

Maryland Environmental Trust Board of Trustees
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Date & Time: Monday June 5, 2023, 2:00 to 3:00pm
Type: Google Meet Teleconference and In Person

Executive Committee members present: Megan D'Arcy, Mark Hoffman, Greg Bowen, John Turgeon (non-voting)
Committee member absent: Gary Burnett
MET & OAG Staff Participants: Kelly Price, and Talley Kovacs AAG

The MET Executive Committee meeting started at 2:11pm. Mark motioned for the meeting to open. Megan D'Arcy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Greg Bowen started the meeting by reviewing the upcoming Board Meeting agenda items that were listed in the Board Packet that was emailed to the trustees. He asked the committee members if anyone had any concerns, changes or additions needed to the agenda, and the committee members did not have any concerns, changes or additions needed. Greg Bowen mentioned that Josh Hastings will be present at the Board meeting and will update the Board on the new direction that FM is going in and the leadership role that will take place.

Mr. Turgeon advised the Executive Committee that he will relate some key points from his director's report that was emailed to the Board, and he highlighted some areas to the committee that are in his report. He also went through each committee report listed in the Board meeting agenda and advised the Executive Committee of any topics that would need to be discussed. Mr. Turgeon mentioned that a new committee roster was sent out to the Board. He said that there are new committee members on some of the committees, but there are still vacancies in other committees. A discussion took place among the Executive Committee regarding the existing vacancies.

Mr. Turgeon advised the Executive Committee that he along with Mr. Burnett and Mr. Bowen will be meeting with the DNR Secretary on July 10, 2023. He mentioned that he would like to discuss MET and the unit's mission, the role of the Board, and discuss the new programs created by the just passed Maryland the Beautiful Act. The Committee also discussed the Smart Growth subcabinet and its role for implementing the land conservation goals also established in the new legislation. A discussion took place regarding the Smart Growth subcabinet and the reason it was formed by the Governor's office.

Mr. Turgeon discussed a meeting that he, Josette Markline, and Jon Chapman had with Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's (ESLC) Director and easement stewardship staff on Friday 6/2/2023 to review MET's easement stewardship processes regarding easements co-held with ESLC. Both organizations agreed that they would work closer together with better communication. They discussed ways to improve processing requests for proposed amendments to existing easements that are co-held between the organizations.

Mr. Turgeon mentioned Jon Chapman's retirement party on July 12, 2023, will be at the Annapolis Smokehouse. The Board meeting on June 5, 2023, will be Jon Chapman's last meeting.

Executive Committee adjourned at 3:00pm.