

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
April 10, 2014**

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Brown called the April 10, 2014, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman Gary Brown welcomed guests and had members make introductions.

Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

a... Minutes – March 13, 2014

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b... Local Review

- Great Mines Health Center, Potosi MO

93.526-Affordable Care Act (ACA)

..... Grants for Capital Development in Health Centers.

..... Great Mines Health Center PCMH facility improvement project.

Federal: \$ 249,485.64

c... Statewide Grant Applications

1. Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

State Plan Amendment: will allow for rural health clinics to contract for dental services with dentists in rural communities and receive Medicaid reimbursement for providing dental services to children in rural communities.

- State of Missouri, Jefferson City

93.234 Traumatic Brain Injury State Demonstration Grant Program

Missouri Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Implementation Partnership Project

Federal: \$250,000

State: 125,000

Total: \$375,000

- Department of Labor & Industrial Relations, Jefferson City

17.600-Mine Health and Safety Grants

Mine Safety and Health Administration Training and Retraining of Miners

Federal: \$206,947

State: 90,112

Total: \$297,059

d... Contracts

- Ronin Enterprises, LLC dba Vapors Plus

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract to provide technical assistance in the preparation of a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan application for Ronin Enterprises, LLC dba Vapors Plus, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

- North Callaway Senior Center

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract with North Callaway Senior Center

for a Federal Home Loan Bank-Des Moines renovation grant, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- **Rolla Regional Economic Commission**

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract with Rolla Regional Economic Commission for a USDA Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) grant application, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

James Morgan made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Don Brackhahn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Transfer of Wealth Study and Progress Report on the Meramec Regional Community Foundation—Maria Bancroft

Maria Bancroft updated the board on the progress of the Meramec Regional Community Foundation, which was established by MRPC on June 4, 2010. At that time, MRPC donated \$30,000 to establish a grant making fund, which is now in its third year. All funds are managed by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. (CFO) Maria shared information on the recently completed Transfer of Wealth Study that highlights the amount of wealth anticipated to transfer from one generation to another over the next 10 years and discussed the potential for our rural communities if they were able to capture just 5 percent of that wealth.

For generations, people lived entire lives close to their birthplace. Wealth passed from generation to generation, but stayed within the same community or county. Many of the next generation no longer live in their county home once the wealth leaves a community, it may never return.

The Alliance of Missouri Community Foundations 10-year transfer of wealth projections are:

\$6.2 trillion in the United States
\$135 billion in Missouri

There are proven strategies that work to keep wealth in the communities, including:

- Make your own commitment
- Start a legacy society
- Talk with your professional advisors
- Approach your non-profits and churches
- Educate donors

- **Delta Regional Authority Annual Grant Making Kick-Off—Bonnie Prigge**

Bonnie Prigge made the board aware of upcoming grant deadlines for Delta Regional Authority grants, which can assist with projects in Crawford, Dent, Phelps and Washington counties.

Delta Regional Authority is designed to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and foster partnerships that will have a positive impact on the region's economy. DRA grants are designed to leverage other federal and state programs. DRA is focused on basic infrastructure development, transportation improvement, business development and job training. DRA grants are available to local governments (state agencies, city and county/parish), public bodies, and non-profit entities with projects in the DRA.

MRPC is a local development district for DRA, responsible for creating awareness of the grant cycle and for receiving applications by May 4, certifying and sending completed packets to DRA. Provide technical assistance, ranging from project identification to grant writing, at no cost to the applicant and can administer DRA grants to the region (paid by grant). MRPC coordinates media coverage of DRA projects. All projects are due to LDD by 5:00 p.m. on July 3.

External Relations Committee

Darrell Skiles reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows:

- Staff provided information on the NADO conference and trip. Assistant Director Tammy Snodgrass and Chairman Gary Brown attended March 23-26. They felt the overall mood was improved from last year. Both

sides of the aisle are making an effort to work together.

- Staff provided a report on At-Large positions that will expire in 2014. There are vacancies for Banking, Small Business, Healthcare and at-large for profit representing Gasconade County. The positions will be voted on in May.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve the by-laws changes presented to the board at the March 13 meeting; Randy Verkamp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

By-laws changes are:

Beginning in May 2014 the For-Profit At-Large Commissioners from Crawford, Dent and Gasconade counties will serve one-year terms and then in May 2015 those terms will go to three year terms to be elected every third year.

Beginning in May 2014 the For-Profit At-Large Commissioners from Maries, Osage and Phelps counties will serve two-year terms and then in May 2016 those terms will go to three year terms to be elected every third year.

