

The Mid Shore Regional Council held a scheduled quarterly meeting on December 10, 2015. The meeting was held at the Hyatt in Cambridge, prior to our joint luncheon with members of both the Upper and Lower Shore Regional Councils. Members in attendance included Dirck Bartlett, Walter Chase, Don Satterfield, Chuck Callahan, Dan Franklin, Jerome Stanley, Maria D'Arcy, Robert Hanson, Kurt Fuchs, Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Delegate Johnny Mautz, Senator Addie Eckardt and Burton Wilson. Guests in attendance included Santos Grande from DCS, Sandra Trippe-Jones of Cambridge, Special Secretary – Governor's office Minority Affairs Jimmy Rhee, Governor's Business Ombudsman Roger Campos, Debra Bowden new DBED representative, Economic Development Directors Angela Visintainer (Caroline), Paige Bethke (Talbot), Charlotte Davis of the RMC, Bill McGowan from USDA, Senator Cardin representative Kimberly Kratovil, Senator Mikulski's representative Linda Prochaska and Congressman Harris' representative Denise Lovelady. MSRC staff present was Scott Warner and Terry Deighan.

Chairman Chase called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m. at which time introductions were made. Mr. Warner announced Chairman Chase was carrying Delegate Chris Adams' proxy. Mr. Warner also stated that he was in possession of electronic votes from Carolyn Spicher and Dan Rider who could not attend in person due to other obligations.

Approval of September 17, 2015 Minutes

The first order of business was to obtain approval of the September 17, 2015 minutes. Mr. Fuchs made a motion to approve, Mr. Stanley seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated all in favor signify by stating aye, all opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Executive Board May 19, 2015 Minutes

Chairman Chase stated the minutes from the MSRC Executive Board meeting of May 19, 2015 were in everyone's packets and asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none he asked for a motion to ratify. Ms. Haddaway-Riccio made a motion to ratify the minutes, Senator Eckardt seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated all in favor signify by stating aye, all opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fuchs presented the current Treasurer's Report stating all expenses and receivables are on track. Chairman Chase asked for a motion to accept the report into record. Mr. Satterfield made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated all in favor signify by stating aye, all opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates

Chairman Chase asked the Council if anyone had questions regarding any of the following:

- Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC)
- Maryland Broadband Cooperative
- Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center (ESEC)
- Maryland Upper Shore Transit (MUST)

There were no questions about the initiatives/programs listed; however, a discussion did ensue regarding the status/progress of the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health (UMSRH) plans to construct the regional medical facility. UMSRH communication to their intentions was a center point of the discussion.

New Business

2016 Meeting Dates

Chairman Chase stated a list of tentative meeting dates has been established and the list is in your folders, please save these dates to your calendars. They are:

- Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – Talbot County
- Thursday, June 9, 2016 – Caroline County
- Thursday, September 15, 2016 – MSRC meeting and tour prior to Joint Regional Councils' Meeting / Tour
- Thursday, December 8, 2016 – Dorchester County

Officer Selection

Mr. Warner stated at the November 18 MSRC Executive Board meeting the members discussed and are unanimously recommending the proposed slate for the 2016 officers of the MSRC.

2016 Proposed Executive Board Members

- 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

Chairman Chase asked if anyone had any suggestions or changes, being none a motion will be entertained to accept the slate as presented. Mr. Satterfield made a motion to accept the slate, Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated all in favor signify by stating aye, all opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. The 2016 Executive Board Members were unanimously approved as presented.

Upcoming Event

Mr. Warner stated the next Mid Shore Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 12:00pm at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton.

Announcements/comments

Ms. Haddaway Riccio stated that the Governor and the Comptroller will be in Easton on December 11th shopping locally and invited anyone to join them.

Ms. Prochaska stated that the Senator's office was in receipt of a letter stating Talbot County will not be accepting federal money for the hospital project.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 11:50 a.m., so the joint luncheon could begin.

Joint Regional Councils Luncheon Agenda

Speakers

- Governor's Office
 - Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Director, Governor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Roger Campos, Governor's Business Ombudsman
 - Jimmy Rhee, Special Secretary, Governor's Office of Minority Affairs
- USDA Rural Development
 - Bill McGowan, State Director of Maryland and Delaware

State Funding – FY2017

- Regional councils
- Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund

Upcoming Event

- "Taste of the Eastern Shore" legislative reception at the Loews Hotel in Annapolis on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 5:30pm
 - On the same day will be the Rural Maryland Council Advocacy Day in Annapolis starting at 8:30am