

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission  
Minutes  
January 8, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the Jan. 8, 2015, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman T.R. Dudley welcomed guests and had members make introductions.

**Consent Agenda**

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

a. Minutes – December 11, 2014

b. Local Review  
None

c. Statewide Grant Applications

Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, Jefferson City

97.039-Hazard Mitigation Grant

FEMA DR-4200 declared 10/31/2014-Hazard Mitigation Grant

Federal:\$1,227,334

Other: 409, 111

Total: \$1,636,445

Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, Jefferson City

97.036-Disaster grants-public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)

FEMA DR-4200 declared 10/31/2014-Public Assistance Grant

Federal: \$8, 182,224

State: 1,090,963

Local: 1,636,445

Total : \$10,909,632

Department of Social Services, Jefferson City TANF State Plan

Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

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

Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City State Plan Amendment 14-02

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C.  
NRC Routine Inspection

State of Missouri, Jefferson City  
93.240-State Capacity Building

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

Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City  
66.802-Superfund State, Political Subdivision, and Indian tribe Site-Specific Cooperative Agreements  
Superfund Combined Cooperative Agreement

Federal: \$1,125,328

State: 32,197

Total: \$1,157,525

#### d. Contracts

Tradebe Treatment & Recycling, LLC

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a one year extension with Tradebe Treatment & Recycling, LLC to service HHW collection centers at Rolla and St. Robert in 2015, ORSWMD funded project; and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

Midwest Recycling Center

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract with MRC to continue to provide services for special collections of electronic waste and appliances, ORSWMD funded project; and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

Paul and Leslie DeClue

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistance contract with Paul and Leslie DeClue for preparation of an RLF loan; and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

Pulaski county Hazard Mitigation

Permission was requested for the MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistance contract with State Emergency Management Agency and Pulaski County Commission for the update of the county's hazard mitigation plan; and to sign all documents associated with this contract.  
Effective date is Dec. 22, 2014.

Missouri Association of Councils of Governments

Permission was requested for the MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a fiscal agent services contract with MACOG for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources 604B Watershed grant; and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

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

#### **2014 NADO Innovation Award:**

The National Association of Development Organizations recently recognized MRPC and its partners for the Fort Leonard Wood Joint Land Use Study. MRPC Chairman T.R. Dudley and Executive Director Bonnie Prigge presented the 2014 NADO Innovation Award to Waynesville Mayor Hardman on behalf of the City of Waynesville, who partnered with MRPC on the project. Pulaski County and St. Robert were not present to receive their awards.

#### **Idea Exchange with Federal Legislators Staff**

Mr. Ray Bozarth for Sen. Roy Blunt; Ms. Tammy Corrigan for Rep. Jason Smith 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:

Mr. Bozarth updated the board on Economic Development Bill; the senator would like to see an increase in manufacturing and technology in the private and public sectors to create jobs. Sen. Blunt supports BRO transportation funds and will continue to fight for them. He is working on expanding access to community health centers for mental health issues. He also supports the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention Act for American veterans, which will provide more resources for veterans; and incentives for psychiatrists.

Mr. Matt Williams informed the board that Sen. McCaskill's first priority is the Keystone pipeline. The House is going to take up the issue on Jan. 9. He said Sen. McCaskill has concerns in regards to the new EPA regulations being implemented; she would like the timeframe to be extended to 2030. She is going to travel to Cuba next month to discuss opening up agriculture trade with Cuba.

Tammy Corrigan with Rep. Jason Smith's office informed that he is reviewing the Affordable Care Act and supports the Keystone Pipeline.

The group fielded questions from board members.

### **External Relations Committee**

Darrell Skiles 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. 27. 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 422.

- **Federal Priorities for 2015**

Committee reviewed the federal priorities survey results. The committee added a fourth priority under Economic and Community Development: *Continue to promote Fort Leonard Wood using the results of the FLW Joint Land Use Study and Missouri's Military Infrastructure Report and delete the same priority under Health Care and Social Services, which was included by mistake.*

Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve the 2015 Federal Priorities as presented, Ray Schwartze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **MRB Bylaws Review**

The committee has tabled the review to the February meeting.

### **Operations Committee**

Marvin Wright reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

- **Financials**

Committee reviewed December financials and discussed in detail the 2014-15 budget revisions. Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2014 and the revised budgets; seconded by Randy Verkamp. 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:

- **Grants Report**

Staff presented a report on grants written and funded so far in this fiscal year and the impact/potential impact of the grant funds.

- **City of Richland**

City Administrator Greg Stratman presented information on the city and its greatest needs.

- Federal Legislative Priorities:  
The committee reviewed the priorities.

### **Housing Advisory Board**

Darrell Skiles reported on the Housing Advisory Board activities as follows:

#### **Election of New Secretary**

Leo Sanders, presiding commissioner of Crawford County was elected as secretary.

#### **PHA Financials**

Staff presented a statement of revenues and expenditures for the month of December 31, 2014. 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**

No Report.

### **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**

T.R. Dudley updated the board on Workforce Development being changes to the Workforce Innovation Board. The board will be working on four sectors: healthcare industry, retail, hospitality businesses and industry.

### **Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:**

No report given.

### **Meramec Region Community Foundation**

Bonnie Prigge announced MRFC is now accepting community grants, non-profits and schools can apply for the \$250 grant. The grant cycle will close the last day of January. There is an opening for a representative from Crawford County to serve on the foundation. An upcoming event is being planned-invite a friend to lunch. Further information will be announced later.

### **Director's Report**

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported as follows:

Ms. Prigge reminded the board that the February TAC and board meeting will be Feb. 19.

Ms. Prigge updated the board on the EDA regulations that are in the process of being updated and sent. Staff believes the regulations are going to be better, what the board asked for. Staff is hopeful that control will be given back to the local board.

Ms. Prigge announced that docudrama/safety day training will be held at MRPC on Jan. 28.

Ms. Prigge reported DRA Meramec Workforce readiness grant has been approved for Phelps, Crawford, Washington and Dent counties. A kick-off meeting is planned soon.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development is still accepting projects to be included in the state's National Disaster Resiliency application.

MoDOT posted a rule in regards to tourism signs. One criteria for a given sign would require one million tourists, which would eliminate the opportunity for signage in rural areas.

John Casey made a motion to send a letter of concern to MoDOT about the rule change, John Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Chairman's Report**

T.R. Dudley thanked everyone for braving the cold to attend. Also, upcoming is the Inside City Government training being held at the Centre in Rolla. Please let staff know if you would like to attend.

**Adjourn**

Don Brackhahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; Ray Schwartze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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T.R. Dudley, chairman

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Mary Heywood, secretary