

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
February 19, 2015**

Call to Order

Chairman T.R Dudley called the Feb. 19, 2015, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

a. Minutes – January 8, 2015

b. Local Review

Mark Twain National Forest, Potosi, Mo.

Proposed road improvement project on the Fredericktown Unit.

City of Bland, Mo.

Water System Improvements

Project request is for water system improvements in the City of Bland, Missouri. Project consists of improvements to the well house No. 1 roof, installation of telemetry and SCADA equipment, improvements to well house No. 2, installation of new gas chlorination system, replace high service pumps, over 4 miles of distribution upgrades, new meters, sand blasting and painting exteriors and interiors of ground storage tank and water tower. Estimated cost of entire project is \$1,883,000. Request is for loan and grant from Rural Development and grant from Community Development Block grant.

c. Statewide Grant Applications

State of Missouri, Jefferson City

81.042-Weatherization Assistance for Low Income Persons

Weatherization Assistance program for Low Income Persons

Federal: \$4,977,015

Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant

Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C.

Surface Transportation Board: Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment-Docket No. AB 1068 (sub-No.3X) Missouri Central Railroad Company-Abandonment Exemption-In Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries and Gasconade.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Jefferson City

93.946-Cooperative Agreements to Support State-Based Safe Motherhood and Infant Health Initiative Programs

Cooperative Agreements to Support State-Based Safe Motherhood and Infant Health Initiative Programs

Federal: \$162,750

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Jefferson City

93.977-Preventive Health Services Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Grants

The funds provided through this grant will be used to address health disparities throughout the State inclusive of those found in adolescents and young adults 15 to 24 years of age in addition to men having sex with men (MSM) including racial and ethnic.

d. Contracts

• City of Richland

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract for application preparation for a CDBG demolition grant, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- City of Potosi

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- Three Rivers Electric Cooperative/QWP

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to enter into a contract for grant writing services for a USDA Rural Development Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant application for loan funds for Three Rivers Electrical Cooperative to assist a local company with an expansion project, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- Missouri Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration 5310

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to submit a grant application on behalf of MRPC to the Missouri Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration 5310 funding of a Mobility Management System for the region, and to sign all documents associated with this contract. Additionally, permission is requested for approval and signing of an authorizing resolution that must be submitted with the application.

- Mobility Management System

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to submit a grant application on behalf of MRPC to the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council for funding of a Mobility Management System for the region, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- City of Cuba

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to submit a technical assistance contract with the City of Cuba for application preparation for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Cuba Sports Complex, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- Phelps County Commission

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to enter into a technical assistance contract with the Phelps County Commission for CDBG grant administration for a project to extend the north outer road, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- City of Waynesville

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to enter into a technical assistance contract with the City of Waynesville for application preparation for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant, and to sign all documents with this contract.

- Donna Kleinigger

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to enter into a technical assistance contract with Donna Kleinigger for asbestos inspection consulting services for a building located at 8057 Grace Farm Rd., Leslie MO, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- Joint Resolution for Annual RLF Certification

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to approve a joint resolution by the Meramec Regional Planning Commission and the Meramec Regional Development Corporation for the purposes of approving the annual RLF certification for the period ending March 31, 2015. This resolution will be submitted with MRPC's semi-annual report to the Economic Development Administration due on or before April 30, 2015.

- Maries County Commission

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a

contract to provide technical assistance contract for floodplain administration for Maries County Commission, and for MRPC chairman and/or executive Director to sign any necessary documents.

- Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG)-Phelps County
Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract with MACOG for coordination of hazard mitigation planning at the state level, in regards to the Phelps County update, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

- Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG)-Pulaski County
Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract with MACOG for coordination of hazard mitigation planning at the state level, in regards to the Pulaski County update, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

e. Appointments

MRPC's approval is requested for one appointment to the following board:

- Meramec Regional Development Corporation
Phelps County Commission recommends the appointment of Timothy Comerford to the MRDC board.

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

Sustainable Ozarks Partnership (SOP), Joe Driskill, Executive Director-Leonard Wood Institute

Mr. Driskill's updated the board on the March 2, 2015 Department of Army Listening Session and how the Meramec Region can support Ft. Leonard Wood. Many jobs at Ft. Leonard Wood are in danger and Mr. Driskill encouraged board members to attend the listening session on March 2 at 5:30, Nutter Fieldhouse. They would like to see 2,000 in attendance.

