

Minutes

Rural Maryland Council Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:00 pm to 3:00 p.m.
Conference Call

Participants:

Josh Hastings, Chair

Matt Teffeau, Second Vice Chair

Mike Pennington, Nominating Committee Chair

Scott Warner, RMPIF Committee Chair

Dan Rider, Rural Maryland Foundation

Mike Thielke, Joint Planning and Development
Committee Chair

RMC Staff:

Charlotte Davis, Executive Director

Meredith Donaho, Program Administrator

Amanda Clevenger, Administrative Assistant

Chair Hastings called the meeting to order at approximately 2:07 pm.

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The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 15, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting. No comments or suggestions for revisions were made. A motion was made by Scott Warner to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Pennington, and all were in favor. The minutes from the May 15, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting were accepted unanimously.

Financials – FY17 Budget

Charlotte Davis presented the FY2017 Budget as of June 12, 2017 and a draft of the FY2018 budget. The Rural Maryland Council has total operating available revenue of \$52,957.21. The Council will have a surplus of funds and has received sponsorship requests from several organizations, including Harry R. Hughes Agro-Ecology Center (\$4,813), University of Maryland Small Farms Conference (\$8,790), Start-Up Maryland (\$50,000), and Compass Regional Hospice (various levels). The Council has also received a grant request for \$15,000 from the Rural Maryland Foundation to support Phase 2 of the Transfer of Wealth Study, and an invoice for \$4,000.00 to sponsor the Tawes Crab and Clam Bake on behalf of the Somerset County Economic Development Commission.

The Executive Committee reviewed the sponsorships and proposed the following levels:

- Rural Maryland Foundation Transfer of Wealth Study (TOW) Phase 2: \$15,000.00
- Harry R. Hughes Agro-Ecology Center Assisting Local Municipalities with Water Quality Improvement Projects Sponsorship: \$4,500.00
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore Small Farms Conference Sponsorship: \$4,000.00
- Tawes Crab and Clam Bake Sponsorship: \$4,000.00
- Compass Regional Hospice: \$500.00
- Start-Up Maryland: \$0.00, No sponsorship funding at this time

The Committee also agreed that the remainder of surplus funds (\$10,000.00) be used to provide a pre-payment for the 2017 Rural Summit at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel (\$5,000.00) and O'Calloghan's Hotel for the Partners for Rural America Conference (\$5,000).

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Chair Hastings asked for a motion to approve the sponsorship amounts and allocation of the surplus funds. Scott Warner made a motion to accept. Matt Teffeu seconded the motion, all were in favor. The sponsorship amounts and allocation of the surplus funds were unanimously accepted.

With no other business to discuss, Chair Hastings called for the meeting to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

The next RMC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017, Location TBD.