

# **MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

**Members Present:** Lowell Tonding (Phelps County), Darrell Skiles (Dent County), John Petersen (Phelps County), Marcus Maggard (Dent County), George Gruendel (Dent County) and Gary Hicks (Phelps County).

**Members Absent:** Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage County), Tammy Henson (Phelps County), Kenny Killeen (Crawford County), Wayne Langston (Maries County), Lori Moss (Phelps County), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski County), Tammy Pilotte (Phelps County), Leo Sanders (Crawford County), Ray Schwartze (Maries County), Randy Verkamp (Phelps County) and Marvin Wright (Washington County).

**Staff Present:** Bonnie Prigge, Kelly Sink-Blair and Jodi Branson

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Chairman Petersen called the MCEC March 10, 2015 meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from the December. 9, 2014, meeting:** Hicks made a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Skiles. Motion passed.

### **Business/Reports:**

**MCEC Project Updates:** Sink-Blair shared with the board updates on current MCEC projects that are currently underway. The CDBG regional rental rehab project sponsored by Pulaski County is done and Lyle Thomas is working with the county to close the grant. MHTF provided notice that all previous homeownership grants are now considered closed. The Federal Home Loan Bank home repair grant and the Missouri Housing Trust Fund grant projects are ongoing and will soon be closed out. The new 2015 FHLB is just underway and staff is identifying eligible households.

The DRA Workforce Development Grant project is being implemented with the kick-off meeting held last month. Staff are working out details on NCRC test sites and reimbursements, promotional packets and job profiling criteria. Staff will be meeting with each county's CWRC committee soon.

The DRA Naturally Meramec Project is started. This project is paired with other funding that includes the four non-DRA counties. The first meeting took place in Gasconade County and was very successful. Next meetings scheduled are Pulaski County and Crawford County.

**MCEC Grant Updates:** Sink-Blair reported that no grants are currently pending. Staff is waiting on the 2015 grant round announcement for Federal Home Loan Bank. It is possible that it will be due before the next MCEC meeting.

**Homeownership:** Bonnie Prigge updated the board on the **Wells Fargo Community and Urban Stabilization Program (CUSP)**. Prigge shared that Doolittle Fire had an interest in the Jerome property and is working with Wells Fargo. MCEC did submit its CUSP application so we can be notified if another property comes available, or if the Doolittle Fire agreement does not work out.

**Approval of financials:** Branson presented the current financials for FY 2014-15 as of February 28, 2015. Gruendel made a motion to approve the current financials as presented, seconded by Maggard. Motion passed. In addition, Branson presented the budget for 2014-2015 with revisions to the board. Skiles made a motion to approve FY 2014-15 budget as proposed, seconded by Hicks. Motion passed.

**Items of Interest:** Next Meeting is on June 9, 2015 unless staff is notified of an earlier due date for FHLB.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the MCEC meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.