

The Mid-Shore Regional Council (MSRC) held a scheduled meeting on December 4, 2019. It was held in Dorchester County at the Hyatt in Cambridge immediately following the Eastern Shore Regional Councils Luncheon meeting.

MSRC members in attendance included: Walter Chase, Burton Wilson, Anthony Casey, Maria D'Arcy, Chuck Callahan, Lenny Pfeffer, Senator Addie Eckardt, Delegate Chris Adams, James Redman, Jerome Stanley, Frank Divilio, Kurt Fuchs, Ricky Travers, Bill Christopher, Delegate Johnny Mautz, and Dorchester County Manager Keith Atkins.

Guests in attendance included: Governor Larry Hogan's Eastern Shore Outreach Coordinator Ryan Snow, Maryland Department of Commerce Senior Business Development Representative Nancy LaJoice, USDA Rural Development State Director Denise Lovelady, Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes' Chief of Staff Trap Jervey, Chesapeake Culinary Center/Shore Gourmet representative Julie Thomas, Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) Project Manager Erin Silva, Chesapeake College President Clifford Coppersmith, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen's Eastern Shore Regional Director Melissa Kelly, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin's Field Representative Kim Kratovil, Caroline County Economic Development Director Deb Bowden, Caroline Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tracey Snyder, Dorchester County Economic Development Director Susan Banks, Delmarva Community Services President and CEO Santo Grande, Talbot County Department of Economic Development and Tourism Director Cassandra Vanhooser and Coordinator Sam Shoge, and KFH Group Transportation Analyst Joey Celtnieks. MSRC staff present was Scott Warner and Terry Deighan.

### Action Items

Chairman Chase called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. Mr. Warner was in possession of electronic votes from Allen Nelson and Dan Franklin who could not attend in person due to other obligations.

#### *Approval of September 12, 2019 Minutes*

The first order of business was to obtain approval of the September 12, 2019 minutes. Mr. Travers made a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Eckardt seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

#### *Ratification of Executive Board May 8, 2019 Minutes*

The next order of business was to ratify the Executive Board May 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Stanley made a motion to ratify the minutes. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

## *Treasurer's Report*

MSRC Treasurer Kurt Fuchs presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that everything is on track and would entertain any questions. Being none Mr. Travers made a motion to accept the report. Senator Eckardt seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

## *Ratification of the updated Upper Eastern Shore Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan*

Mr. Warner stated that everyone had just received an overview of the regional coordinated plans by Mr. Dan Dalton's presentation during the Eastern Shore Regional Councils Luncheon meeting. Mr. Warner added that the original Upper Eastern Shore plan was completed September 2007. The plan was updated in 2010 and 2016 and MTA directed the update of the plan for this year. KFH Group's Senior Transportation Planners Dan Dalton and Joel Eisenfeld conducted the revision, as well as, KFH Group's Transportation Analyst Joey Celtnieks. The document was e-mailed to you on November 19, 2019. Additionally, KFH Group website has the regional plan. The link can be provided if needed (<https://kfhgroup.egnyte.com/dl/qwXDQ811qY>). This document is very important to the transportation providers. It is used by them to apply for grant funds, especially program 5310. 5310 is FTA/MTA grants for transportation are for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities (capital grants for buses and other equipment). If anyone has additional questions, Mr. Celtnieks is in the room.

Mr. Travers made a motion to ratify the plan. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

## *Vote to Amend the MSRC Bylaws*

Mr. Warner stated that he had a conversation with MSRC attorney Curt Booth to discuss some wording in the MSRC Bylaws. Mr. Booth suggested that it would be a good idea to make the updates. The Executive Board reviewed the suggested updates during their November 18, 2019 meeting and voted to recommend the changes to the MSRC Bylaws. The updates are not substantive, they are stylistic changes. The updates are:

- Article I
  - Deleting language that is not necessary in this paragraph. It is stated in Article II, Section 1.
  - Sighting Title 13 Sections 13-901 through 13-910 of the Economic Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- Article II
  - Section 1 – making the language mirror the Title 13 update from 2008
  - Section 2 – Sighting Title 13, Sections 13-901 through 13-910 of the Economic Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

- Article III
  - Section 1 – Sighting Title 13, Sections 13-901 through 13-910 of the Economic Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Delegate Adams made a motion to approve. Mr. Travers seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

### *Officer Selection*

Mr. Warner stated that at their last meeting held on November 18, 2019 the MSRC Executive Board members discussed and are unanimously recommending the proposed slate for the 2020 officers of the MSRC.

- 2020 Proposed Executive Board Members
  - Chairman: Walter Chase
  - First Vice-Chairman: Chuck Callahan (Talbot)
  - Second Vice-Chairman: Dan Franklin (Caroline)
  - Third Vice-Chairman: Ricky Travers (Dorchester)
  - Secretary: James Redman
  - Treasurer: Kurt Fuchs
  - General Assembly: Christopher Adams
  - Member-at-large: Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio
  - Member-at-large: Allen Nelson

Chairman Chase asked if anyone had any suggestions or changes.

Mr. Travers made a motion to approve the slate as presented. Senator Eckardt seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated we have a motion and a second, any further discussion; all opposed have the same rights. Ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

### Upcoming Events

Mr. Warner announced the following upcoming meetings.

He stated the 2020 MSRC tentative meeting dates are in everyone's meeting packets. The dates are:

- Thursday, March 5, 2020 – Talbot County
- Thursday, June 11, 2020 – Caroline County
  - Avoided the first week in June to avoid conflicts with all three counties' high school graduation dates
- Thursday, September 10, 2020 – MSRC Meeting & Tour
- Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – Dorchester County
  - During Winter MACo

The next Mid Shore Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee meeting will be held on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 12:00pm at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton.

The "Taste of the Eastern Shore" legislative reception will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 5:30pm at Hotel Annapolis.

Member comments/requests

Ms. Deighan thanked everyone on behalf of herself and Mr. Warner and invited them to take a gift on their way out as a small token of their appreciation.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. by unanimous consent.