

Rural Maryland Council (RMC)  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Via Conference Call  
September 26, 2013  
**Minutes**

RMC Executive Committee members present:

Scott Warner, Chair  
Doris Mason, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Tom McLoughlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Executive Board members present:

Mike Thielke, Eastern Shore Entrepreneur Center  
Mike Pennington, Tri-County Council of Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland

Staff members present:

Charlotte Davis, RMC Executive Director  
Robert Bernhard

Minutes:

The May 3, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting and August 29, 2013 Executive Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. McLoughlin moved to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes; Thielke seconded; motion approved.

Financial Report:

Ms. Davis presented the Fiscal Year 2014 to date. The report showed total revenue for the year at \$303,356.66 and expenses to date at \$55,356.59.

Legislative Committee Report:

There is still has a vacancy of Chair. The RMC Chair has made an announcement for volunteers.

RMPIF Report:

Efforts will be made to reach out to Chairman Conway. Mr. Pennington will also talk about it during TCCLES meeting. The RMC Executive Director will send out information to the regional councils.

Healthcare Committee report:

The Committee is waiting for an interim report from the Telemedicine Task Forces and the Regional Delivery of Health care in the Rural Areas workgroup with the Maryland Health Care Commission. Warner, Mason, Pennington and Davis attended the last meeting. There was a brief discussion about the upcoming implementation of Health Benefit Exchange.

Rural Action Assembly report:

Mr. Pennington will moderate the Legislative Panel during the Action Assembly to be held on October 17th and 18th.

The Committee discussed questions to present to legislators during the Legislative discussion.

Possible questions include:

- What is developing in Phosphorus regulations?
- Where are Bay Restoration Funds being spent?
- How can we partner with federal, local, ISPs to get to the last mile in broadband?
- What are we going to do to help youth find jobs? What is going to be on the table? What partners need to be at the table?

#### 2014 Executive Board Nominations:

The proposed officers and board slate was presented for comment. Ms. Mason agreed to reach out to the Executive Director of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Warner agreed to reach out to the Executive Director of the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce for possible membership on the Executive Board.

#### Issue Forums:

The Committee discussed the possibility of regional forums held in the different rural areas in the State.

#### RMC Annual Report:

The FY2013 RMC Annual Report was presented for comments.

#### 2014 Calendar:

The Committee discussed the 2014 draft calendar and the below dates:

#### Executive Board

Friday, January 24, 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm – Legislative Luncheon, Miller Senate Building, Annapolis

Friday, March 28, 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm – Quarterly Meeting, Miller Senate Building, Annapolis

Wednesday, August 20, 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm – Quarterly Meeting, MDA, Annapolis (or Alternative location)

Thursday, November 13 and Friday, November 14 - Annual Meeting, Location and Time TBD

Thursday, November 6 and Friday, November 7 – Alternative dates, Annual Meeting

#### Executive Committee

Friday, January 3

Friday, March 14

Thursday, August 7

Friday, October 24

The Executive Committee meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 pm.

Next Meeting: January 3, 2014 at 12:00pm