

The Mid Shore Regional Council Executive Board held a scheduled meeting on November 18, 2015. It was held at the MSRC office. Executive Board members present included: Walter Chase, Allen Nelson, Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Kurt Fuchs, Dirck Bartlett and Delegate Johnny Mautz. MSRC staff present was Scott Warner and Terry Deighan.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Approval of May 19, 2015 Minutes

The first order of business was to obtain approval of the May 19, 2015 minutes. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve, that motion was seconded by Mr. Fuchs. Chairman Chase stated "all in favor signify by stating aye, aye; all opposed have the same rights; ayes have it". Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of June 3, 2015 Closed Executive Session Minutes

The next order of business was approval of the June 3, 2015 executive session minutes. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve, Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated "all in favor signify by stating aye, aye; all opposed have the same rights; ayes have it". Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

MSRC Treasurer Kurt Fuchs presented the current Treasurer's Report stating all income and expenditures are on track, nothing out of the ordinary to report. Being no questions Mr. Bartlett made a motion to approve, Delegate Mautz seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated "all in favor signify by stating aye, aye; all opposed have the same rights; ayes have it". Motion carried unanimously.

MSRC FY14 independent financial statements

Mr. Warner stated this statement covers FY14. It is similar to past year's statements. The group took a few minutes to review the statement; being no questions or comments about the document Mr. Fuchs made a motion to accept the document, Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated "all in favor signify by stating aye, aye; all opposed have the same rights; ayes have it", the document was accepted into record unanimously.

Ratification of electronic vote "Approval of the MSRC to partner with the Talbot County Extension office by being the grantee on a MAERDAF grant request to conduct webinars for the Women in Agriculture program."

Mr. Warner reminded the Board that he received five responses from the Executive Board and all were to "Accept" the request. Ms. Haddaway-Riccio

made a motion to ratify the vote, Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated “all in favor signify by stating aye, aye; all opposed have the same rights; ayes have it”. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of electronic vote “Resolution accepting the MTA FY16 MTA Coordination Grant”

Mr. Warner stated he had received six responses from the Executive Board regarding this resolution and all were to “Accept”. Mr. Nelson made a motion to ratify the vote, Delegate Mautz seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated “all in favor signify by stating aye, aye; all opposed have the same rights; ayes have it”. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of electronic vote “Approval of the MSRC to partner with the Talbot County Extension office by being the grantee on a Women and Girls Fund grant request to execute Annie’s Project.”

Mr. Warner stated he received six responses from the Executive Board regarding this electronic vote and all were to “Accept”. Ms. Haddaway-Riccio made a motion to ratify the vote, Delegate Mautz seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated “all in favor signify by stating aye, aye; all opposed have the same rights; ayes have it”. Motion carried unanimously.

MSRC membership

Mr. Warner stated that following the request of the MSRC Executive Board during the last meeting, he spoke with Russell Brinsfield regarding his continued service on the MSRC Board. Mr. Brinsfield said he would like to continue to serve on the MSRC.

Also, the new Talbot County Municipal representative is Rosalee Potter, Trappe Town Council. She has taken Mr. Chases’ old seat.

The private business representative from Dorchester County is still vacant. During the last MSRC Executive Board meeting Allen Nelson recommended Mike LeMire from Miles & Stockbridge to fill the seat as the replacement for Anne Fleming. Mr. Warner has not had a chance to meet with Mr. LeMire yet, but he will do so in the near future. The Executive Board was in approval of this action.

Discuss/approve recommendation of the 2016 MSRC Executive Board

Mr. Warner reminded the Board Members of the automatic changes to the Vice Chair positions that occur due to the MSRC By-Laws. They are 1st Vice Chair will be Caroline County, 2nd Vice Chair will be Dorchester County, and 3rd Vice Chair will be Talbot County. After a brief discussion the following 2016 MSRC Executive Board slate was proposed.

- Chairman: Walter Chase
- First Vice-Chairman: Dan Franklin (Caroline)
- Second Vice-Chairman: Ricky Travers (Dorchester)
- Third Vice-Chairman: Dirck Bartlett (Talbot)
- Secretary: Allen Nelson
- Treasurer: Kurt Fuchs
- General Assembly: Addie Eckardt

- Member-at-large: Gale Nashold
- Member-at-large: Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio

Mr. Nelson made a motion to accept the slate as presented, Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated “all in favor signify by stating aye, aye; all opposed have the same rights; ayes have it”. The slate was passed unanimously. This proposed slate will be presented to the full Council at their December 10, 2015 meeting for their approval.

Update

Health Cluster’s Economic Impact Work Group

Mr. Warner stated that as the MSRC has been exploring various ways to create a Health Cluster’s Economic Impact Work Group, he has recently taken into account current relationships the MSRC has with individuals who could be instrumental on becoming part of the Work Group. He shared these individuals with the Chairman Chase and he was in favor; therefore, Chairman Chase and Mr. Warner want to share them with the Executive Board before they move forward with a meeting. The individuals are:

- Mike Silgen
 - Retired
 - Over 20 years experience in the health insurance industry to include all lines such as commercial, Medicare, Medicaid, Major Medical and Managed Care with Blue Cross Blue Shield United of Wisconsin, MetLife Health Care, Aurora Health Care and United Health Care.
 - Over 16 years in the hospital industry with Rush-Presbyterian System, Wuesthoff System, Centra Health and Shore Health System/University of Maryland Medical System
 - His focus throughout his career has been market development and growth through positioning of products and heavy involvement with physician partnerships and contracting.
- Tom McLoughlin
 - Retired
 - 40 years of experience that spanned high profile activities in rural and metropolitan communities
 - CEO, Union City Memorial, Union City, PA
 - CEO, Millcreek Community Hospital, Millcreek, PA
 - CEO, Hillcrest Hospital, New York, NY
 - Current Board Memberships include:
 - Rural Maryland Council, Health Committee Chairman
 - Maryland Rural Health Association
 - Choptank Community Health System
 - Eastern Shore AHEC (Area Health Education Center)

- Tony Kern
 - Retired
 - Deloitte & Touche U.S. Deputy Managing Partner
 - Price Waterhouse Coopers, Global Managing Partner, Technology, Media, Telecom
 - Arthur Anderson, Regional Managing Partner, Southeast Region
 - ESEC Loan Review Committee member
 - Creating partner of PinOak Capital Investment Group
 - Easton Economic Development Corporation Board member

The Executive Board unanimously agreed that Chairman Chase and Mr. Warner should move forward on conducting a discussion with this group regarding a health cluster's economic impact. Mr. Nelson, who is part of the original Work Group, offered to be part of the meeting.

In addition Delegate Mautz mentioned another individual who may be advantageous in becoming part of a regional discussion as the MSRC moves forward. He will forward the contact information to Mr. Warner.

(Dirck Bartlett, Delegate Mautz and Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio had to leave.)

Presentations

Chesapeake Harvest

The first presentation was given by Tony Kern. He gave the Board an overview of Chesapeake Harvest as he is one of the Easton Economic Development Corporation Board member's who is working on this project. Chesapeake Harvest is a business entity designed to market and distribute regionally grown, harvested and prepared consumer foods from the Eastern Shore to major metropolitan markets. He shared some ideas and what the organization hopes to accomplish, but stated that it is a work in progress and they are always searching for more information and ideas to further the project.

ESEC/hotDesks

The second presentation given was by ESEC Executive Director Mike Thielke. He discussed the new ESEC initiative F3 Tech (Farm, Fish, Food) and introduced a possible Eastern Shore regional mission. Mr. Thielke and Mr. Warner shared the concepts of the initiative and regional mission as well as the feedback they have been receiving as they have shared this with over twenty opinion leaders throughout the region.

Upcoming Event

Mr. Chase stated that the next full council MSRC meeting will be December 10, 2015 at the Hyatt in Cambridge. It is during the MACo Conference. There will be a MSRC quarterly meeting starting at 11:15 a.m., followed by a joint luncheon meeting with the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore (TCCLES) and Upper Shore Regional Council (USRC).

Member comments/requests

None

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Fuchs, and unanimously accepted.