

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**December 8, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Ray Schwartz called the December 8, 2016, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:32 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Schwartz opened the meeting by welcoming the state legislators who were in attendance: Senator Dan Brown, Representative Tom Hurst and Representative Steve Lynch.

Bonnie Prigge introduced Caitlin Jones, the new Communications/Marketing Specialist.

**Consent Agenda**

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

a. Minutes – Nov. 10, 2016

b. Local Review  
None

c. Statewide Grant Applications  
State of Missouri, Jefferson City, MO  
93.305–National State Based Tobacco Control Programs  
Missouri State-Based Tobacco Program  
Total: \$0

State of Missouri, Jefferson City, MO  
93.946–Cooperative Agreements to Support State-Based Safe Motherhood and Infant Health Initiative Programs  
Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS): Supplemental Zika research in selected high risk states  
Federal: \$20,660  
Total: \$20,660

State of Missouri, Jefferson City, MO  
93.946–Cooperative Agreements to Support State-Based Safe Motherhood and Infant Health Initiative Programs  
Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS): Supplemental Zika research in selected high risk states  
Federal: \$9,340  
Total: \$9,340

State of Missouri, Jefferson City, MO  
93.521–The Affordable Care Act: Building, Laboratory, and Health Information Systems Capacity in the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease (ELC) and Emerging Infections Program (EIP) Cooperative Agreements: PPHF State of Missouri Vector Control and Epidemiology, Laboratory Surveillance and Zika Pregnancy Registry  
Federal: \$3,318,786  
Total: \$3,318,786

State of Missouri, Jefferson City, MO  
93.336–Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System  
Missouri Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System  
Federal: \$487,658  
Total: \$487,658

d. Contracts

Midwest Recycling Center

Permission is 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 in the Ozark Rivers Region, Jan. 1, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2017; and for MRPC chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

Tradebe Treatment and Recycling

Permission is requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract with Tradebe to continue to provide services for household hazardous waste collections at the Rolla and St. Robert satellites located in the Ozark Rivers Region, Jan. 1, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2017; and for MRPC chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

Maries County Bank, Vienna Branch

Request to approve a technical assistance contract for the purposes of providing SBA 7a loan packaging services to Maries County Bank – Vienna Branch for Complete Property Management, LLC.

Maries County Commission

Permission is 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 for Jan. 1, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2017, and for MRPC chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

Caledon Virtual-Naturally Meramec

Permission is requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to approve and sign two addendums to the Caledon Virtual-Naturally Meramec contract to increase scope of work and consideration to include social media marketing strategy work and the Meramec Masterminds training initiative to build consortium membership, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

e. Grant Application

Staff is requesting permission to submit a grant application for the MASBDA Missouri Value-Added Grant Program for funding to complete a feasibility study related to the *Naturally Meramec* project. Permission is requested for the chairman and/or executive director to sign all grant applications documents and grant agreement, if funded.

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

**Presentation: Idea Exchange with State Legislators**

Legislators were given an opportunity to make some introductory remarks prior to discussions on priorities in the Meramec Region.

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

Representative Hurst noted that this was his third term and that with the new administration there is likely to be a lot of moving around taking place. He reported that they will be working on a lot of the same things again but there is a need to be more careful with any legislation. He did add that he hasn't had the chance to meet with the governor-elect yet.

Senator Brown stated that this is an exciting time to serve and that there are a lot of unknowns. He also indicated that the governor-elect wants to see right to work on his desk right away and that Medicaid has had a growth of approximately \$1.4 billion in three years.

Representative Lynch indicated that Fort Leonard Wood has always been a priority, and he was happy to see it is a priority for MRPC. He said he is looking forward to working with the governor elect. He reported that the Secretary of Defense recently visited Fort Leonard Wood and was impressed with all that they do. Lynch said it's a world class operation and critical to our defense.

Representative Brown added he's put money in the budget for an Office of Military Advocate to help advocate for the fort and noted that the National Guard is the largest footprint in Missouri. He indicated that

things look to be fairly positive on the federal level.

Brown also noted that only Missouri and Georgia have a low income housing credit that is dollar for dollar with the federal government. He reported that more money is spent in tax credits on historic preservation than the original 13 colonies and that he has worked to stop the practice of stacking tax credits. There is about \$3.5 billion in outstanding tax credits.

Senator Brown noted that transportation was a problem and he believes that the tolling of I-44 and I-70 would be approved by voters.

