

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

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: George Gruendel (Dent County), John Petersen (Phelps County), Wayne Langston (Maries County), Ray Schwartz (Maries County), and Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage County).

Members Absent: Tammy Henson (Phelps County), Kenny Killeen (Crawford County), Lori Moss (Phelps County), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski County), Tammy Pilotte (Phelps County), Leo Sanders (Crawford County), Lowell Tonding (Phelps County), Randy Verkamp (Phelps County), Marvin Wright (Washington County), Byron Baker (Osage County), Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade County), Marcus Maggard (Dent County), and Darrell Skiles (Dent County).

Staff Present: Kelly Sink-Blair, Connie Willman and Bonnie Prigge.

Call to Order: Chair John Petersen called the MCEC meeting to order on October 29, 2014 at 10:15 a.m.

Delta Regional Authority Letter of Interest: Kelly Sink-Blair, MRPC staff, explained that following the Sept. 9, 2014 MCEC meeting, an opportunity came up in which MCEC could apply to Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for funding from the Workforce Development Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Fund. The goal of the project is to use Workforce Development Capacity funds to implement the approved ACT work Ready Communities' plans in each of the four counties—Crawford, Dent, Phelps and Washington. Kelly asked for the board's approval to submit the application and for the chairman to sign all related documents if funded. Wayne Langston Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Dave Dudenhoeffer, that the DRA application be submitted and that the chairman be authorized to sign documents, if approved. Motion passed.

Possible Home Donation: Bonnie Prigge advised the board that staff have been made aware of a possible home donation to MCEC for its Homeownership program. The home, located on Hwy. D in Jerome, is being offered by the Wells Fargo Bank. First, MCEC must be certified to accept properties from Wells Fargo. Ray Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Wayne Langston, that staff pursue getting MCEC certified to accept properties from Wells Fargo. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Approved by the Board _____, 2014.

John Petersen, President