

The Mid Shore Regional Council held a scheduled quarterly meeting on December 08, 2016. The meeting was held at the Hyatt in Cambridge, prior to our joint luncheon with members of both the Upper and Lower Shore Regional Councils.

Members in attendance included Walter Chase, Don Satterfield, Dan Franklin, Laura Price, Maria D'Arcy, Robert Hanson, Kurt Fuchs, Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Delegate Johnny Mautz, Delegate Jeff Ghrist, Senator Addie Eckardt, Rose Potter, Allen Nelson, Jerome Stanley, Chuck Callahan, Jennifer Williams, Jeremy Goldman, Rick Price, Ricky Travers, Anthony Casey, Corey Pack and Burton Wilson.

Guests in attendance included DBED representative Deborah Bowden, Caroline Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Angela Visintainer, Talbot County Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator Sam Shoge, RMC Executive Director Charlotte Davis, Senator Mikulski's representative Linda Prochaska, Congressman Harris' representative Denise Lovelady, Chesapeake College President Barbara Viniar, ESRGC Project Manager Erin Silva, Krystal Hartsfield and Bunky Luffman from the Governors office; BEACON Director Memo Diriker, Talbot County Department of Emergency Services Director and Assistant County Manager Clay Stamp, and MARBIDCO Executive Director Steve McHenry. MSRC staff present was Scott Warner and Terry Deighan.

Chairman Chase called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m., at which time introductions were made. Mr. Warner was in possession of electronic votes from Gale Nashold and Dirck Bartlett who could not attend in person due to other obligations.

Approval of September 22, 2016 Minutes

The first order of business was to obtain approval of the September 22, 2016 minutes. Mr. Travers made a motion to approve, Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated all in favor signify by stating aye; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Executive Board May 27, 2016 Minutes

Chairman Chase stated the minutes from the MSRC Executive Board meeting of May 27, 2016 were in everyone's packets and asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none he asked for a motion to ratify. Mr. Franklin made a motion to ratify, Mr. Travers seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated all in favor signify by stating aye; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Kurt Fuchs, MSRC Treasurer, presented the current treasurer's report; stating everything is on track for being almost half way through the current fiscal year. Mr. Travers made a motion to accept the report, Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Chairman Chase asked if there was any further discussion; being none, he stated all in favor signify by stating aye; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates

Mr. Warner gave the following updates to the Board.

MSRC's Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Initiatives

Mr. Warner stated the MSRC will be funding the following with Rural Maryland Prosperity Funds that were received this year.

The Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center will receive \$15,000 and will also receive a like amount from the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland (TCCLES). This is to assist in operational and program support.

Shore Gourmet will receive \$18,500 to partner with the Chesapeake Culinary Center. These funds will assist in hiring a Development and Education Director that will help value-added producers.

The ESRGC will receive \$75,000 total to create three projects:

- Agricultural GIS Extension Program (\$30,000) – the TCCLES is partnering with this project and matching the investment.
- Health Data Dashboard (\$15,000) – the TCCLES is partnering with this project and matching the investment.
- Education Data Dashboard (\$30,000)

Mr. Warner then introduced ESRGC Project Manager Erin Silva who gave an overview of each project as well as an update on their status.

Chairman Chase asked if anyone had any questions regarding:

- Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC)
- Maryland Broadband Cooperative
- Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center (ESEC)
- Maryland Upper Shore Transit (MUST)
- Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund projects

There were no questions about the initiatives/programs listed.

New Business

2017 Meeting Dates

Chairman Chase stated a list of tentative meeting dates has been established and the list is in your folders, please save these dates to your calendars. They are:

- Thursday, March 8, 2017 – Talbot County
- Thursday, June 8, 2017 – Caroline County
- Thursday, September 14, 2017 – MSRC meeting and tour prior to Joint Regional Councils' Meeting / Tour
- Thursday, December 7, 2017 – Dorchester County

Officer Selection

Mr. Warner stated that at their last meeting the MSRC Executive Board members discussed and are unanimously recommending the proposed slate for the 2017 officers of the MSRC.

2017 Proposed Executive Board Members

- Chairman: Walter Chase
- First Vice-Chairman: Dirck Bartlett (Talbot)
- Second Vice-Chairman: Ricky Travers (Dorchester)
- Third Vice-Chairman: Dan Franklin (Caroline)
- Secretary: Allen Nelson
- Treasurer: Kurt Fuchs
- General Assembly: Christopher Adams
- Member-at-large: Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio
- Member-at-large: James Redman

Chairman Chase asked if anyone had any suggestions or changes, being none a motion will be entertained to accept the slate as presented.

Mr. Hanson made a motion to approve the slate as presented; Senator Eckardt seconded the motion. Chairman Chase asked if there was any further discussion; being none, he stated all in favor signify by stating aye; all opposed have the same rights. The 2017 Executive Board Members were unanimously approved as presented.

Upcoming Events

Mr. Warner reminded the board that they are all members of the Mid Shore Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee and that the next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 9, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton. He also stated that during the meeting three projects will be considered for inclusion on the CEDS.

- 1) Chesapeake Harvest
- 2) Phillips Packing Company, Factory F
- 3) Port Street Redevelopment Project

Announcements/comments

Chairman Chase and Mr. Warner welcomed Rose Potter and Anthony Casey as members of the MSRC. They recognized Bunky Luffman and Kristal Quarker Hartsfield as new members of the Governor's staff and thanked them for attending the meeting. Additionally, Mr. Warner thanked the councilmembers, as well as the partners present, for all they do for the MSRC and mid-shore region.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m. so the joint luncheon could begin.

Joint Regional Councils Luncheon Agenda

Speakers

- Office of the Governor of Maryland
 - Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Deputy Chief of Staff
 - Kristal Quarker Hartsfield, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Bunky Luffman, Eastern Shore Outreach Coordinator

General Assembly Session

- State Funding – FY2018
 - Regional councils
 - Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund
- Open forum to discuss possible legislative issues/concerns
- "Taste of the Eastern Shore" legislative reception at the Loews Hotel in Annapolis on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 5:30pm
 - On the same day will be the Rural Maryland Council Advocacy Day in Annapolis starting at 9:00am