

**RESOLUTION NO. 619****A RESOLUTION TO AMEND MEMBERSHIP FOR THE HEART OF CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY HERITAGE AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Dorchester County Commissioners executed Resolution No. 352 on September 24, 2002 establishing the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area Office and the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area Management Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dorchester County Council executed Resolution No. 516 on February, 21, 2012 to amend Section c. to expand the current eleven members to no more than thirteen and three community representatives to no more than five; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dorchester County Council now wishes to amend Resolution No. 516, Section c. to provide the County Council the opportunity to appoint two individuals as its representatives on the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area Management Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the County Council of Dorchester County, does hereby amend Section c. as follows:

- a. The Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area Office shall be staffed through and under the supervision of the Dorchester County Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism will expand its functions from marketing and managing the visitor center to include tourism development as defined in the management plan. Additional staff may be required and may be funded in accordance with the County budget process as appropriate by the County Council with funding from sources which may include grants from the MHAA.
- b. There is hereby created a Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area Management Board.
- c. The Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area Management Board shall consist of a total of eleven and no more than thirteen members from the following: one appointed by and from the County Council at any regularly scheduled meeting who shall serve for the duration of the term of their elected office and the County Manager; one official from each municipality within the heritage area including Cambridge, East New Market, Church Creek, Secretary, Hurlock and Vienna who shall be a Council member, Mayor or designated representative of the municipality and shall serve for the duration of the term of the elected body; and three and no more than five community representatives whose terms shall be established by the bylaws and who shall be elected by the eight governmental representatives after notice of the pending appointment is published and nominations are received from any interested group or individual. Municipal representatives shall only serve as representatives for one municipality at a time.
- d. The management board shall adopt by-laws to determine election of officers, any term limits, creation of committees, quorums and other rules of order. All meetings of the board shall be open to the public and advertised as required. All plan

amendments shall be advertised in advance of the meeting at which they will be considered.

- e. The management entity will have the responsibility and opportunity to develop tourism and economic benefits for the county and its municipalities through the heritage plan. The HCCHA Management Board shall be responsible for implementing the plan, setting priorities, coordinating activities, securing funding, making recommendations to the MHAA and supporting the heritage area office through the Dorchester County Tourism Director.

The responsibilities of the board will include:

- i. Setting priorities for plan implementation
  - ii. Organizing partnerships, providing coordination
  - iii. Applying for funding, accepting grants on behalf of the heritage area, with prior approval from the Dorchester County Council
  - iv. Acting as conduit to MHAA for plan projects
  - v. Approving and prioritizing grant applications within the HCCHA for submissions to the MHAA
  - vi. Recommending Heritage Area staff direction, in conjunction with and under the supervision of the Dorchester County Tourism Director
- f. All HCCHA Management Board decisions, including funding opportunities that would impact Dorchester County, financially or programmatically must be approved by the Dorchester County Council. Specifically, all spending and budget allocations are limited as recommendations to the Dorchester County Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Resolution is hereby adopted and approved by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2019.**

ATTEST:

  
Keith Adkins, County Manager

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of Dorchester County

  
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