

MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

*Minutes for Meeting of*

Tuesday October 15, 2024

**11 AM**

***Meeting held virtually via Google Meet and conference call.***

Committee members present: Toby Lloyd (Chair), Nathan Volke, Greg Bowen, Gary Burnett, Megan Benjamin, Lori Lynch, John Turgeon (MET Director, non-voting)

Absent: None

1. There were no questions or comments regarding the minutes from the 8/20/24 Governance Committee meeting, which were e-mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. **Mr. Bowen made a motion for approval of the minutes, and Ms. Benjamin seconded. All voted in favor of approving the minutes.**
2. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Turgeon updated the Committee regarding the vacancies on MET's Board. Currently there are three vacancies on the Board. To fill two of the vacancies, MET will need to obtain nominations from the Senate President. To fill one of the vacancies, MET will need to obtain a nomination from the Governor. The Committee discussed contacting the respective offices about obtaining trustee nominations. The Senate President also needs to appoint a designee to serve in his role as MET Ex-Officio Trustee. Mr. Lloyd will contact Delegate Ziegler (current MET ex-officio trustee) to ask for help in getting nominations from the Senate President's office. Mr. Lloyd reported that he contacted the Senate President's office and was told they were working on finding candidates. Mr. Turgeon is continuing to work with the DNR Secretary's office to get a nomination from the Governor.
3. In other business Mr. Turgeon and Mr. Lloyd discussed a potential candidate, Jerome Faulkner, to be added to MET's list of recommended trustees. He was recommended to Mr. Turgeon by former MET board chair, Mary Burke. Mr. Faulkner is the National Easement Program Specialist at USDA-NRCS and is based in DC. Ms. Burke has provided his contact info to Mr. Lloyd who will reach out.

NEXT MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IS TUESDAY, January 14, 2025, AT 2 PM.