

Maryland Environmental Trust Board of Trustees  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Date & Time: Friday September 9, 2024, 1:00pm  
Type: Google Meet & Teleconference

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Executive Committee members present: Gary Burnett, Mark Hoffman, Greg Bowen, Toby Lloyd, and John Turgeon (non-voting)  
Committee members absent: none  
MET & OAG Staff Participant: Kelly Price, Talley Kovacs

- 1. Meeting called to order at 1:02pm by John Turgeon.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from June 3<sup>rd</sup> & August 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lloyd motioned for the approval of the committee minutes. Mr. Burnett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**
- 3. Overview/discussion of the Board Agenda and for the Guests Speakers at the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board meeting.**

Mr. Turgeon started the meeting by reviewing the upcoming Board meeting agenda with the committee. He informed the Committee that Ann Jones from The Land Preservation Trust (LPT) along with other Board Members from LPT and concerned citizens will be addressing the Board during the meeting. The speakers will discuss their concerns for the Piedmont Reliability Project and the impacts it could have on currently preserved lands.

Mr. Turgeon stated that twenty minutes will be allocated to the speakers, and it is a listening session only. Mr. Burnett stated that he will give opening remarks that he has drafted to give directions and expectations to LPT and MET's Board for the purpose of the meeting.

An open discussion took place amongst the Committee members regarding the request from LPT, and the direction and expectations to be established for this agenda item.

#### **4. Organizational Update**

Mr. Turgeon stated that a new Easement Program Manager Daniel Skalos has been hired and will start work on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Mr. Skalos will be moving from California and has easement experience through his work in California with a similar Agency to our DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service.

#### **5. Finance Committee Update**

Mr. Hoffman stated that the Finance Committee had a guest speaker during the last Finance Committee meeting. The speaker was a representative from the Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance, who requested a donation of \$5,000 to help finance a conservation outreach and advocacy project. The Finance Committee is in support of this donation and details will be brought to the full MET Board at a later date for a vote.

#### **6. Adjourned**

Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm.