

Action Items

The MSRC Executive Board meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m., by Chairman Dirck Bartlett. Members in attendance included Andy Hollis, Jeff Ghrist, Allen Nelson, Walter Chase, Ricky Travers and Gale Nashold. (Mr. Nashold arrived at 5 p.m.) MSRC staff present were Scott Warner and Terry Deighan.

Approval of December 3, 2012 Minutes

The first action item was approval of the December 3, 2012 Minutes. Mr. Ghrist made a motion to approve that was seconded by Mr. Chase and the Minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Financial Report

In Treasurer Fuchs' absence Mr. Warner presented the current Treasurer's Report stating all expenses are on track at this time. Mr. Hollis motioned to accept the report as presented, Mr. Ghrist seconded the motion and the report was accepted into record by unanimous consent.

New member to the Council

Mr. Warner stated the MSRC will need a private business representative from Talbot County as Mike Zimmerman is resigning because of a work promotion that requires him to be out of the area most of the time. Mike Silgen also of Shore Health System is willing to serve in his place. Mr. Warner sited that Mr. Silgen's bio is in the meeting packets. After a brief discussion Mr. Nelson motioned to allow Mike Silgen to replace Mike Zimmerman, Mr. Hollis seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous consent. Mr. Silgen will be invited to attend the next full board meeting to be held on March 14.

Old Business***Regional Medical Facility***

Mr. Warner stated that EDA sent a letter dated January 28, 2013 requesting some additional information on the grant application. Talbot County responded on both February 13, 2013 and February 19, 2013 to the request.

hotDesks

Mr. Warner stated the Salisbury hotDesk location at the Tri-County Council Lower Eastern Shore (TCCLES) building has established an advisory council; it

has been furnished and has opened. The ribbon cutting will be in April. On January 22, 2013 Scott and Mike Thielke met with the Talbot County Council in Executive Session to discuss hotDesks and the partnership to open a location in the back of their building located at 142 North Harrison Street in Easton. Presently, the MSRC and ESEC are waiting for the county to respond to the draft MOU. Mr. Hollis stated he will follow up with the county attorney, Mr. Pullen, on the issue.

Oyster Recovery in Maryland Initiative

Mr. Warner explained this initiative was for technical assistance in an effort to advance and increase oyster aquaculture as a good-paying employment alternative for the region's watermen and entrepreneurs. The initiative highlights the best practices demonstrated by the Hooper's Island Oyster Aquaculture Company. Mr. Travers and Mr. Warner explained the company's processes to the Executive Committee. Mr. Warner stated that the EDA grant application was ultimately withdrawn.

Delmarva Technology Transfer Initiative (DT2i)

Mr. Warner explained that through a precedent-setting collaboration of four regional community colleges, DT2i strives to advance an understanding and utilization of technology transfer, lean product development and advanced manufacturing throughout the Delmarva Peninsula for the growth and future sustainability of the region's manufacturers.

The four community colleges participating are Chesapeake College, Wor-Wic Community College, Delaware Technical Community College and the Eastern Shore Community College in Virginia.

A grant application to EDA was submitted in September 2012 but it was decided not to continue to pursue this particular application. All future grants will be submitted by the consortium. The MOU signing took place at Wor-Wic Community College on January 29, 2013.

New Business

Mid Shore CEDS revision in FY14

Mr. Warner is seeking direction on cleaning up the existing CEDS that would include purging existing projects. He stated he envisions possibly condensing the analysis section and incorporating the new economic development plans from the counties. Dorchester and Talbot Counties are currently finalizing their plans and Caroline County is examining their economic development plans as the Caroline Economic Development Corporation Executive Director JOK Walsh will be retiring in June 2013. A CEDS revision would include changing the look of the document with more pictures and graphics. Possibly making an electronic version that would be more interactive and include links to videos. Talk has been initiated to making a CEDS app. A very insightful dialog opened up among the Committee where it ended up the consensus being to recommend to the MSRC full committee on March 14 to clean up the document with the assistance of the ESRGC and BEACON being mindful to preserve what is important to EDA.

Health Cluster's Economic Impact Work Group

Mr. Warner stated the goal would be to establish an ongoing dialog with the health industry to aid its stability and growth within the region. The Work Group would be a proactive group made up of various representatives such as members of the MSRC, elected officials, private business, doctors, nurses, technicians and support industries. The Work Group could meet three to four times per year and meet periodically with TCCLES Healthcare Committee. The group could examine existing situations/challenges within the health field industries. To support the MSRC with facilitating the Work Group, Mr. Warner informed the Executive Board that the ESRGC and BEACON are willing to provide assistance.

A very enthusiastic dialog took place among the Executive Board. The discussion covered various issues of this regional economic engine, but not only the economic needs related to the supply chain. The Board addressed other health related concerns such as what would happen if certain facilities would be closed or moved. This brought up the possibility of this Work Group having a subcommittee.

The conclusion was that the Executive Board wanted this item to be on the MSRC March 14 full Council meeting agenda so it could be explored further.

Other matters

None

Member comments/requests

None

Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Ghrist, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:28 p.m.