did not give a formal report.

Old Business

Received by the membership was an electronic message from Charleston's City Manager David Molgaard withdrawing its Home Rule authority with respect to the urban deer hunt. It was noted that on November 2, 2008, the Natural Resources Commission passed needed modifications without jeopardizing federal funding to the urban deer hunting. Hence, a motion was made by Mr. Brian Jones to accept the withdrawal and concurrently postpone that portion of the City of Charleston's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Fletcher and unanimously carried. Member Jim Morgan abstained from voting.

New Business

The members briefly discussed a written report from the City of Bridgeport. With no further action required, the group agreed to formalize the reporting process and notify the cities accordingly.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Chris Fletcher to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Jones and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Member Jim Morgan abstained from voting.

The Board was reminded that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, February 19 in Morgantown.