Board members brought forth the issue of pay and pension of county prosecutors.

**External Relations Committee:** Darrell Skiles, chairman

Chairman Darrell Skiles reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows:

Staff presented the final expenses of the 2016 Annual Dinner. Total revenue over expenses was \$830.52. There is still the at-large position to be filled for-profit for Dent County and for at-large labor, and the committee is still looking. The committee was reminded that the date for the “Day at the Capital” is January 24, 2017. The federal priority list will be mailed out next week. All presiding commissioners will be at a mandatory meeting on Feb. 9, 2017 so they are recommending that the February MRPC board meeting be moved to the following Thursday, February 16.

**Operations Committee:**

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

The committee reviewed the MRPC/MRB and MRPC/MRDC-RLF and IRP program financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2016. The committee also reviewed the pension plan’s eligibility criteria and financial risk and potential amendment options. Staff presented a brief overview on the conflict of interest policy and a copy of the annual statement was presented to member for signature. Legislative issues were also discussed.

Marvin Wright made the motion to accept the financials for the period ending November 30, 2016; Randy Verkamp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Linda Loughridge, fiscal manager, passed out conflict of interest annual statements for board members to sign.

**Planning Committee:**

Linda Hollandsworth, housing manager, updated the committee on programs provided by MRPC. Staff updated the committee on the Entrepreneur Assessment Study, which should be ready in January, and on the CEDS update which is set to begin in 2017.

**Housing Advisory Board:** Leo Sanders, chairman

No report was given.

**Transportation Advisory Committee:**

Committee Chairman John Casey reported on TAC activities as follows:

The committee prioritized transportation needs and determined that the top three priorities should be:

1. Gasconade County: From 28 Junction to North City Limits on Hwy 19 near school; safety concerns at school entrances and industrial park entrance
2. Crawford County: Bridge No. S0364 over Little Bourbouse River; load posted, one-lane bridge
3. Phelps County: US 63 to I-44 to University Drive and overpass at I-44—in Rolla; capacity and safety improvements

A complete list of the 24 priorities – in ranking order – was shared with the board.

James Morgan made the motion to accept the priorities as presented; T.R. Dudley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Environmental:**

Tammy Snodgrass provided the board with a handout covering environmental updates as well as updates on Meramec Region Emergency Planning and Homeland Security Oversight Committee activities.

**Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee:** Kraig Bone, at-large representative for emergency management.

No report given.

**Business Loans:** Marla Stevenson, at-large representative for banking

Marla Stevenson reported that there are three loans in the process of being closed and that there are three potential new loan clients.

**Workforce Development:** T.R. Dudley

T.R. Dudley reported that they are continuing to meet with employers for the prioritized sector strategies. He also informed the board that CWIB's current contract with sub-contractors is up, and they will be going out for bids.

**Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:**

Marvin Wright reported that MCEC will be meeting next Tuesday and the topic would focus on participation from the MCEC board at-large.

**Meramec Region Community Foundation:**

Bonnie Prigge reported that MRCF met on Dec. 7, 2016, and that the local grant program has opened. The group hopes to award six grants of \$250 each, and it will be an on-line application process. The group also has a new president, Vicki Nelson of Belle.

**Chairman Report:**

Ray Schwartze expressed his wishes that everyone enjoy Christmas with their families and a Happy New Year. He indicated he is looking forward to working with the board next year.

**Director Report:**

Bonnie Prigge informed the board that Waynesville is on the front cover of the Missouri Municipal League magazine, which has a nice article on the city's downtown revitalization. She also noted that the News Tribune had an article on the City of Belle being the first city to complete the Rock Island Rail to Trail construction. Board members were provided with a report on 2016 county health rankings.

An Update to the Public Transit Human Services Plan will begin in February. It's a plan on transit services and transit needs that is updated every five years. It's funded through MoDOT and the plan must reflect the projects and needs in the region. Projects requesting federal transit funding must be included in the plan. The plan must be approved by February 2018.

Information on a proposed administrative change from the Department of Economic Development has been sent out to all board members. DED is proposing that local governments in good standing with their Regional Planning Commissions and have the RPC assist with the Community Development Block Grant application would not have to do formal procurement for CDBG administration and could contract directly with the RPC. The proposal is out for comments until Dec. 16, 2016. It will be effective January 2017, if approved.

Ms. Prigge concluded her report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Adjourn**

Mark Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; T.R. Dudley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

