

RMC Legislative Committee  
Monday, April 2, 2018  
3:00pm-4:00pm  
Conference Call  
Meeting Minutes

Participants:

Josh Hastings  
Steve McHenry  
Erroll Mattox  
Matt Tefteau  
Bill Christopher

Mike Pennington  
John Hartline  
Scott Warner  
Kurt Fuchs  
Alice Settle-Raskin

RMC Staff:

Charlotte Davis, Executive Director  
Meredith Donaho, Program Administrator  
Amanda Clevenger, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:03 pm.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the March 19, 2018 Legislative Committee were shared.

2018 Legislative Tracking

- HB243/SB968 - Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service - Study and Extension. The bill has passed, the Task Force will be extended. A report will be issued November 30, 2018.
- HB961 – Department of Information Technology – Rural Broadband Service – Inventory and Mapping of Assets. An amendment may be added to extend the Rural Coordination Board prior to the sunset. The bill has not yet passed.

Other:

Budget Update: The RMC has received \$6.3 million for FY2019 for MAERDAF and RMPIF.

Education Outreach for New Legislators: It was discussed that the Legislative Committee can engage in coordinating a stop in rural communities for freshman legislators in the interim. A one to two page document on rural issues can also be developed to give to new legislators, and can include common concerns such as broadband, health care, food deserts, etc. The legislative education outreach will be discussed more during the summer.

With no other updates, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:41 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, November 12, 2018, 3pm -4pm, TBD.