Beginning in May 2014 the For-Profit At-Large Commissioners from Pulaski and Washington counties will serve three year terms to be elected every third year.

- The board retreat will be held on May 22 at Camp Mihaska near Bourbon. Please attend and bring another elected official or friend who could benefit from learning about MRPC.

Operations Committee

Ray Schwartze reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

- Financials

Ray Schwartze made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2014; seconded by Randy Verkamp. The motion carried.

- Audit Firm Interviews

The committee interviewed the top two firms who submitted proposals for MRPC and its affiliated organizations audits. Those interviewed were Hochschel, Bloom & Co LLP and Kean & Co. LLC. Ray Schwartze made a motion to approve Kean & Co., LLC to complete the organization's audits; seconded by Luge Hardman. The motion carried.

Planning Committee

James Morgan reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

- Naturally Meramec Project

Staff reported on the findings of the agritourism/agribusiness project and plans for Phase II.

Housing Advisory Board

No report was given.

Transportation Advisory Committee

John Casey reported on Transportation Advisory Committee as follows:

The TAC committee had everyone who had not provided input into how transportation dollars should be broken out and used to give their input.

If HJR 68 passes the TAC voted on how they would handle funding for I-70 and Amtrak. They voted I-70 should come out of statewide fund and any Amtrak funding should be programmed at district funds.

They prioritized the identified multi-modal needs. The top four Meramec Region prioritized transportation values are as follows:

1. Take care of the transportation system and existing services.
2. Invest in projects which spur economic growth and create jobs.
3. Safety, keep all travelers safe, regardless of transportation mode.
4. Give Missourians better transportation choices (Multi-Modal)

The Meramec Regional Planning Commission has coordinated the multi-modal needs prioritization process using its existing staff, its Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and MRPC board members along with stakeholders representing various transportation modes from across the region. The end result is a prioritized needs list, by mode, which reflects the desires of the Meramec Region and addresses all modes of transportation. The process to achieve this end result will be inclusive, transparent and accountable.

Staff asked the TAC for its acceptance of the results of needs prioritization by mode, transportation values ranking and transportation dollar allocation by modes and request that they recommend the results to MRPC's board for concurrence and approval.

The prioritized needs list is as follows:

Prioritized Aviation Needs (Top 4)

1. All Counties-Annually set aside funds for airport infrastructure construction, improvements and expansion (i.e. runway, apron and taxiway construction/expansion/repair, fuel storage/dispensing equipment, construction/upgrade).
2. All Counties-Annually set aside funds for facility construction, improvements and expansion (i.e. hanger expansion/construction, general aviation and passenger. Rolla National Airport- Need to lengthen runway and/or fly zone. Rolla National Airport.
3. Potosi Airport-runway expansion from 4,000' to 5,000'.

Prioritized Bike/Pedestrian Needs (Top 4)

1. All Counties-Annually set aside funds for sidewalk repair, connectivity and expansion of facilities including pedestrian crossings, SRTS type projects and co-use trails and bike lanes.
2. All Counties-Annually set aside funds for upgrading pedestrian facilities to ADA compliance.
3. Region-Devote a percentage of annual funding to systematically adding needed shoulders.
4. Potosi City Park-Trail construction and renovation in city park, along Brenton Creek and around schools.

Prioritized Transit Needs (Top 4)

1. District Wide-Increased rural public transportation services provided from averaging 2 days per week to 5 days per week (i.e. OATS, SMTS).
2. State Wide-Increase Park & Ride programs using smaller buses running more frequently.
3. Phelps County-Increase public transportation options.
4. Crawford County-Increase rural transportation (frequency, options, etc.).

Prioritized Rail Needs (Top 4)

1. All Counties-Establish Amtrak rail service from St. Louis to Springfield along the Burlington Northern rail paralleling I-44, making stops in Crawford, Phelps and Pulaski counties.
2. All Counties-Annual funds set aside for rail infrastructure improvements (i.e. universal crossover installation, intermodal hubs, sidings, etc.)
3. Washington County-Union Pacific Railway near airport and industrial park.
4. Crawford County-Amtrak service to Cuba from St. Louis and then to Springfield.

Prioritized Other Non-Mode Specific

1. Regional-Matching grant program for cities and counties covering all modes for local projects.
2. Regional-Planning funds for Multi-Modal projects.

