

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Members Present: Marvin Wright (Washington County), Ray Schwartze (Maries), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), John Petersen (Rolla), Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage), Darrell Skiles (Dent County)

Members Absent: Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Kenny Killeen (Crawford), George Gruendel (Dent), Marcus Maggard (Dent), Wayne Langston (Maries), Jerry Larimore (Gasconade), Gary Hicks (Phelps County)

MRPC Staff Present: Kelly Sink-Blair, Linda Loughridge

Guests Present: None

Call to Order and Introductions: Marvin Wright, Chairman, called the MCEC December 13, 2016, meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Marvin Wright asked for approval of the September 14, 2016 minutes. Ray Schwartze made a motion to approve, second by Dave Dudenhoeffer. Motion was approved.

Ratification: Kelly Sink-Blair reported that the MCEC Board met for its quarterly meeting on September 14, 2016. At 1:00pm. A quorum was not present for the meeting. Rather than call another meeting, board members who were not present at the meeting were asked to review information regarding items requiring board approval and complete a ratification form. All items were ratified. Chairman Marvin Wright asked for a motion to confirm. Darrell Skiles made the motion, second by Randy Verkamp. Motion was approved.

Business / Reports:

- A. MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair gave an update on both DRA projects currently sponsored by MCEC. Naturally Meramec continues to grow. The Facebook page and website are up and running. Staff is focusing on membership and sustainability. A request to extend the grant through June 30, 2017 has been submitted to DRA.
Workforce Development project still has money to spend. Stakeholders were invited to a meeting in November to determine how to spend the funds/ it was decided to focus on marketing efforts to include media and coordinating with Chamber and/or IDA meetings. A request to extend the grant through June 30,

2017 has been submitted to DRA.

- B. MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair reported that the NAP and Walmart grant applications for Mobility Management were not approved. The only current grant is a Coover Foundation grant to be submitted for Mobility Management. Ms. Sink-Blair asked the board to approve sponsoring this grant and execute award documents if awarded. Randy Verkamp made a motion, second by Ray Schwartze. Motion was approved.

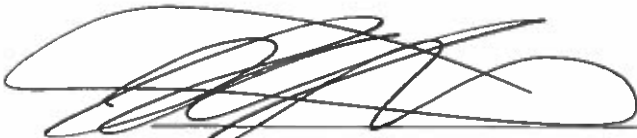
Membership: Kelly Sink-Blair distributed the membership list, attendance and by-laws. A discussion on nominating new members was held. Board members are to provide any nominations from their county. The board discussed possible meeting time changes. It was decided to keep the 2nd Tuesday of each quarterly month and do a light lunch at 1:30. Agenda content may also lend to a conference call.

Approval of financials: Linda Loughridge presented financials for year-end June 30, 2016 and financials through August 31, 2016. Leo Sanders made the motion to approve, second by Dave Dudenhoeffer. Motion was approved. Linda Loughridge presented the audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Ray Schwartze made a motion to approve, second by John Petersen. The motion was approved.

Items of Interest: Next meeting will be March 14, 2017.

Adjournment: Ray Schwartze made a motion to adjourn. Second by John Petersen. Motion was approved.

Approved by the Board _____, 2017

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Marvin Wright, Chairman