

MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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

MRPC Staff Present: Kelly Sink-Blair, Linda Loughridge

Guest Present: None

Call to Order and Introductions: Marvin Wright, Chairman, called the MCEC March 8, 2016, meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2016. Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve, seconded by Gary Hicks. Motion passed.

Business / Reports:

A. Heartland Independent Living Donations: Staff discussed the opportunity for MCEC to serve as a pass-through agency to secure a donation for Heartland Independent Living for back to school supplies for disadvantaged students in Maries and Gasconade counties. Heartland is requesting \$2000 from Intercounty Electric's Round-Up program. Intercounty Electric needs an agency in its service area to route the grant funds for Heartland. MCEC has done this in the previously. Gary Hicks made the motion to serve as the applicant, sign all necessary paperwork to submit the application and accept the grant award. Seconded by Wayne Langston. Motion passed.

B. Osage County Drug Task Force: This group decided to pursue other avenues and no longer needed to request MCEC assistance. Possible to partner in the future.

MCEC Board Membership: The group discussed the make-up of the board and barriers to obtaining more participation. MRPC staff will provide each county with a list of current members along with attendance and request new appointments.

MCEC Project Updates: Kelly Sink-Blair gave an update on existing project administration. All homes have been identified for the home repair program and it should be completed in a couple months. A summary of the grant was distributed to members. Kelly shared information on denials for this program and the board discussed issues with incomes and ownership that prevented participation by many. Kelly provided updates on the two Delta Regional Authority grants for Naturally Meramec and Workforce Development.

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 February 29, 2016. Motion was made by Wayne Langston, seconded by Darrell Skiles to approve the financials. Motion passed.

Approval of Amended FY15-16 Budget:

Linda Loughridge provided an update to the FY15-16 and discussed changes made due to projects' progress and expected expenditures through the end of the year. Motion was made by Gary Hicks, seconded by Darrell Skiles to approve the amended budget. Motion approved.

Items of Interest:

A. Next Meeting: June 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

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