External Relations Committee

Ray Schwartze reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows:

- MRPC Day at the Capitol

The committee discussed the visit to the Capitol on January 27. Lunch was served outside of Sen. Brown's office. The delegation visited with most of the legislators, staff felt it was a good visit.

The committee also discussed the legislative update and recommending to the full board a letter of opposition in regards to HB 332 and HB 554. The proposed legislation will reduce the threshold for general operating revenue coming from traffic fines for cities, towns, villages or counties from 30 percent to 10 percent. This legislation if passed would have a significant impact on smaller communities in the region and how they provide law enforcement.

Ray Schwartze made a motion to send a letter of opposition to HB 332 and HB 554, the proposed legislation to reduce the threshold for traffic fines for cities from 30 percent to 10 percent, Randy Verkamp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Federal Priorities for 2014

The committee reviewed the federal priorities. Changes will be made to number four under Local Government Issues, dealing with the PILT program to include the SSC Act. Randy Verkamp made a motion to approve the federal priorities as presented, Gene Newkirk seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Federal Priorities will be taken to Washington, D.C., by Chairman Dudley and Tammy Snodgrass on March 23-25.

- Annual Dinner

The committee discussed the dates for the annual dinner. The annual dinner is going to be in October. The dates chosen for the RFP are October 1, 2, and 23.

Operations Committee

Gene Newkirk reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

- Financials

Gene Newkirk made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended January 31, 2015; seconded by Ray Schwartze. The motion carried.

- Title VI Civil Rights Act Affirmative Action Policy

Staff presented the Title VI Civil Rights Act Affirmative Action Policy prohibiting discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal assistance, especially transportation projects. Gene Newkirk made a motion to approve the policy as presented, seconded by Steve Vogt. The motion carried.

- Office of Administration Planning Funds

Staff updated the committee regarding this funding allocation from the state. The Governor has taken the funding out of his proposed budget. The House has put it back in, and it will go to the Select Budget Committee. Staff is hoping Senate will keep it in.

Planning Committee

James Morgan reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

- Staff reported on the Associate Membership program and its importance and impact on MRPC.

- A short presentation on ORSWMD's Earth Day Poster and Trash Art contest was provided.

- Staff gave an overview of the Naturally Meramec grant.

Housing Advisory Board

No report.

Transportation Advisory Committee

John Casey reported on Transportation Advisory Committee as follows:

Preston Kramer, MoDOT area engineer, provided information on the MoDOT 325 Plan recently adopted by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. In response to reduced funding, this plan will change the way MoDOT handles the repair and maintenance of transportation infrastructure in the future. In 2017 funding will drop to 325 million. At that funding level the primary system will be maintained. At this time, 90 percent of the primary system is in good shape and 70 percent of the secondary system. At this funding level, the secondary bridges and roadways will take the biggest hit. By 2017, there will be no state funds to match federal funds for projects.

Under the 325 plan, roughly 8000 miles of state highways are considered primary and will be maintained. The balance (roughly, 24,000) will be considered secondary and will only be maintained by local forces, meaning only pot holes will be fixed, snow removed and brush cut.

Bonnie Prigge updated the committee on fatalities in the region; over 68 percent were not wearing seat belts.

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 reported that Workforce Investment Board continues to work on the transition from Workforce

Investment Act to the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:

No report given.

Meramec Region Community Foundation

Bonnie Prigge announced MRCF have reviewed grant applications. Eleven applications were submitted. Six grants were funded at \$250 each for a total award of \$1500.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Dudley commented on how enjoyable the day at the Capitol, it was very productive.

Director's Report

Ms. Prigge thanked board members for attending "MRPC Day at the Capitol" on Jan. 27.

Ms. Prigge announced that Nongluk Tunyavanich will be retiring, effective April 15.

Ms. Prigge reported that Richland passed a primary seat belt law, and they are the first city in the region to do that.

Adjourn

John Casey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; Leo Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried.

T.R. Dudley, chairman

Mary Heywood, secretary