

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission  
Minutes  
April 9, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the April 9, 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 – March 12, 2015

b. Local Review

1. Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District

Integrated management project to restore the terrestrial and aquatic communities in an area west of Potosi, MO.

2. Great Mines Health Center, Potosi

93.256-Affordable Care Act (ACA) Grants for Capital Development in Health Centers

Great Mine Health Center Oral Surgery Center for the Underinsured and Uninsured

Federal: \$1,000,000

c. Statewide Grant Applications

1. Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

SPA 15-01/Medicaid State Plan-Increases the personal needs allowance.

2. Education Development Center, Inc., Waltham, MA

93.243 Substance Abuse and Mental health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance

SPRC is the nation's only federally supported resource center devoted to advancing the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

Federal: \$5,634,000

3. Department of Elementary Secondary Education

84.002-Adult Education, Basic Grants to States

Adult Education and Literacy Program (including EL/Civics program)

Federal: \$ 8,650,000

State: 5,000,000

Total: \$13,650,000

4. State of Missouri, Jefferson City

81.041-State Energy Program

Federal: \$ 769,800

Applicant: 192,450

State: 572,965

Other: 5,000,000

Total: \$6,535,215

5. Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City

15.250-Regulation of Surface Coal Mining and Surface Effects of Underground Coal Mining

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Federal: \$193,159

State: 193,159

Total: \$386,318

6. The Curators of the University of Missouri, Columbia

10.025-Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control and Animal Care

FY15 Swine Surveillance Cooperative Agreements 12-9419-0289  
Federal: \$5,324

7. Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City  
15.252-Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) Program  
Reclamation Projects for Abandoned Mine Lands  
Federal: \$3,000,000

8. Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, Jefferson City  
20.703-Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants  
HMEP Planning and Training Grant  
Federal: \$425,932  
State: 106,483  
Total: \$532,415

9. Horner & Shifrin, Inc., St. Louis  
DNR Water Protection Program

10. Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, Jefferson City  
20.106-Airport Improvement Program  
Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program  
Federal: \$4,731,744  
Applicant: 525,749  
Total: 5,257,493

11. Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, Jefferson City  
66.817-State and Tribal Response Program Grants  
Federal: \$1,000,000

12. Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City  
16.550-State Justice Statistics Programs for Statistical Analysis Centers  
Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, Missouri Domestic Violence Survey, and Geographic Information  
Systems capabilities projects  
Federal: \$203,500

13. Mark Twain National Forest, Rolla Open House the Mark Twain National Forest is hosting in April 2015  
as part of a study of the Forest's road system

14. City of St. Louis, St. Louis  
2014 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

15. Missouri Dept. of Agriculture, Jefferson City  
10.025-Plant and Animal disease, Pest Control and Animal Care  
Missouri CAPS Core Infrastructure Project 2015  
Federal: \$89,663  
State: 4,999  
Total: \$94,662

16. The Curators of the University of Missouri, Columbia  
10.025-Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control and Animal Care  
2015 NAHLN-Member Lab Agreement 15-9419-0159  
Federal: \$55,000

17. Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources  
66.419-Water Pollution  
Control State, Interstate and tribal Program Support  
FY15 Section 106 Special Monitoring Initiatives and NWCA Survey  
Federal: \$291,500  
Other: 28,500

#### d. Contracts

- Delta Regional Authority

Confirmation of executive committee's decision to allow the MRPC chairman and/or executive director to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Delta Regional Authority to serve as the Local Development District, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents. Contract was received after March MRPC meeting and was due back by March 27. Executive committee was contacted and approved signing contract.

- Michael Kreher-High Tech Roofing, LLC

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistance contract with Michael Kreher-High Tech Roofing, LLC for loan application, and for MRPC chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

- SBA 504 Program

Permission was requested for the chairman and/or executive director to renew the contract for professional services between Meramec Regional Planning Commission and Meramec Regional Development Corporation for the purposes of providing administrative support for the Small Business Administration 504 loan program and sign all necessary documents associated with the SBA 504 Program.

#### **Letter Of Support**

1. Provide a letter of support for Sustainable Ozarks partnership for an application to USDA for a Strengthening Economics Together (SET) project, which would assist with the development of an economic development strategy for the Fort Leonard Wood region, should group submit an application.
2. Provide a letter of support to Washington County/Potosi for an application to USDA for a (SET) project for development of economic development strategy, should the group submit an application.

