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Agenda item #3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 18, 2019

MOTION

Made By: Ms. DeTuncq, Seconded By: Mr. Rucker
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Rio Mills Bridge”

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize the historic events that created the Rio Mills community. The Rio Mills community was established in the 1820s when William H. Meriwether built a mill downstream from the present-day South Rivanna Reservoir dam where the former Harrisonburg-Charlottesville Turnpike crossed the South Fork of the Rivanna River and a short distance from the current crossing of Berkmar Drive over the South Fork of the Rivanna River. The construction of additional water-powered mills producing significant amounts of flour, cornmeal and lumber marked Rio Mills as an important local industry. The covered bridge and gristmill located there were burned in 1864 following the Battle of Rio Hill during the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated July 3, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to recognize the historic events establishing the Rio Mills community, name the bridge on Route 1403, Berkmar Drive, over the South Fork of the Rivanna River, Albemarle County as the “Rio Mills Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named; and

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WHEREAS, by resolution, Albemarle County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 1403, Berkmar Drive, over the South Fork of the Rivanna River, Albemarle County as the "Rio Mills Bridge"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Albemarle County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief
Bridge Naming: “Rio Mills Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 1403, Berkmar Drive, over the South Fork of the Rivanna River, Albemarle County as the “Rio Mills Bridge”.

Facts: Albemarle County enacted a resolution on July 3, 2019 to recognize the historic events creating the Rio Mills community. The Rio Mills community was established in the 1820s when William H. Meriwether built a mill downstream from the present-day South Rivanna Reservoir dam where the former Harrisonburg-Charlottesville Turnpike crossed the South Fork of the Rivanna River and a short distance from the current crossing of Berkmar Drive over the South Fork of the Rivanna River. The construction of additional water-powered mills producing significant amounts of flour, cornmeal and lumber marked Rio Mills as an important local industry. The covered bridge and gristmill located there were burned in 1864 following the Battle of Rio Hill during the American Civil War.

Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on Route 1403, Berkmar Drive, over the South Fork of the Rivanna River, Albemarle County will be named as the “Rio Mills Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Albemarle County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.

Albemarle County

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South Fork of the
Rivanna River

1403



Maintenance Division

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BRIDGE NAMING RESOLUTION

BRIDGE NAMING OF ROUTE 1403, BERKMAR DRIVE, OVER THE SOUTH FORK OF THE RIVANNA RIVER IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY AS THE RIO MILLS BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Rio Mills community was established in the 1820s when William H. Meriwether built a mill downstream from the present-day South Rivanna Reservoir dam where the former Harrisonburg-Charlottesville Turnpike crossed the South Fork of the Rivanna River and a short distance from the current crossing of Berkmar Drive over the South Fork of the Rivanna; and

WHEREAS, the construction of additional water-powered mills producing significant amounts of flour, cornmeal and lumber marked Rio Mills as an important local industry; and

WHEREAS, the covered bridge and gristmill were burned in 1864 following the Battle of Rio Hill; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize these historic events; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 1403, Berkmar Drive, over the South Fork of the Rivanna River in Albemarle County as the Rio Mills Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors agrees that the County of Albemarle, Virginia will pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors by a vote of six to zero, as recorded below, at a meeting held on July 3, 2019.


Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Dill	<u>Y</u>	___
Mr. Gallaway	<u>Y</u>	___
Ms. Mallek	<u>Y</u>	___
Ms. McKeel	<u>Y</u>	___
Ms. Palmer	<u>Y</u>	___
Mr. Randolph	<u>Y</u>	___