

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

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 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, July 15, 2010, at the Tri-County Council Building in Snow Hill at 6:10 p.m.

Voting Member in attendance: Jim Ring, Somerset County; Linda Busick and Louise Gulyas, Worcester County.

Non-Voting Members in attendance: Bob Hawkins, Pocomoke City Council; Renee Stephens, MD Department of Business and Economic Development; Ted Shea, Wicomico County; Jerry Mason, Worcester County.

A quorum was present.

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

On a motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Gulyas, the minutes of the Executive Board meeting on April 15, 2010, were approved as written.

Old Business

New Facility Update

Mr. Donegan reported the architectural plans have been completed. He is hoping to have the RFP for the renovation out in September. The RFP for the maintenance facility will be out later in the fall. Buses are soon going to be doing a turn radius test at the new facility. Greyhound is still planning on moving their terminal to the new facility.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is funding a traffic study for the Walston Switch Road and Route 50 intersection as requested by the State Highway Administration (SHA).

Mr. Pennington reported that the TCC will be applying to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for funding for business incubator space. TCC will also be applying to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase the current loan amount from \$5.5 million to \$6.6 million.

Shore Transit Update

Mr. Johnson reported that the Shore Transit expenses are about 2% over budget and income is as anticipated for FY10. Ridership is at about the same level as it was in FY09.

Mr. Johnson also reported that Matic Interactive is in the process of updating the Shore Transit website. The changes will make the website more user friendly by adding interactive route maps, schedules and other information for customers.

Patuxent River Naval Air Station Visit

Mr. Pennington reported that the visit to Patuxent River Naval Air Station is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22. We will be meeting at the One Stop Job Market in Salisbury and taking a bus to Hoppers Island. We will be meeting up with the group from the Mid-Shore Regional Council and boarding boats for the trip across the bay to the base. The staff at Patuxent River is still working out details on the what we will see during the tour. We expect to be back in Salisbury about 6:00 p.m.

New Business

USDA Grant Resolution

Mr. Pennington reported that USDA is requiring a resolution that authorizes him to apply for and sign loan documents on behalf of the Tri-County Council for the additional financing for the new facility. On a motion from Mrs. Gulyas, seconded by Mrs. Busick, the Executive Board unanimously voted to pass Resolution 10-02 authorizing Mr. Pennington to apply for and sign loan documents for the additional financing for the new facility.

Executive Board Vacancy

Mr. MacLeod noted that due to the death of Delegate Page Elmore the At-Large position on the Executive Board is vacant. His widow, Carolyn Elmore, has been appointed to complete his term as delegate. On a motion from Mrs. Gulyas, seconded by Mrs. Busick, the Executive Board unanimously voted to appoint Delegate Carolyn Elmore to fill the At-Large position on the Executive Board until the next election of officers. The Executive Board asked Mr. Pennington to notify Delegate Elmore of the appointment.

Shore Transit Bus Road-e-o and Family Fun Day

Mr. Pennington reported that the Shore Transit Bus Road-e-o and Family Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Wicomico High School. All members of the Tri-County Council are invited to attend and join in the festivities.

Tawes Crab and Clam Bake

Mr. Pennington reported that the Tawes Crab and Clam Bake is scheduled for July 21 and we still have some tickets available.

There being no further business, on a motion from Mrs. Gulyas, seconded by Mrs. Busick, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.