

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION  
JUNE 18, 2015**

The regular session portion of the Meeting commenced at 3:01 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Willing, Russell, Barthelme, Gaskin, Mummaugh, Pessagno, and Thompson. MetCom staff in attendance included Ichniowski, Elberti, Fehn, Meiser, Smouse, and Comeau-Stanley. Others present included Dick Myers (*The BayNet*) and Jason Babcock (*The Enterprise*).

Chairman Willing welcomed everyone and performed a review of the meeting agenda, noting that Mr. Ichniowski may present Ms. Cullins' report in the event she is not back from a prior scheduled appointment.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

**Commissioner Russell moved to approve the draft Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Commissioner Barthelme moved to go into Executive Session at 3:03 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters. Commissioner Mummaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

Meeting reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Board Elections**

Mr. Ichniowski turned the floor over to Chairman Willing to conduct Board Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chair. Chairman Willing opened the floor to nominations for the position of Board Chairman. Commissioner Pessagno nominated Commissioner Willing as Chairperson of the Board for the Fiscal year 2016 term. Commissioner Willing called for any other nominations. Hearing none, Chairman Willing closed the floor to nominations for the position of Board Chairperson and entertained a motion from the Board.

**Commissioner Russell moved that Steve Willing serve in the position of Board Chairperson for the Fiscal Year 2016 term. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

Chairman Willing thanked the Board members and noted his appreciation for their support.

Chairman Willing opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Gaskin nominated Commissioner Russell to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the Fiscal Year 2016 term. Chairman Willing called for any other nominations. Hearing none, Chairman Willing closed the floor to nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chairman and entertained a motion from the Board.

**Commissioner Gaskin moved that Bob Russell serve in the position of Board Vice-Chairperson for the Fiscal Year 2016 term. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

## **DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Mr. Ichniowski announced that his last day at MetCom would be July 31, as his family is ready for him to retire.

### **A. Executive Director Interview Panel Selection**

In Ms. Cullins absence, Mr. Ichniowski reported that the deadline for applications for the Executive Position was Monday, June 15, 2015 and twenty-eight (28) applications have been received and following a preliminary review, Ms. Cullins believes that there are twelve (12) qualified applicants. Mr. Ichniowski performed a review of the proposed interview panel and the schedule for the benefit of the Board members, noting that a review of resumes by the panel would be accomplished the week of June 22; interviews would be conducted the week of July 13; and a possible selection by the July 23 Commission Meeting. Discussion ensued amongst the group regarding the possible addition of former Executive Director Mr. Steve King on the interview panel. At the direction of the Board, Mr. Ichniowski will ask that Ms. Cullins reach out to Mr. King to determine if he would be available to participate in the process. Mr. Ichniowski clarified that he, Ms. Cullins, as well as Mr. King, would be non-voting advisory members of the panel.

**Mr. Russell moved that the Board approve the proposed interview panel, consisting of Steve Willing, Bob Russell, Mike Mummaugh, and Sonny Pessagno; and advisory members Steve King, Dan Ichniowski, and Anne Mary' Cullins. Further, move to approve the proposed schedule, as presented. Brief discussion ensued amongst the group on the timing of Mr. Ichniowski's departure and the orientation of the new Executive Director. Following discussion, Chairman Willing called for a vote. Motion carried 6-0.**

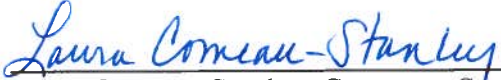
## **COMMISSION MEMBERS' TIME**

Chairman Willing thanked everyone for coming out to attend today's special meeting and he again thanked the Board members for supporting him as Chairman.

Mr. Ichniowski announced that Mr. Elberti is working on a power point presentation of the Marlay-Taylor ENR Project progress, which he plans to present at the July 9, 2015 Commission Meeting. Mr. Ichniowski noted that staff plans to extend an invitation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Brief discussion ensued on the project's completion date and the Maryland Department of the Environment deadline to achieve the desired nutrient level reduction.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, **Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Commissioner Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

  
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Laura Comeau-Stanley, Corporate Secretary