

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 7, 2016

**Members Present:** Marvin Wright (Washington County), Darrell Skiles (Dent County), Gary Hicks (Phelps County), George Gruendel (Dent County), Jerry Larimore (Gasconade) and Ray Schwartz (Maries)

**Members Absent:** Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), John Petersen (Rolla), Kenny Killeen (Crawford), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Lori Moss (Phelps), Lowell Tonding (Phelps), Marcus Maggard (Dent), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Tammy Henson (Phelps), Tammy Pilotte (Phelps) and Wayne Langston (Maries)

**MRPC Staff Present:** Kelly Sink-Blair, Donna Ridenhour, Linda Loughridge

**Guest Present:** Connie Willman, Naturally Meramec

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Marvin Wright, Vice Chairman, called the MCEC January 7, 2016, meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes for September 8, 2015, and October 13, 2015 conference call.** Jerry Larimore made a motion, seconded by Gary Hicks. Motion passed.

**Business / Reports:**

**Naturally Meramec:** Connie Willman provided an update on the MCEC sponsored Delta Regional Authority grant that is funding a portion of the Naturally Meramec project to develop a consortium of local agri-tourism businesses.

**Workforce Development:** Kelly Sink-Blair provided an update on the MCEC sponsored Delta Regional Authority grant that is funding workforce development activities in the four Delta counties.

**MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair gave an update on existing project administration. We need two more households to do home repairs. The problem is that most households do not meet the qualifications, such as, income eligibility, up-to-date taxes, etc. In order for a mobile home to qualify, it has to be permanently attached. The Assessor would have to list it as Real Property.

**MCEC Grant Updates:** Staff reported that there are no new grants.

**Approval of financials:** Linda Loughridge provided the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the month ending November 30, 2015. Motion was made by Ray Schwartz, seconded by Gary Hicks to approve the financials. Motion passed.

**Approval of Audit Report:** Linda Loughridge provided the audit report for June 30, 2015 and 2014 to the Board. Motion was made by Gary Hicks, seconded by Ray Schwartz to approve the audit report. Motion approved.

**Items of Interest:**

**A. Next Meeting:** March 8, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

