

Maryland Environmental Trust Board of Trustees
Executive Committee Meeting Notes
Date and Time: Monday, June 6, 2022, 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Type: Google Meet Teleconference

Committee Participants: Gary Burnett, Greg Bowen, Megan D’Arcy
MET Staff Participants: John Turgeon (Executive Director), Wendy Foster (DNR Liaison)

1. Overview of Board meeting agenda: Mr. John Turgeon highlighted key things in the proposed FY23 staff workplan, updated the Committee on happenings of the interim plan and provided the MET committee reports. In addition, Mr. Turgeon shared an update on the strategic plan process. The Committee discussed offering hybrid meetings as the Board does not have full membership and it may be difficult to get quorum if the expectation is to meet in person. The Committee discussed roles of current Executive Committee members and overall meeting logistics to increase attendance.
2. MET strategic planning update: Mr. John Turgeon stated that he will provide an update in his Executive Director’s Report and that the Strategic Plan Consultant Carol Hamilton has sent out the priorities for the next full Board planning meeting which is scheduled for June 27, 2022.
3. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant Proposal: Mr. Greg Bowen previewed the slides for his Board presentation to the Executive Committee. Mr. Bowen stated that Forever Maryland will apply for the grant and the Executive Committee discussed that the applicants would be land trusts primarily focusing on the two regional alliances (Western and Southern Maryland) and how to best hold the funds. Mr. Bowen stated that conditional approval to apply for the grant will be requested at the Board Meeting.
4. Board vacancies update: Mr. John Turgeon reported on the three Board vacancies and that a letter was sent to the Governor’s Appointment Office with a list of MET-recommended people to fill one of the vacancies (formerly held by Mary Burke). Mr. Turgeon mentioned that Phil Hager and Bunky Luffman at DNR were copied on the letter.
5. Other: No other items were discussed.

The Meeting ended at 3:00pm.