

Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
December 10, 2015

Call to Order

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the December 10, 2015, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:36 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

a. Minutes – November 12, 2015

b. Local Review

Mark Twain National Forest, Rolla

Public scoping period for a project to conduct vegetative management activities on National Forest System (NFS) lands across Southern Missouri

Federal: \$508,807

c. Statewide Grant Applications

1. Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Jefferson City

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

Component a-Missouri Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System

Federal: \$174,500

2. Missouri Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City

10.025-Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control, and Animal Care Missouri Soybean Commodity Survey 2016

Federal: \$4,700

3. Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

State Plan Amendment-METP

4. State of Missouri, Jefferson City

93.336-Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Federal: \$262,704

5. Department of Transportation, Jefferson City

20.505 –Metropolitan Transportation Planning and State and Non-Metropolitan Planning and Research Provide funding for transportation planning activities to Metropolitan Planning Organization in Missouri.

Federal: \$5,943,127

Local: 1,485,782

Total: \$7,428,909

6. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C.

University of Missouri at Columbia-request for additional information regarding the license amendment request to modify the technical specifications to produce radiochemical sodium iodine at the University of Missouri at Columbia Research Reactor.

d. Contracts

• Aging Made Easy, LLC

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistance contract to provide loan packaging services to Aging Made Easy, LLC and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign all necessary documents.

• Tradebe Treatment and Recycling, LLC

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a one year contract extension with Tradebe Treatment and Recycling LLC, to provide household hazardous waste collection services at two sites, the City of Rolla and City of St. Robert as part of an ORSWMD funded project and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

Dr. Donald Claycomb made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Mark Boyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Idea Exchange with State Legislators

Rep. Steve Lynch, 122nd District, Rep. Jason Chipman, 120th District, Sen. Mike Kehoe, 6th District and Sen. Dan Brown, 16th District attended MRPC's board meeting.

Sen. Brown updated the board on legislative issues in the upcoming session. He informed the board that the President signed a five year transportation bill. Legislators are working hard to keep Ft. Leonard Wood a priority. Transportation funding, Medicaid and education formula are some of the issues expected to be addressed in the upcoming session.

Sen. Mike Kehoe commented that the federal highway bill that the President signed appears to be a very positive effect on Missouri. Revenues have gone back to the 2000 year level. He anticipates top priorities for the session will be photo identification for voter registration, ethics and to pass a balance budget.

Rep. Steve Lynch thanked MRPC for the support on the listening post held at Ft. Leonard Wood. He asked for continued support.

Rep. Jason Chipman commented that this was his first year as a legislator and he liked some aspects and not others. He would like to see changes in the budget process. He would like to see the executive branch be audited from an outside source, and government held accountable for spending.

The legislators were given a copy of MRPC's legislative priorities.

External Relations Committee

Darrell Skiles reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows:

Darrell Skiles reported that staff presented the final expenses of the 2015 Annual Dinner, total revenue over expenses \$656.60. There is still at-large position to be filled for-profit for Dent County, the committee is still looking. The committee set the date for the "Day at the Capital" for January 26, 2016. The federal priority list will be mailed out next week.

Operations Committee

Marvin Wright reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the MRPC/MRB financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended November 30, 2015; seconded by Randy Verkamp. The motion carried.

A brief overview of policy was presented, and a copy of the annual statement was presented to each board or committee member for signature reminding each individual their duty to disclose as outlined in the policy.

Staff presented a brief overview of the changes in the OMB super circular with regard to cost principles and audit requirements.

Planning Committee

James Morgan reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

Bonnie Prigge updated the committee on the 2015 EDA Peer Review and the DRA State Plan initiative. Lyle Thomas shared information on funding programs through USDA.

James Morgan made a motion to approve the reports as presented; Don Brackhahn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Housing Advisory Board

No report made.

Transportation Advisory Committee

John Casey reported on Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held at 4 p.m. on Dec. 10, as follows: The committee agreed to leave its top two major priorities the same as last year since they had not been accomplished. They are, in order:

- US 63 from US Hwy 50 in Osage County to the Phelps/Texas County Line.
- US Hwy 50 from about one mile west of Linn to the Gasconade/Franklin County Line.

Bonnie Prigge summarized the top three transportation needs of each county. The committee approved to prioritize the top 24 transportation needs of the region and recommended approval to MRPC board. A complete list is attached as approved by the board.

Bonnie Prigge reported that with the higher revenues than expected from vehicle and fuel sales, MoDOT may expand maintenance not only to the primary routes but to the secondary routes. Due to this the committee prioritized Regional 32 Eligible Transportation needs and the list is attached.

John Casey reported that Preston Kramer, MoDOT, reported that crews maintenance and brush cutting. Highway 21 in Washington County from Potosi to Jefferson County line is a safe travel zone; fines will be double. MoDOT has a new director, Patrick McKenna. Snow plowing will be most traveled roads first, two lanes passible.

Environmental and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee

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

Business Loans

Marla Stevenson reported that MRDC will be meeting next Wednesday, Dec. 16. There is money to lend. Report is attached.

Workforce Development

T.R. Dudley reported that Jan Vaughn from Workforce Development retired.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation

Marvin Wright reported that the meeting was cancelled.

Meramec Region Community Foundation

Bonnie Prigge announced the grant cycle is open for the \$250 grants. These grants are for non-profits and the deadline is Jan. 29.

Director's Report

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported as follows:

T.R. wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Staff will be inviting Federal legislators to the board meeting in January. Federal priorities surveys will be mailed to all members and associate members. Ms. Prigge asked the board to please complete and return.

Ms. Prigge announced that DED, disaster Planning grant was awarded. It's a three prong project that will span two years. It will involve disaster planning for four communities and will track through a software asset inventory of emergency agencies.

Adjourn

Mayor Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.; John Kraettli seconded the motion. The motion carried.