

Annual Meeting of the Rural Maryland Council (RMC) Executive Board
Monday, November 28, 2016, 5pm – 7pm,
Quiet Waters Park, Blue Heron Center, Annapolis, MD
Meeting Minutes

Participants:

Peggy Alpert
Mike Binko
Richard C. Blair
Audrey Clemens
William Clemens
Barb Cooke
Santo Grande
John Hartline
Josh Hastings
Dale Hawks
Rick Hemphill
Wilbur Levengood
Denise Lovelady
Doris Mason
Erroll Mattox
William McGowan
Steve McHenry
Tom McLoughlin
Alicia Moran
Rory Murray
Mary O'Keeffe
Temi Oshiyoye

Ross Peddicord
Michael Pennington
Steve Pennington
Bruce Perrygo
Linda Prochaska
Odette Ramos
Joanne Richart-Young
Alice Settle-Raskin
Emily Snyder
Cindy Stone
Matthew Teffeau
Mike Thielke
Don VanHassent
Gary Van Wicklen
Scott Warner
Dave Wilson
Lara Wilson
Jennifer Witten

RMC Staff:

Executive Director,
Charlotte Davis
Program Administrator,
Meredith Donaho

Invited Guest:

Secretary David Brinkley

Chair Doris Mason called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Chair Mason asked the participants to review the minutes from the prior Executive Board meeting on September 30, 2016 and called for a motion to accept the minutes. Santo Grande made a motion to accept, Scott Warner seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The minutes from the September 30, 2016 Executive Board Meeting were accepted.

Rural Impact Awards Ceremony

Chair Mason introduced the first item on the agenda, presentation of the Rural Impact Awards Ceremony. Josh Hastings presented the Outstanding Rural Supporter award to Chair Doris Mason. Chair Mason presented the Outstanding Rural Community Involvement Award to resigning RMC Health Care Committee Chair, Tom McLoughlin. Chair Mason also presented special guest, Maryland Department of Budget and Management Secretary David Brinkley with the Rural Champion Award.

Committee Reports

Financial

Charlotte Davis provided a financial report of the Council. The Council has \$332,901.65 in available operating revenue; the Council is in a good financial position. To date, the Council has spent 15% of its available funds.

Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF)

Scott Warner, Chair of the RMPIF Committee, provided an update on RMPIF. Chair Warner discussed a copy of the press release announcing the FY2017 RMPIF awardees. Grant agreements and disbursements have been provided to all awardees. An interim report is due from all awardees on January 25, 2017. It is expected that next year funds received for RMPIF will increase to \$4 million. The RMPIF Committee will meet in 2017 to discuss lessons learned and modifications to the grant guidelines.

Health Care

Tom McLoughlin, Chair of the RMC Health Care Committee, presented a copy of the RMC Health Care Committee Executive Summary for all activities and meetings from 2016-2017. Chair McLoughlin reported that the Health Care Committee accomplished its three main objectives, and asked for a motion from the Executive Board to approve the Executive Summary. A motion was made to accept by Josh Hastings, the motion was seconded by Mike Thielke; all were in favor and the RMC Health Care Committee Executive Summary was accepted unanimously. Chair McLoughlin introduced Lara Wilson, who will be co-chairing with Rodney Glotfelty for the Health Care Committee in 2017.

Legislative

Josh Hastings, Legislative Committee Chair, shared a copy of the RMC 2017 Legislative Priorities and provided an overview of the priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Chair Hastings concluded by asking the Executive Board for nominations for the Legislative Committee Chair.

Joint Planning and Development

Mike Thielke, Chair of the RMC/RMF Joint Planning and Development Committee, provided an overview of the RMC Strategic Plan for 2017-2020. Chair Thielke discussed the four goals provided in the strategic plan, as well as mentioned several projects that align with the goals that the RMC will be working on

within the next year, including the Transfer of Wealth Study and hosting the Partners for Rural America Conference in September 2017.

Rural Maryland Foundation (RMF)

Charlotte Davis provided an update of the RMF; RMF President, Dan Rider, was unavailable to provide an update. The RMF's next meeting will be Thursday, December 15, 2016 via conference call. Proposals for the Transfer of Wealth Study have been received, and a Transfer of Wealth Study Work Group will discuss the proposals via conference call on Friday, December 16, 2016, 10am-12pm. It was also announced that Tuesday, November 29th is Giving Tuesday, and the RMF has a link made available on its website to receive online donations.

Governor's Intergovernmental Commission on Agriculture (GICA)

Erroll Mattox, GICA Committee Chair, presented an update that the Committee received information from the last GICA Meeting on the Maryland Department of Planning's efforts to map fragmented farmland. The Committee also received information and a presentation on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Bee Pollinator Plan.

Executive Director's Report

Charlotte Davis shared a copy of the FY2016 Annual Report, and provided an overview of 2017 Calendar of Events made available for all participants via hard copy. It was also announced that the 2016 Grow Maryland Summit will be held Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club. The RMC is co-partnering with Grow and Fortify to present the conference.

Chairperson's Report

RMC Strategic Plan

Chair Doris Mason presented an overview of the 2017 RMC Strategic Plan. For each of the four goals presented in the plan, objectives, metrics, strategies, and key actions with designated responsible parties and due dates were defined. Chair Mason also presented the revised vision for the RMC and details for each of the four main goals.

Nominating Committee

Mike Pennington, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a copy of an updated roster for the RMC Officers and Executive Board. Erroll Mattox will be assuming the position of 2nd Vice Chair and Chair of the Governor's Intergovernmental Commission on Agriculture (GICA). Josh Hastings also has been nominated to the position of Chair of the RMC. Chair Pennington requested a motion to accept Josh Hastings as Chair and the updated roster. A motion was made by Erroll Mattox to accept, the motion was seconded by Matt Tefteau; all were in favor and Josh Hastings was elected as the new RMC Board Chair unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 29, 2017, 12pm -2pm, President's Conference Center West, Miller Senate Building