

Minutes

Rural Maryland Council Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, September 14, 2018 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Fisherman's Inn Restaurant, The Wine Room, 3116 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 26138

Participants:

Josh Hastings, Chair

Matthew Tefteau, First Vice Chair

Dan Rider, President, Rural Maryland
Foundation

Erroll Mattox, Agriculture Committee Chair

Gregory Padgham, Tri-County Council for the
Lower Eastern Shore

Mike Pennington, Nominating Committee Chair

Mike Thielke, Joint Planning and Development
Committee Chair

Lindsay Thompson, Legislative Committee Co-

Chair

Scott Warner, RMPIF Chair

RMC Staff:

Charlotte Davis, Executive Director

Meredith Donaho, Program Administrator

Amanda Clevenger, Administrative Assistant

Chair Hastings called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07pm.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the April 6, 2018 Rural Maryland Council Executive Board Meeting; March 27, 2018 Rural Maryland Council Executive Committee Meeting; May 18, 2018 Rural Maryland Council Executive Committee Meeting; and, June 28, 2018 Rural Maryland Council Executive Committee Meeting were made available. Chair Hastings requested changes to the minutes. No requests for changes were submitted. A motion was made by Mike Thielke to approve all four meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Erroll Mattox. All were in favor, and the motion to approve all four meeting minutes was unanimously accepted.

Financials – FY19 Budget

Charlotte Davis presented the FY2019 Budget as of September 11, 2018. The Rural Maryland Council has total operating available revenue of \$513,917.00, and no grant expenditures as of yet. There was a total of \$82,460.59 leftover from Fiscal Year 2018 that has been encumbered to provide for costs for updating the online Rural Stat widget. Charlotte Davis requested a motion to approve the financials report. A motion was made by Mike Pennington to approve, the motion was seconded by Scott Warner. All were in favor, and the FY2019 Budget report was unanimously accepted. Charlotte Davis also briefly discussed the Managing for Results (MFRs) report that was submitted to the Maryland Department of Agriculture on September 1, 2018, which incorporates metrics for measuring program outcomes and success.

Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) Committee

Chair Scott Warner provided an update for the RMPIF Committee. Chair Warner provided a revised press release which announced FY19 RMPIF and Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) grant recipients. The RMPIF Committee plans to meet in October to discuss program evaluation needs, metrics for reporting, and revisions in the online applications for stronger language and final report expectations.

Legislative Committee

Legislative Committee Co-Chair Lindsay Thompson provided the update; Co-Chair Odette Ramos was not available. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2018 via conference call. Rural Maryland Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2019 in Annapolis, the Rural Maryland Council will partner with the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts to host a joint luncheon in the Senate building. Copies of the 2018 Legislative Review were made available.

Rural Maryland Foundation

President Dan Rider provided the update. President Rider shared that the Transfer of Wealth strategy concept paper has been finalized, copies were made available. The Aspire Rural Version 2.0 video has been finalized, and a link was shared with the Rural Maryland Foundation. There were some concerns about the content of the video, and that it did not adequately capture innovation and tech advancement in rural areas. The video will be further discussed at the Rural Maryland Foundation's October 4, 2018 conference call meeting. Items for further discussion for the October 4th meeting include recruiting a new President, and providing annual support contributions to the LEAD Maryland Foundation program.

Agriculture Committee

Chair Erroll Mattox provided the update. The next Agriculture Committee has not yet been determined. There is still some discussion needed on the topics the Committee will discuss. It was recommended that the Joint Planning and Development Committee reconvene in early 2019 to discuss the topics that the Agriculture Committee should be involved with.

Executive Director's Report

Charlotte Davis shared that the next Task Force for Rural Broadband meeting will be held September 26, 2018 at Rocky Gap Casino and Resort in Cumberland. The Task Force will be working on a policy recommendations report that is due by November 30, 2018. Rural Maryland Council staff will also be attending the Partners for Rural America (PRA) conference in Utah from September 16 – September 19, 2018. The FY2019 work plan was also discussed, Charlotte Davis requested changes and suggestions. It was suggested that the Rural Maryland Council Health Care Committee be reviewed and discussed as an item by the Joint Planning and Development Committee, due to the Health Care Committee not longer being active. A motion was made by Lindsay Thompson for the Joint Planning and Development Committee to review the Health Care Committee as part of the Rural Maryland Council work plan, the motion was seconded by Mike Pennington. All were in favor, and the motion for the Joint Planning and Development Committee to review the Health Care Committee as part of the Rural Maryland Council work plan was approved.

New Business

Copies of the September 28, 2018 Executive Board agenda, and 2018 nomination guidelines for Rural Impact Awards were shared. It was discussed that the Annual Meeting should be scheduled for November 29, 2018 at the Yellowfin Steak and Fish House in Edgewater, Maryland.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Chair Hastings requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mike Pennington, and seconded by Erroll Mattox. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. The next RMC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Location TBD.