

**MERAMEC REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE/DEVELOPER'S LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Tony Floyd, Wayne Morgan, John Petersen, Janey Radford, Krista Snyder and Ray Walden.

**Members Absent:** Byron Baker, Bob Baldwin, Jim Barnett, Ken Bassett, Mark Boyer, John Butz, Kathy Byrd, Carol Carson, John Casey, Donald Claycomb, Candace Connell, Byron Craig, Ted Day, T.R. Dudley, David Dudenhoefter, John Greenlee, Shannon Grus, Luge Hardman, Jan Haviland, Luke Holtschneider, Richard Huse, Robin Huskey, Thomas Leasor, Cyndra Lorey, Nancy Montgomery, James Morgan, Terry Palmer, Rosiland Pride, Bruce Sassmann, Robert Schaffer, Carl Stephens, Marla Stevenson, Keith Strassner, Lowell Tonding, Butch Tucker, Randy Verkamp, Robert Vineyard, Janet Walker, Mark Wallace and James Wright.

**Guests Present:** Crystal Jones and Jakob Pallesen (Institute for Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Southeast Missouri State University), J.T. Hardy (Sullivan), Pat Leaders (Rolla), Dr. Sean Siebert (Cuba) and Travin Shelton (SBTDC, MS&T).

Staff Present: Bonnie Prigge, Kelly Sink-Blair and Lyle D. Thomas

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chairman John Petersen opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

2. **Approval of August 25, 2015 Minutes:** Wayne Morgan made a motion, seconded by Walden, that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

3. **Entrepreneur Assessment:** Representatives from the Institute for Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Southeast Missouri State University provide information on the upcoming Entrepreneur Assessment for the Meramec Region. The process will take approximately four to six months and data and information will be gathered by meetings with stakeholders and surveys. The completed assessment will result in recommendations to improve the regional climate as it relates to entrepreneurship. An example of a completed study was provided to attendees for review.

4. **Next Meeting:** TBD

**Adjournment**