



Rural Maryland Council (RMC)

RMC Annual Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2021- 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm

Location: DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Participants:** Melissa Bolyard, Corey Bowen, Noel Brathwaite, Mindie Burgoyne, Bryan Butler, Cheryl DeBerry, The Honorable Addie Eckardt, Jim Gilchrist, Barry Glassman, Paul Goeringer, Santo Grande, Cindy Greb, Mary Griffin, Anne Hairston-Strang, Ron Hantz, Gretchen Hardman, John Hartline, John Hickman, Terry Hill, Austin Hill, Kellie Hinkle, Yolanda Hipski, Elizabeth Hoffman, Danielle Hornberger, Kevin Hornberger, Dawson Hunter, Donna Hurley, Reza Jafari, Melissa Kelly, Behnam Khatabi, Rebecca Lepter, Roberta Lilly, Joyce Mahoney, Brendan Mahoney, Nikki Majewski, Rachel Mandel, Nan Mann, George Mayer, Ewing McDowell, Steve McHenry, Grayson Middleton, Don Mulrine, Flaherty Noelle, Susan O'Neill, Gregory Padgham, Peter Perini, Theresa Bethune, Holly Porter, Nick Redding, Edwin Remsberg, Wayne Rickert, Daniel Rider, Cassie Shirk, Davis Smarik, Ryan Snow, Matthew Teffeau, Heather Tinelli, Jeff Trice, Stephan Tubene, Roseanna Vogt, Lucille Walker, Jennifer Walsh, Scott Warner, Joseph Werner, Mark Widmyer, Charlotte Davis, Megan D'Arcy, Dakota Matthews, Amanda Clevenger.

- 1) Welcome and Agenda Overview: Chair John Hartline welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting at 6:45pm.
- 2) Nominating Committee: Mr. Scott Warner introduced the 2021/2022 RMC Executive Board and Officers Slate. Mr. Warner thanked Sam Shoge for his service and introduced two proposed Board Members - Darius Johnson, Executive Director for Kent Attainable Housing to represent District 4, Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne Counties and Jerry McLaurin, President of the People for Change Coalition as a Special Appointment. Mr. Warner reviewed the slate for the Executive Committee and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Steve McHenry moved that the nominations be closed. The nominations were closed. Mr. Warner asked for a motion to accept the Board Slate as presented. Mr. McHenry made the motion to approve the slate as presented. Mr. Greg Padghm seconded it. There was no discussion. The 2021/2022 Board Slate was unanimously approved.

#### Awards Ceremony

- 3) Rural Impact Awards: Chair John Hartline introduced the Rural Impact Awards ceremony, and the awardees are as follows.
  - i. Rural Community Volunteer – Craig Mathies and Anne Glotfelty  
Mr. Dan Rider accepted the award on behalf Anne Glotfelty's family. Mr. Greg Padgham accepted the award on behalf of Craig Mathies.
  - ii. Outstanding Rural Community Development – Town of Rising Sun  
The award was received by Rising Sun Mayor Travis Marion, Town Administrator Calvin Bonenberger and Commissioner Joseph Shephard.
  - iii. Outstanding Rural Economic Development – Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc.  
The award was received by FITCI's CEO Kathie Callahan Brad and Board Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Bethune.
  - iv. Rural Champion – Senator George Edwards and Senator Guy Guzzone  
The award was received by Senator Edwards and District Manager Eric Benner accepted the award on Senator Guzzone's behalf.

#### Business Meeting

- 4) Approval of September 25, 2021 minutes: Chair John Hartline asked for the approval of the 9/25/2021 minutes. Mr. Steve McHenry made the motion to approve the 9/25/2021 minutes. Ms. Susan O'Neill seconded it. Chair Hartline asked if there was any discussion or edits needed. There were none. The 9/25/2021 minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5) Board and Committee Reports
  - a. Financial: Ms. Charlotte Davis provided an overview of the budget report stating that RMC received \$6,118,485 and has expended \$4,748,347 in grant awards and that there are a couple of outstanding grant agreements that are still being worked on. Ms. Davis further reported that in operations the Council has spent \$144,489.77 leaving RMC with a balance of \$355,510 and that the Council is in good shape for the rest of the year. Chair John Hartline asked for a motion to accept the financial report. Greg Padgham

made the motion to accept the financial report. Steve McHenry seconded it. Chair Hartline asked if there was any discussion. There was none. The financial report was unanimously approved.

- b. Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund: RMPIF Chair Susan O'Neill reported that the Council wrapped up FY22 and the FY23 budget request was submitted.
  - c. Legislative Committee: Chair John Hartline gave a report on the successes of the FY21 legislative session that included helping to codify the Office of Rural Broadband and thanked RMC staff and the Committee for their work.
  - d. Agriculture Committee: Agriculture Committee Chair Matthew Tefteau announced that the Taste of Maryland Agriculture will be held on February 3, 2021 at the Maryland Live Casino and Hotel. Mr. Tefteau further stated that he has been listening to the Maryland Ag Commission meetings to keep a pulse on the agriculture community and see where RMC can be helpful. Lastly, he informed participants that the 2022 Legislative Priorities were included in their meeting packets.
  - e. Joint Planning and Development Committee: Joint Planning and Development Committee Chair Mike Thielke informed participants that the Committee has spent the last year scrutinizing the Strategic Plan by reviewing it and evaluating the progress on the both staff and leadership level. Additionally, Mr. Thielke shared that there have been conversations to put together a Health Care Committee and to expect more information in the near future. Lastly, Mr. Thielke stated that RMC is looking to recruit new members and engage new and existing members.
- 6) Rural Maryland Foundation: Chair Hartline stated that the Foundation is currently in the process of completing a Strategic Plan.
  - 7) Executive Director's Report: Charlotte Davis shared the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the draft FY21 Annual report with participants as well as the staff activity reports, the 2022 RMC Calendar, and ended with showing the year end video.
  - 8) New Business – There was none.
  - 9) Adjourn: Chair John Hartline thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked for the motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Mr. Steve McHenry moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Susan O'Neill seconded it. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 28, 2022, 12 pm – 2pm**  
**Location: To Be Determined**