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

#### **Naturally Meramec—Connie Willman**

MRPC has received two grants to launch Naturally Meramec. This agriculture and tourism-focused project was launched in February. The scope of the project is to bring together agriculture and tourism-related businesses in the region to find ways to use and market each-other's products/services. The benefit to the local agriculture-tourism businesses will enable them to build a symbiotic relationship with other agriculture-tourism related producers, suppliers and customers in the Meramec Region.

Currently meetings are being held in all eight counties. Staff has completed meetings in Gasconade, Pulaski and Phelps counties. The meetings included discussions on marketing, training, social media and food hubs.

**External Relations Committee:** Darrell Skiles reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows: Staff provided information on the NADO conference and trip. Staff shared information on the new EDA revised regulations and discussed how that could impact MRPC's board make-up. Under new regulations, MRPC's board should reflect the demographics of the region. The committee decided to change the farming at-large position to farming and agri-business.

The committee reviewed the RFP for site solicitation for the annual dinner. Each board member received a form. The deadline is June 11.

The committee reviewed a letter of support for the Governor to release planning dollars set aside for planning commissions in the FY15 budget.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve the letter of support and have each board member in attendance sign the letter; Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Operations Committee** Steve Vogt reported on Operations Committee activities as follows: Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2015; seconded by Ron Kraittli. The motion carried.

The committee reviewed a revised job description for Communications/Marketing Coordinator. Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the revised job description as presented; seconded by John Kamler. The motion carried.

Staff presented an overview of a Human Resource seminar staff attended and potential for internal control, record retention and/or personnel policy.

**Planning Committee** T.R. Dudley reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

The committee reviewed the CEDS and recommended to revamp the plan to reduce pages and to make it available on the website.

The committee discussed and recommended holding a workshop/mini session on lease purchasing.

**Transportation Advisory Committee** Bonnie Prigge reported on TAC's activities as follows: Travis Koestner with MoDOT presented the 2+2+2 Gas Tax Plan, which is Senate Bill 540. This legislation aims to increase Missouri's gas tax by six cents per gallon over three years to provide additional transportation funding. Leo Sanders made a motion to send a letter of support to legislators serving the Meramec Region; seconded by Dave Dudenhoeffer. The motion carried.

Scott Jones, MoDOT Central Office, provided the committee with information on legalities of the municipal seatbelt ordinance. Some 45 local governments have passed primary seatbelt ordinances in their communities.

Staff provided information on the road study being conducted by the National Forest. The committee completed a survey in regards to the study and took it back to the counties they represent.

The committee reviewed the 2015-2016 Transportation Plan. Leo Sanders made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Transportation Plan as presented; Darrell Skiles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The TAC set aside TAC bylaws on election of officers because all officers were eligible to serve another term.

The committee re-elected Leo Sanders as chair, Darrell Skiles as vice chair and Marvin Wright as secretary.

**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 MRDC meeting on Wednesday, April 15. 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. attended the Workforce Innovation Act meeting in Washington D.C.

**Meramec Region Community Foundation:** Bonnie Prigge reported that on May 5 will be the Day of Giving. CFO will be holding a conference in Springfield on April 21. In May it will be invite a friend to lunch. The MRCF board has a board vacancy in Washington County. With the storm that hit Potosi on April 11, a disaster fund for Washington County and Potosi could be activated.

### **Director's Report**

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported that the Meramec Region has nine new mayors. Staff will be sending out welcome letters. Interviews for the communication coordinator positions will be held next week.

Ms. Prigge announced that Nongluk Tunyavanich, environmental programs specialist, will be retiring effective April 15. Staff will be hosting a retirement party on April 14. Jill Hollowell is replacing Nongluk.

Ms. Prigge announced the Mobility Manager grant was funded.

### **Chairman's Report**

T.R. Dudley updated the board on the damages that the storm that hit Potosi and Washington County the day

before. The communities are overwhelmed with volunteers and support and are very grateful for the assistance. Over 500 homes and businesses were damaged.

**Adjourn**

Dave Dudenhoeffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; Steve Vogt seconded the motion. The motion carried.