

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Members Present on Call: Marvin Wright (Washington County), Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Ray Schwartz (Maries), George Gruendel (Dent), Wayne Langston (Maries), Jerry Larimore (Gasconade)

Members Present at MRPC: Marcus Maggard (Dent)

Members Absent: Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Kenny Killeen (Crawford), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Lori Moss (Phelps), Lowell Tonding (Phelps), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Tammy Henson (Phelps), Tammy Pilotte (Phelps), John Petersen (Rolla), Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage)

MRPC Staff Present on Call: Kelly Sink-Blair, Linda Loughridge

Guests Present: None

Call to Order and Introductions: Marvin Wright, Chairman, called the MCEC June 14, 2016, conference call meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with a roll call.

Ratification: Kelly Sink-Blair reviewed the ratification process used to ratify board decisions at the March 8, 2016 meeting when a quorum was not present. All items were ratified. Marvin Wright asked for confirmation of the ratification process. George Gruendel made a motion, second by Ray Schwartz. Motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Marvin Wright asked for approval of the May 3, 2016 conference call minutes. Gary Hicks made a motion to approve, second by George Gruendel. Motion was approved.

Election of Officers: Annual election of officers was held. Ray Schwartz made the motion to retain Marvin Wright as Chairman (2nd term), John Petersen as Vice Chairman (2nd term) and Gary Hicks as Treasurer (3rd term). Second by Marcus Maggard. Motion was approved. Gary Hicks nominated and made a motion to approve Wayne Langston to serve as Secretary, second by Jerry Lairmore. Motion was approved.

Annual Cargo Trailer Lease: The annual lease agreement between MCEC and MRPC on behalf of the Region I Homeland Security Oversight Committee was set to expire June 30. Gary Hicks made a motion to extend the lease until June 30, 2017. Second by Ray Schwartz. Motion was approved.

Business / Reports:

A. MCEC Project Updates: Kelly Sink-Blair gave updates on the Naturally Meramec project funded by an MCEC Delta Regional Authority grant and the Workforce Development project also funded by an MCEC Delta Regional Authority grant. Both projects are progressing.

B. MCEC Grant Updates: None to report

Approval of Financials: Linda Loughridge reviewed the financials through May 31, 2016. Ray Schwartz made a motion to approve the financials. Second by Marcus Maggard. Motion was approved. Linda reviewed the draft FY16-17 budget. George Gruendel made a motion to approve the budget. Second by Marcus Maggard. Motion was approved.

Items of Interest:

A. Next Meeting: September 13, 2016 at 1:00. Phone call or office meeting will be determined by agenda content.

Adjournment: Ray Schwartz made a motion to adjourn. Second by Gary Hicks. Motion was approved.

