

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
January 16, 2014**

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Brown called the Jan. 16, 2014, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:30 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 – December 12, 2013

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b... Local Review

..... None

c... Statewide Grant Applications

..... 1. Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

State Plan Amendment 13-28: Provides for a 3% per diem rate increase for nonstate-operated ICF/MR facilities, effective January 1, 2014

2. Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

State Plan Amendment 13-25: Supplemental Nursing Care personal needs allowances and Medicaid.

- Missouri Public Service Commission, Jefferson City

PHMSA Pipeline Safety Program One Call Grant

Missouri Public Service Commission One Call Application

Federal: \$10,000

4. Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

State Plan Amendment 13-29: removes the Benchmark Benefit Package from the state plan.

5. Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

State Plan Amendment 13-03: Supplemental Nursing Care personal needs allowances and Medicaid.

6. Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

13-21 Establishes the income standards for eligibility for MO HealthNet programs based on the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) standards.

- Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

13-26 Establishes certain eligibility standards when applying Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) for certain groups covered by the MO HealthNet.

8. Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

13-20 Establishes the income standards for eligibility for MO HealthNet programs based on the Modified adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) standards, infants and children under the age of 19.

- Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

13-24 Certifies that MO has alternative single, streamlined application and a general eligibility process that meets the requirements establish under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and approved by the secretary.

- Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City

66.802 Superfund State, Political subdivision, and Indian Tribe Site-Specific Cooperative Agreements.

Federal: 1,143,912.00

State: 30,000.00

Total: 1,173,912.00

- State of Missouri, Jefferson City

93.240 State Capacity Building

ATSDR assists their partners in reducing environmental exposures to hazardous waste in their communities.

Federal: \$331,895

d... Contracts

- City of Sullivan

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract for CDBG Environmental Review for potential infrastructure grant with the City of Sullivan related to a possible economic development expansion project, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

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- MRDC Board

..... Permission was requested for MRPC board to approve Ray Walden to serve on the Meramec Regional Development Corporation Board (MRDC) for Dent County for the July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016, term.

Leo Sanders made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, James Poucher seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Special Presentation of Eugene E. Northern Award:

MRPC's Eugene E. Northern 2013 Award recipient was unable to attend the Annual Dinner in Potosi, so Chairman Brown presented the award to recipient Richard Huse of Belle at this meeting.

Idea Exchange with Federal Legislators Staff

Mr. Dan Engemann, for Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer; Ms. Sarah Graff for Sen. Roy Blunt; Mr. Cole Karr for Rep. Vickie Hartzler and Mr. Matt Williams for Sen. Claire McCaskill attended MRPC's board meeting.

Each representative for the legislators updated the board on legislative activity.

The following is what they conveyed to the board:

Ms. Graff informed the board that Congress has passed a \$1.1 trillion budget. The Fair Market Act has been passed out of the Senate and is in House Judiciary Committee. Farm Bill in conference committee and is expected to be passed out by end of January.

Mr. Matt Williams informed the board that Sen. McCaskill's office is collecting testimonials from homeowners experiencing flood insurance issues. He said insurance rates are going up and FEMA is putting properties in flood zones that were not there before.

Mr. Engemann explained that the appropriation bill that passed the house has included reductions in spending—eliminates the Missouri River Restoration Project (MRERP); reduced budgets for the IRS and EPA. Rep. Luetkemeyer feels that the process is moving in the right direction.

Mr. Cole Karr informed that he was new to Rep. Hartzler's office; he discussed the Farm Bill and concerns with Ft. Leonard Wood. Mr. Karr said that defense spending was increased by about \$30 billion in the 2014 budget, and it is Rep. Hartzler's wish to direct some of that increase to readiness, which could benefit Fort Leonard Wood.

The group fielded questions from board members, including questions on BRO funding and coal fire power generation.

External Relations Committee

Leo Sanders reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows:

- **MRPC Day at the Capitol**

The committee discussed a date for "MRPC Day at the Capitol" which is set for Jan.28. MRPC will provide lunch from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the hallway in front of Senator Dan Brown's office, Room 419.

- **Federal Priorities for 2014**

Committee reviewed the federal priorities survey results. There were 11 responses on the survey. MRPC leadership will hand carry the reports to Washington, D.C. in March. The committee decided to table the priorities until Feb. 13 meeting and do some final word-smithing.

- **MRB Bylaws Review**

The committee reviewed the MRB bylaws. No changes are recommended.

Operations Committee

Ray Schwartze reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

- **Financials**

Committee reviewed December financials and discussed in detail the 2013-14 budget revisions. John Casey made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2013 and the revised budgets; seconded by Mark Boyer. The motion carried.

- **Review of Federal Legislative Issues**

A list of federal issues was presented to the committee for review.

Planning Committee

James Morgan reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

- **Loans Programs**

Staff updated the committee on the loans programs.

- **Board Retreat**

Committee members discussed the board retreat; the tentative date is May 22, 2014.

- **Federal Legislative Priorities:**

The committee reviewed the priorities.

Housing Advisory Board

Marvin Wright reported on the Housing Advisory Board activities as follows:

- **PHA Financials**

Staff presented a statement of revenues and expenditures for the month of December 31, 2013. The audit for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 was presented. Staff brought the board up-to-date on the number of families assisted and amount of housing assistance payments for each county.

Transportation Advisory Committee

John Casey reviewed the prioritized transportation needs list for the Meramec Region that was prioritized at the Dec. 12 TAC meeting.

Ray Schwartze made a motion to approve the ranking as presented; seconded by Don Brackhahn. The motion carried.

Environmental and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee

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

Business Loans

Report is attached.

Workforce Development

No report was given.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:

No report given.

Meramec Region Community Foundation

Bonnie Prigge announced MRCF is now accepting community grants, non-profits and schools can apply for the \$250 grant.

Director's Report

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported as follows:

- Ms. Prigge reminded the board that the day at the capitol will be Jan. 28 and staff will be carpooling and if members would like to carpool, please let staff know. Also, staff will need to know how many board members will be attending so catering arrangements can be made.
- Ms. Prigge discussed the board retreat. Staff will hold orientation; since there are so many new board members.
 - Ms. Prigge announced that John Tracy, city administrator for Owensville will be retiring effective March 1 and that board member John Kamler had suffered a house fire.
 - Ms. Prigge reported that MoDOT's Cost Share Program has been suspended; any current projects that are ongoing will still be funded. MoDOT will be adding no new projects to the STIP as well.

Chairman's Report

Gary Brown wished everyone a belated Happy Holidays since he was not at the December meeting.

Adjourn

Don Brackhahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.; Marvin Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gary Brown, chairman

Mary Heywood, secretary