Prioritized Highway Needs (1-15)

1. Phelps, Maries, Osage Counties-US 63 from US Hwy 50 in Osage County to the Phelps/Texas County line. Corridor improvements including widening to 4-lane. Shoulders and horizontal alignment improvements as well.
2. Gasconade County-From 28 junction to north city limits on Hwy 19 near school. Add third lane on Hwy 19 by high school. From Hwy 28/19 junction to north city limits sign.
3. Gasconade and Osage County-US Hwy 50 from about one mile west of Linn to the Gasconade/Franklin county line. Corridor improvements including widening to 4-lane. Shoulders and horizontal alignment improvements as well.
4. Crawford County-Bridge No. S0364 over Little Bourbeuse River. Load posted, one lane bridge.
5. All Counties-Annually set aside funds for safety improvements on numbered and lettered routes, i.e. Correcting sight distance issues, intersection alignments and curve geometrics, adding shoulders, rumble strips and signage.)
6. All Counties-Annually set aside funds for award at the district level for bridge replacement on lettered routes.
7. All Counties-Annually set aside funds for resurfacing of numbered and lettered routes and improving drainage where needed.
8. Phelps County-I-44 to University Drive/overpass at I-44 in Rolla. Roadway needs (additional lanes)/traffic control need (congestion concern).
9. Dent County-Bridge No. R0808 over Crooked Creek. Bridge need (flooding concern)/replace culvert with bridge.
10. Phelps County-MO72 from 44 to 63 extension. Extend Route 72 to I-44 at/near proposed 5th interchange.
11. Washington County-Crawford County line to St. Francois County line. Roadway need (passing lanes) continued improvement.
12. Washington County-Route 185 Bridge over FoucheARenault. Load posted, one-lane bridge.
13. Osage County-Entire route through county-functional/safety needs. Safety improvements to Rte. 133 across Osage County and add shoulders.
14. Osage County-Hwy 63 intersection with MO 133. Safety improvements at intersection.
15. Maries County-Intersection of US 63 and 42 in Vienna. Traffic flow issues, need to make improvements to the intersection.

T.R. Dudley made a motion to approve the prioritization transportation needs as determined by TAC and as presented; seconded by Randy Verkamp. The motion passed.

Allocation of Transportation funds across all modes, as determined by polling.

1. Aviation-11%
2. Bike/Ed.-7%
3. Highway-58%
4. Ports-4%
5. Rail-8%
6. Transit-11%

Mayor Luge Hardman mentioned that there were no projects from Pulaski County. Bonnie Prigge commented that the county would have an opportunity to address some needs through set-aside, program initiatives.

Environmental and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Tammy Snodgrass passed out reports on environmental and MREPC activities. Report is attached.

Business Loans

Tom Klebba passed out a report on business loans. Staff is currently working on two SBA loans. There is a MRDC full board meeting on Wednesday, April 16. There is plenty of money to loan, so please promote the program in your communities.

Workforce Development

No report given.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:

No report given.

Meramec Region Community Foundation

Bonnie Prigge updated the board on MRCF's activities as follows:

On April 2, the committee selected scholarships awardees for the Richard and Jeanne Cavendar Scholarship fund and the Cole-Mahon Scholarship. They discussed the Pulaski County relief fund and reviewed the budget. The MRPC board appointment on the MRCF board will need to be replaced, since Steve Vogt is no longer mayor of Belle.

Director's Report

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported as follows:

- Ms. Prigge announced the new mayors elected in April 8 elections.

Rolla-Louis Magdits

Hermann-Tom Shabel

Belle-Stewart Darrah

Owensville-John Kamler

Salem- J.J. Tune

- Ms. Prigge updated the board on Homeland Security Funding changes. Homeland Security announced to all the chairs of the RHSOC that all funding decisions for the next round of grants will be made at the state level with some yet-to-be defined input from the RHSOCs. In the past, the local RHSOC reviewed grant applications and selected projects for funding based on the regional allocation. Ms. Prigge share that some of the Chairs shared concern about the new proposal, including Region I's Chair and Vice Chair, and asked for a letter opposing this change and recommending that the process continue with local input.

Don Brackhahn made a motion to submit a letter to the State opposing the change in Homeland Security grant funding; Darrell Skiles seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Ms. Prigge encouraged the board to attend the MRPC retreat on May 22.
- Cyndra Lorey will be holding a Progress 63 Coalition meeting in conjunction with the Rolla Regional Economic Commission meeting on April 18.
- Gary Brown will be serving on TAC committee as the Dent County representative.

Chairman's Report

Gary Brown thanked the board for its hard work for the whole region. He felt very blessed to be part of such a great organization.

Prior to concluding the meeting, Vice Chair T.R. Dudley presented Chairman Brown with a plaque, thanking him for his service, which included 14 years of service. He also presented the chairman, who is a carpenter by trade, with a hammer (instead of a gavel.)

Adjourn

Don Brackhahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.; Marvin Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gary Brown, chairman

Mary Heywood, secretary
