

Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
March 12, 2015

Call to Order

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the March 12, 2015, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:45 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

a. Minutes – February 19, 2015

b. Local Review
None

c. Statewide Grant Applications

1. Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City
66.034-Surveys, Studies, Research, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Special Activities
Relating to the Clean Air Act
Fine Particulate Matter Ambient Air Monitoring Network
Federal: \$ 822,639

2. Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City
66.454-Water Quality Management Planning
FY2015 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Grant
Federal: \$ 393,000

d. Contracts

1. Tyler Kirsz/Rock Spring Residential, LLC
Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract with Tyler Kiersz/Rock Spring Residential, LLC for an RLF loan application, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

2. Missouri Association of Councils of Governments Contract amendment to First Net Sub Agreement
Permission was requested to sign a contract amendment to the First Net sub agreement with the Missouri Association of councils of government for the purpose of extending the time frame for work completion, dollar amount remains the same.

3. City of Hermann
Permission was requested for the chairman and/or executive director to sign a technical assistance contract with the City of Hermann for application preparation for a CDBG demolition grant, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

4. J. Harmon Enterprises
Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistance contract with J. Harmon Enterprises, LLC/DBA Harmon Truck Services, LLC/Jason and Susanne Harmon for a loan application, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

5. Hummingbird Kitchen
Permission was requested for the MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistance contract with Hummingbird Kitchen/Theresa Hoon and Brian Willsey for a loan application, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

6. East-West Gateway Coordinating Council

Permission was requested for the MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a sub-contract to assist with outreach activities and coordinate planning meetings in the Upper Meramec Watershed, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

7. Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Permission was requested to submit a grant request for the 604b grant program and for the executive director and/or chairman to sign the grant application and all documents associated with this grant application, and if grant is approved for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

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

Universal Challenge Center, Alan Galindo, UCC Manager

The Universal Challenge Center, 20002 Highway 72, Rolla MO, combines a nationally accredited course and fully trained staff with a state-of-the-art facility to develop skills, such as teamwork, communication, leadership, problem solving and decision making. The facility is operated by the Central Region Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Galindo shared information on the challenge center and how it can be used by everyone, from having a birthday party to holding training for the corporate world.

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 T.R. Dudley will be attending March 23-25. Staff shared information on the new EDA revised regulations and discussed how that could impact MRPC's board make-up. The new requirement is that the board should reflect the demographics of the region. The committee decided to table the discussion for now.

The committee discussed the revised Annual Dinner schedule, with the change of date from November to October, staff provided a revised planning schedule for the dinner and due dates for the RFP and award dominations.

Staff provided an update on legislation currently being considered of interest to local governments.

Operations Committee Marvin Wright reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended February 28, 2015; seconded by Randy Verkamp. The motion carried.

Staff updated the committee on an upcoming meeting with Mike Keith Insurance, Inc. to discuss a unique health benefit program to combat rising costs for public entities and municipalities in Missouri. Staff distributed a Barkers Phillips Jackson upcoming seminar flier to be held in the region in April on the Affordable Care Act.

Planning Committee James Morgan reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

Staff provided information about the MCB Regional Meeting to be held on April 16, 2015, at MRPC.

Staff presented information on recent changes to its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy guidelines.

Staff updated the committee on the Naturally Meramec meeting in Gasconade County.

Housing Advisory Board Darrell Skiles reported on Housing Advisory Board as follows: PHA financials were approved. Staff presented the PHA five year and one year plan and it was approved. Larry Miskel is a new board member representing Gasconade County.

Transportation Advisory Committee No report was given.

Environmental and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee Tammy Snodgrass passed out reports on environmental and MREPC activities. Report is attached.

Business Loans Marla Stevenson passed out a report on business loans. Staff is currently working on three loans. There is a loan review meeting on Wednesday, March 18. There is plenty of money to loan, so please promote the program in your communities.

Workforce Development: T.R. Dudley updated the board on workforce development activities as follows: T.R. will be attending the Workforce Innovation Act meeting later in the month in Memphis and will update the board at next month's meeting.

Per Michael Randall, Southern Business Development, manufacturing is making a huge come back, especially in the southern United States. New competition will be Mexico.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation: Report was handed out.

Meramec Region Community Foundation

Bonnie Prigge reported that no meeting was held in March. In April, the committee will meet and review scholarships.

Maries County R-II Schools foundation will be hosting a steak night at the Vienna Eagles on March 28, from 5:30-9:00 p.m., to raise money for its endowed scholarship fund that is housed with MRCF.

Director's Report

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported that Maries County presiding commissioner Ray Schwartze is doing well after his triple bypass and valve replacement. Ray expressed his thanks for the cards and prayers.

Ms. Prigge announced that Nongluk Tunyavanich, environmental programs specialist, will be retiring effective April 15. Tammy is in the process of interviewing for a replacement.

Ms. Prigge told the board the DNR's Brownfields Program has funds to assist with Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments at no cost to city, county or property owner, and there is no back log of projects.

Ms. Prigge reported that staff sent information out on low water crossing that would be eligible for CBG's infrastructure grant program and applications are due in 30 days.

Ms. Prigge announced the deadline for Earth Day projects is March 26, and individuals may drop off projects at courthouses in the region. If you receive any, please let staff know so projects can be picked up.

Chairman's Report

T.R. Dudley wanted to offer up kudos to MRPC for regional cooperation in the East-West Gateway watershed project.

Adjourn

Mary Heywood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.; Steve Vogt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**MRB Corporation
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Call to Order

In the absence of MRB officers, T.R. Dudley called the March 12, 2015, meeting of the MRB Corporation to order at 8:31 p.m.

October 9, 2014, Minutes

Randy Verkamp made a motion to approve the October 9, 2014, minutes of the MRB Corporation; seconded by James Morgan. The motion carried.

Financial

Dennis Wilson made a motion to approve the financial statement for the period ended February 28, 2015; seconded by Randy Verkamp. The motion carried.

FY 2014-2015 Revised Budget and Lease Agreements

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the FY 2013-2014 revised budget and lease agreements; seconded by Marvin Wright. The motion carried.

Adjourn

Marvin Wright made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.; seconded by Steve Vogt. The motion carried.