

Minutes

Rural Maryland Council Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, November 3, 2017 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Ramshead Shore House Restaurant, Stevensville, MD

Attendees:

Josh Hastings, Board Chair
Mike Pennington, Nominating Committee Chair
Scott Warner, RMPIF Committee Chair
Lindsay Thompson, Legislative Committee Chair
Lara Wilson, Health Care Committee Chair

Matt Tefteau, First Vice-Chair

RMC Staff:

Charlotte Davis, Executive Director
Amanda Clevenger, Administrative Assistant

The meeting convened at approximately 12:15 pm.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 22, 2017 Executive Committee were provided.

Financial Report

The Committee reviewed the financial report. Warner moved to adopt the report. Pennington seconded; the financial report was approved.

FY2017 outstanding MAERDAF/RMPIF reports

A list of outstanding reports was provided to members. A certified letter requesting the grant report will be sent to grantees.

Health Care Committee

Lara Wilson reported on the initiatives on the Maryland Rural Health association Rural Health Plan. The Rural Health conference will be held in Garrett County. The Committee chairs will consider reengaging the committee. A suggestion was made to poll the group of interest in meeting as well as items to discuss. The group will need to address the goals of the committee.

RMPIF

Scott Warner reported that a group recently met with the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Budget and Management. A suggestion was made to make grantees aware of budget hearings.

The Upper Shore Regional Council has not sent in its final report for the FY2017 RMPIF grant. They also did not submit an application for FY2018. Mike Pennington moved that the RMC take appropriate action that the distribution of funds occur by January 15th. Lindsay Thompson seconded. The motion was approved.

Legislative Committee

The Committee discussed the Welcome Breakfast for Rural Legislators that the RMC hosts during the Legislative Session. Finding an appropriate date has been difficult. The Committee determined through consensus not to host a Welcome Breakfast in 2018. The Legislative Committee will meet on November 21st to discuss the 2018 Legislative Priorities.

Rural Maryland Foundation

The Transfer of Wealth project is underway. A phase 2 grant agreement with the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship was executed. An orientation conference call was held two weeks ago. The group will also begin work on a follow up video to Rural Aspirations.

Executive Director Report

The Executive Director has been occupied with the Task Force for Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless and Cellular Service. A report is due on November 30, 2017.

Nominating Committee

A proposed 2018 Executive Board slate was presented to the Committee.

November 30 Annual Meeting

A draft agenda was reviewed. As a potential local business, suggestions included Highland Creamery or RiseUp Coffee.

Rural Impact Awards

The Committee reviewed the nominations received for the Rural Impact Awards. The Committee selected Bob Tibbs for the Rural Volunteer Award; the Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center for the Rural Economic Development Award and Dr. Bill McGowan for the Rural Community Development Award. The Committee discussed selecting Jim Perdue for the Rural Champion Award. Matt Tefteau moved to accept the selections. Mike Pennington seconded. The motion was approved.

Rural Summit

Sponsors, registration and program agenda were provided to the Committee. Lindsay Thompson agreed to serve as Moderator of the Legislative Panel. Matt Tefteau will introduce the Governor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2018; location TBD