

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST
NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 3, 2020

Attending: Mary Burke; Julia Jitkoff; Sarah Taylor-Rogers (Via Phone); Royden Powell III; Phil Hager; John Turgeon; Kelly Price

The meeting was called to Order by Mary Burke, Chair at 3:13 pm

A. Retreat Information

- * Will be one day and the cost will be around \$5,000.00
- * Are using the private dollars
- * March 20, 2020 from 10-3 or 9:30; At CBF Conference Rom on the Bay
- * The Request for a Retreat Facilitator was send out to many websites - Rick Leader was selected
- * This will be the time to invigorate the Board, look at their experience and ways to enhance their service
- * It is also a time to take stock and come up with future direction as FMF (Forever Maryland Foundation) has been launched.
- * QUESTION WAS ASKED TO BE ANSWERED BY OAG - FORMER MTG.
Does the Retreat have to be open to the Public?
- * Mary asked for scope and issues to consider from the Ex. Committee
- * John T. noted the Long Range Planning considering FMF and that we are in the middle of the 2017-2022 plan/ He said a Progress Report to check in on things would be provided and Julia noted Bill Leahy's Memo contained information on how he sees his office operating assuming FMF is going to be where it is what it say it is
- * Phil noted that changes that are occurring with the LTAC need to be assessed and that the LTAC needs an interim posture until FMF defines its Mission. Then a long term role needs to be developed.
- * Julia noted that this can also affect the budget if FMF dos not perform. Have to sort that our permanently
- * John T. also noted that the Land Conference is a "biggie" and that MET is coordinating with the FMF to incorporate cues from MET so that they know what is needed.
- * Mary said she would be sending out a survey to the Board in advance of the retreat so that input can be received.
- * Phil noted that it would be good to have the Board Bios so everyone knows who is who in advance. Toby noted that Paulette Green resigned from the Board and it was a friendly departure. she is runnnig a program for Black Farmers in Somerset County. It was noted that a Board Field Trip would be good.
- * Royden mentioned that the Speakers Chief of Staff came to Jim Gilchrest to make the progress less onerous for MET Board nominations. Royden said that we should do everything we can to capitalize on this and what

changes need to be made. He noted the Quorum and that other Boards use another model of simple majority. He noted participation and that other Boards can remove members if they are not participating. He also noted that other Boards required members to continue to serve until replaced. And he noted that there were Board that provided for interim vacancies. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED WHERE DOES ALL THIS APPEAR - BY LAWS OR ARTICLES? It was determined that the Ex. Committee plus those from the Governance who wanted to participate would work on this. Toby, Royden, Mary, Phil and Sarah.

- B. The Minutes from the last Meeting of the Ex. Committee were adopted.
- C. FMF - Invite them to a regular meeting of MET.
- D. \$600,000 in Merryman Estate in two weeks.
- E. Set up an additional award after the Merryman Estate - John T. is working on a proposal but it is not ready yet.
- F. Julia noted that February 12, was the Official Start date.
 - * FMF Board - what are the criteria for the Board and is fund raising important? Seems like they struggled to find people. Maybe John Griffin and Jim Morris would come on board,
 - * How much financial information are we required to put "on line"
 - * NEED TO TALK WITH OAG AS TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION NOTED ABOVE. Will we need an annual Report? Will talk with Talley.

4:00 pm Mtg Adjourned.