

Tri-County Council
for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland
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Tri-County Council Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2019

Randy Laird, Chair, called the meeting of the Tri-County Council Full Board for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland to order on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, Maryland at 12:30 p.m.

Voting Members in attendance: John Cannon, Josh Hastings, and Larry Dodd, Wicomico County, Ted Elder, and Joe Mitrecic, Worcester County; Randy Laird, Somerset County; Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Delegate Charles Otto.

Non-Voting Members in attendance: Wayne Strausburg, Wicomico County, and Senator Addie Eckardt.

A quorum was present.

Staff in attendance: Brad Bellacicco, John Donegan, Kristie Eberly, Greg Padgham and Becca Webster.

Guests in attendance: Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Office of the Governor, Scott Warner, Mid-Shore Regional Council, Dr. Mike Scott, Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative, Ryan Snow, Office of the Governor

On a motion from Mr. Joe Mitrecic, seconded by Mr. Ted Elder, the minutes for the meeting of September 19, 2018, were approved as written.

Old Business

None

New Business

No new legislative items were discussed

Senator Mary Beth Carozza invited members to the Open House following her swearing in ceremony on January 9, 2019. Her office in the Senate will be located at 314 James Senate Office Building, 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland. She advised she has been assigned to serve on the Environmental Health and Education Committee.

Dr. Mike Scott from the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative presented updates on Salisbury University's GIS initiatives within the area.

Ms. Haddaway-Riccio spoke briefly on the Governor's commitment to rural Maryland.

2019 Election of Officers:

The slate of officers for 2019 Executive Board was introduced as follows:

Larry Dodd	Chair – Wicomico County
Joe Mitrecic	1 st Vice Chair – Worcester County
Rex Simpkins	2 nd Vice Chair – Somerset County
John Cannon	3 rd Vice Chair – Wicomico County
Ted Elder	Secretary – Worcester County
Eldon Willing	Treasurer – Somerset County
Senator Mary Beth Carozza	At – Large
Randy Laird	Immediate Past Chair (Non-Voting)

John Cannon made the motion to accept the nominations as introduced, and Larry Dodd approved the motion.

Larry Dodd discussed updates with the Healthcare Committee

Greg Padgham discussed that the Tri-County Council, in tandem with BEACON at Salisbury University, is re-writing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in 2019. A focus this year will be adding more of a branding component of the Lower Eastern Shore as a regional tourism destination.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joe Mitrecic and approved by Ted Elder at 12:45 p.m.