

The Mid-Shore Regional Council held a scheduled Executive Board meeting on November 27, 2018 at the Mid-Shore Regional Council office. MSRC Executive Board members in attendance were Walter Chase, Delegate Johnny Mautz, James Redman, Kurt Fuchs, Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio and Allen Nelson. MSRC staff present was Scott Warner and Terry Deighan.

Chairman Chase called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Warner was in possession of electronic votes from Ricky Travers who could not attend in person due to other obligations.

Action Items

Approval of May 18, 2018 Minutes

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve, Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights; ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of May 18, 2018 Closed Executive Session Minutes with the attached Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation May 15, 2018 meeting minutes

Mr. Fuchs made a motion to approve, Delegate Mautz seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights; ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously

Financial Report

Mr. Fuchs, MSRC Treasurer, presented the current treasurer's report. He stated all income and expenses are on track. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the November 27, 2018 financial report; Ms. Haddaway-Riccio seconded the motion. Chairman Chase asked if there is any further discussion? All in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights; ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of electronic votes

“Resolution accepting the MTA FY19 MTA Coordination Grant”

Mr. Warner stated that he received 6 responses from the Executive Board; all were marked “Accept.” Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve

the Resolution; Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. Chairman Chase asked any further discussion? All in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights; ayes have it. Motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Haddaway-Riccio recused herself from the vote.

“Recommendation for Scott Warner to continue to serve as the Mid-Shore Regional Council’s Member Delegate to the Maryland Broadband Cooperative, Inc.” and “Recommendation for Scott Warner to be nominated to the Maryland Broadband Cooperative’s Board of Directors for a two-year term.”

Mr. Warner stated he had received 8 responses from the Executive Board; all were marked “Accept.” Mr. Fuchs made a motion to approve, Delegate Mautz seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion? All in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights; ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss/approve recommendation of the 2019 MSRC Executive Board

Mr. Warner stated that Russ Brinsfield sent an email in June resigning from the MSRC since he has not been able to contribute; therefore, the MSRC is back to 25 voting members; 40 total members.

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. Additionally, he stated that the General Assembly member will be Senator Addie Eckardt. After a discussion the following 2019 MSRC Executive Board slate was proposed.

- Chairman: Walter Chase
- First Vice-Chairman: Dan Franklin (Caroline)
- Second Vice-Chairman: Ricky Travers (Dorchester)
- Third Vice-Chairman: Chuck Callahan (Talbot)
- Secretary: Allen Nelson
- Treasurer: Kurt Fuchs
- General Assembly: Addie Eckardt
- Member-at-large: Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio
- Member-at-large: James Redman

Mr. Nelson made a motion to accept the Executive Board slate as presented, Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. Chairman Chase asked if there was any further discussion. All in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights; ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously. The proposed slate will be presented to the full Council at their December 6, 2018 meeting for consideration.

New Items for Discussion

Mr. Warner gave the following updates:

Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund projects update

Eastern Shore Index:

Work has begun on the Eastern Shore Index. The Eastern Shore Index Advisory Committee has had their first meeting and is communicating with the ESRGC. Members of the advisory committee include representatives from the MSRC, TCCLES, county economic development offices, USWIB, and ESEC.

Education Dashboard has been released/distributed. The releases went to the MSRC on August 30, 2018, MSRC's big distribution list on November 2, 2018, and public school superintendents throughout the state on November 7, 2018.

Healthcare Dashboard was released on both dates: April 4, 2018 and July 3, 2018. Mr. Warner is communicating with Joe Ciotola regarding how the Rural Health Collaborative may want to use the dashboard.

Agricultural GIS Extension:

The ESRGC is continuing to market and promote this service.

GIS Circuit Rider:

The ESRGC team of Logan Hall (GIS Analyst) and Jeremy Gencavage (GIS Technician) are in the process of meeting with counties and municipalities to introduce the initiative.

Housing Quality Studies:

The work by the ESRGC is complete. Denton, Easton, Goldsboro, and Henderson have all received their respective studies.

Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center (ESEC):

F3 Tech Accelerator is going great. hotDesks is growing. Mike Thielke, ESEC executive director, is scheduled to give a brief update at the MSRC meeting next week.

Shore Gourmet / Chesapeake Culinary Center:

This partnership is moving forward on several fronts including:

- Packaging of local products – Dehydration and freeze drying
- Savor Maryland gift boxes to promote local producers cheese and wine
- Medicinal herbs
- Aquaculture including oysters and seaweed
- Working with UMES (Princess Anne and Wye Research Center), University of Maryland Cooperative Extension
- One Sheet Meals – distributing over 1,100 per month

Annie's Project:

This project starts in the beginning of 2019.

