

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND
SERVING SOMERSET, WICOMICO AND WORCESTER COUNTIES

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010

David MacLeod, Chair, called the meeting of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland Executive Board to order on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at the Tri-County Council Building in Salisbury at 6:15 p.m.

Voting Member in attendance: Jim Ring and Paul Ward, Somerset County; Sheree Sample-Hughes, Wicomico County; Linda Busick, Worcester County.

Non-Voting Members in attendance: Jerry Mason, Worcester County.

Mr. Mason has Mrs. Louise Gulyas' voting proxy.

A quorum was present.

Staff in attendance: Mike Pennington, John Donegan, Riggin Johnson and Pat Tiger.

On a motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Busick, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting on January 14, 2010, were approved as written.

Old Business

New Facility Update

Mr. Pennington reported that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) may be able to provide some funding for certain areas of the building. Representatives from EDA will be visiting the Eastern Shore on April 20 and will be touring the building at that time. While they are here they will learn more about the programs scheduled to be included so that they can determine if the project is eligible for funding.

Mr. Donegan reported on his discussions with the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) regarding funding for solar panels for the new building. At this time MEA does not have any funding available that our project would qualify for. He has also had some discussions about a possible Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Constellation Energy. He will update the Executive Board on this at the next meeting.

Shore Transit Update

Mr. Johnson reported that the Shore Transit budget is on target through the 3rd quarter, both expenditures and income are as anticipated.

Shore Transit's FY11 Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) has been submitted to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) for approval. The approval process usually takes several months. The ATP is available for review on the Tri-County Council website.

Mr. Johnson reported that some of the funding received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) can be used to update Shore Transit's website. Matice Interactive in Salisbury has been hired to do this. They are planning to have interactive route maps, schedules and other information available for customers. In the future they plan to add the ability to purchase tickets online.

New Business

2010-2011 Holiday Schedule

Mrs. Tiger presented the 2010-2011 Holiday Schedule. On a motion from Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Busick, the Executive Board unanimously voted to approve the 2010-2011 Tri-County Council Holiday Schedule as presented.

Visit to Patuxent River Naval Air Station

Mr. Pennington reported that Patuxent River Naval Air Station has extended an invitation to the Tri-County Council and the Mid-Shore Regional Council to visit the base again. He then asked the Executive Board if they were interest in do this, if so he would work with the Mid-Shore Regional Council to make the arrangements. Following discussion, the Executive Board asked Mr. Pennington to make arrangements for the trip.

There being no further business, on a motion from Mr. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Busick, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.