Regional Marketing

The Mid-Shore Regional Marketing Plan Committee is working with the consultant to develop the initial rollout of this initiative. The Committee is continuing to meet to discuss this regional concept. The Committee consists of the three county economic development offices.

The MSRC will sponsor the Taste of Eastern Shore legislative reception which will be held in Annapolis on February 14, 2019.

- The Regional Marketing Initiative will have a table at the event.

CEDS – Economic Resiliency

The consultant has done their work and the recommended economic resiliency element will be presented to the CEDS Committee at their January meeting.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant proposal meeting

Mr. Warner stated that he received an email on November 6, 2018 from representatives of the Healthy Waters Workgroup, which is facilitated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and supported by Maryland Department of the Environment. The Workgroup consists of 2 Counties (Talbot & Queen Anne), 2 Cities (Salisbury & Cambridge), and 2 Towns (Easton & Oxford). They are working collaboratively to pool resources and implement storm water management solutions in each of our jurisdictions.

The Healthy Waters Workgroup would like to discuss with Mr. Warner the possibility of the Mid-Shore Regional Council acting as a host organization for an upcoming Maryland Department of Natural Resource (DNR) Trust Fund grant proposal. A meeting to discuss this is set for 11:00 a.m. today (November 27). Mr. Warner will inform the MSRC Executive Board of the discussion as needed.

MSRC Bylaws

Mr. Warner recently noticed in Article VI (Officers) that not all the county's representatives get a chance to serve as Second Vice-Chair of the MSRC.

Section 5: The offices of First, Second and Third Vice-Chairman shall rotate annually county by county according to the following order: in the first year the First, Second and Third Vice-Chairman shall be Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot respectively; the second year – Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline; the third year – Dorchester, Talbot and Caroline; and beginning with the fourth year the process shall be repeated.

Current:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
1st Vice Chair	Caroline	Talbot	Dorchester
2nd Vice Chair	Dorchester	Dorchester	Talbot
3rd Vice Chair	Talbot	Caroline	Caroline

Proposal is to adjust Year 2 and switch Caroline and Dorchester:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
1st Vice Chair	Caroline	Talbot	Dorchester
2nd Vice Chair	Dorchester	Caroline	Talbot
3rd Vice Chair	Talbot	Dorchester	Caroline

Mr. Warner stated that this is just something to think about. The MSRC can only make amendments to the bylaws when "...notice of the meeting and the text of the proposed amendments has been provided to all voting members of the Council at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the meeting at which approval of the proposed amendments is requested."

The board members discussed this change and agreed that the bylaws should be adjusted to have each county serve as 2nd Vice Chair. This would just require Article VI Section 5 to be adjusted from "...the second year – Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline;" to "...the second year – Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester".

Mr. Nelson made a motion to change the bylaws as stated, Mr. Redman seconded the motion. Chairman Chase asked if there was any further discussion. All in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights; ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously. The proposed change will be presented to the full Council for consideration.

Upcoming Events

The next Mid-Shore Regional Council meeting will be held on December 6, 2018 (Thursday) at 5:00pm at Delmarva Community Services in Cambridge. Untangled Minds co-founders Nicole Mihalos (executive director) and Alan Stein (owner of Tanglewood Conservatories) will be presenting.

The Eastern Shore Regional Councils Joint Luncheon will be held on January 3, 2019 (Thursday) at 11:30am at the Hyatt in Cambridge during the MACo Winter Conference.

The Mid Shore Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) meeting will be held on January 7, 2019 (Monday) at 12:00pm at the Talbot County Free Library, Easton.

Additional Agenda Item

Rural Health Collaborative

Mr. Warner had an addition to the agenda. He said that Frieda Wadley, Talbot County Health Officer, recently contacted him to check to see if he could serve on the Rural Health Collaborative. This is the second such request. She added that if he could not serve on the Collaborative, perhaps he could serve on the transportation workgroup. He told her he would bring it up with the MSRC Executive Board at this meeting. After a discussion it was determined that Mr. Warner already has a very full workload and the Board would not be in favor of him serving. Mr. Nelson made a motion that Mr. Warner not serve on the Rural Health Collaborative's Board or transportation workgroup at this time, Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. Chairman Chase asked if there was any further discussion. All in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights; ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously. It was suggested that Mr. Warner should assist the Collaborative as a source of information as requested.

Member comments/requests

Mr. Fuchs stated that MidAtlantic Farm Credit has fifteen \$10,000 scholarships targeted for students studying in the field of agriculture. The only requirement is that the applicant has to live in the MidAtlantic Farm Credit service area. Information is available at www.mafc.com.

Delegate Mautz mentioned the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates also have scholarships to award.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. by unanimous consent.