

Meramec Regional Planning Commission  
Minutes  
January 14, 2016

**Call to Order**

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the January 14, 2016, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:39 p.m.

Chairman T.R. Dudley welcomed guests and had members make introductions.

**Consent Agenda**

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

a. Minutes – December 10, 2015

b. Local Review

1. Steelville Ambulance District Assistance Corporation, Steelville  
10.766-Community Facilities Loans and Grants  
Purchase and equip new ambulance.  
Federal: \$110,000
2. Great Mines Health Center, Potosi  
93.527-Affordable Care Act (ACA) Grants for New and Expanded Services under the Health Center Program  
Great Mines Health Center, Health Service Expansion in St. Francois County, Mo  
Federal: \$700,000

c. Statewide Grant Applications

1. Missouri Department of Natural Services, Jefferson City  
15.904-Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid  
Annual HPF Grant Application-FY16  
Federal: \$935,318  
Local: 117,447  
Total: \$1,558,863
2. Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City  
Proposed amendment to Title XIX State Plan/Adds additional coverage for adult dental services to the State Plan in Section 13.1-Apage 15 and 5-1.
3. Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City  
66.802-Superfund State, Political Subdivision, and Indian Tribe Site-Specific Cooperative Agreements  
Superfund Combined Cooperative Program  
Federal: \$1,143,912  
State: 31,744  
Total: \$1,175,656
4. Missouri Family Health Council, Inc., Jefferson City  
93.217-Family Planning Services  
Title X Family Planning Services Program  
Federal: \$5,065,474  
Program Income: \$7,015,000  
Total: \$12,080,474
5. State of Missouri, Jefferson City  
93.240-State Capacity Building

ATSDR assists their partners in reducing environmental exposures to hazardous waste in their communities.

Federal: \$331,895

6. Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Jefferson City

17.600-Mine Health and Safety Grants

Mine Safety and health administration training and restraining of miners

Federal: \$203,446

State: 124,094

Total: \$327,540

7. NAMI Missouri, Jefferson City

93.243-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance

Voices United for Hope, Recovery and Empowerment

Federal: \$95,000

8. Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City

66.802-Superfund State, Political Subdivision, and Indian Tribe Site-Specific Cooperative Agreements

Oronogo Duenweg OUI-Jasper County Reverse Cooperative Agreement

State: \$1,565,425

d. Contracts

- Anderson & Associate Consulting Engineers, LLC

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract for technical assistance to provide asbestos inspection services to Anderson & Associates on floor tile and mastic located at the Country Mart store located at 1040 Forum Drive, Rolla, MO, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- Midwest Recycling Center

Permission was 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 Ozarks Rivers Region, Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016; and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- Maries County Commission

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistance contract for floodplain administration for Maries County Commission for Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- Riverways Federal Credit Union located in Rolla MO

Permission was requested for the MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistance contract for grant writing services/preparation of a US Department of the Treasury CDFI grant application, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

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

**Idea Exchange with Federal Legislators Staff**

Mr. Jordan Wood for Sen. Roy Blunt; Mr. Eric Harmon for Rep. Jason Smith, Mr. Austin Kramer for Rep. Vicky Hartzler, Mr. Matt Thompson for Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer and Ms. Kristen Wright for Sen. Claire McCaskill attended MRPC's board meeting.

Each representative for the legislators updated the board on legislative activity.

The consensus of each representative was the passing of the federal transportation bill.

Kristen Wright, Senator Claire McCaskill's office reported the Senator is concentrating on the National Defense bill, the procurement of the Super Hornets aircraft construction to be completed in St. Louis and

Whiteman Air Force Base and is investigating pharmaceutical pricing to prevent price gouging, looking at United State Post Office and the 68 offices scheduled to close in Missouri.

Jordan Wood, Senator Roy Blunt's office reported the Senator is working on the Waters of the U.S. Act, believes it is EPA overreaching and is hurting agriculture. Senator Blunt will complete National Health Institutes in 2016. Is working towards more research on Alzheimer's and cancer and an increase in funding for mental health.

Austin Kramer, Representative Vicky Hartzler's office reported that the drawback at Ft. Leonard Wood was not as significant as anticipated, will continue to be number one priority. Will be monitoring the Clean Power Act and its impacts.

Matt Thompson, Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer's office reported that the Transportation bill had passed, working on HUD restructuring.

Eric Harmon, Representative Jason Smith's office reported that Rep. Smith will be serving on the Ways & Means Committee and will be working on welfare reform, IRS oversight and student loan relief.

The group fielded questions from board members.

### **External Relations Committee**

Darrell Skiles reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows:

Cheri Tune, at-large for Labor has resigned. The committee is currently looking for a replacement for the position and at-large for profit for Dent County.

At the November meeting, the external relations committee presented the 2016 State Priorities with recommended changes, but the board did not vote to approve them.

Darrell Skiles made the motion to approve the State Priorities; seconded by Randy Verkamp. The motion carried.

The committee discussed a date for "MRPC Day at the Capitol" which is set for Jan.26. MRPC will provide lunch from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the hallway in front of Senator Dan Brown's office, Room 422.

Committee reviewed the federal priorities survey results. The committee deleted under Transportation, pass Highway Bill. The bill has been passed. Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve the 2016 Federal Priorities as presented, Luge Hardman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee discussed rescheduling the February meeting due to the conflict with the MAC mandatory training for county officials. Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve to move the MRPC meeting to February 25, 2016, Ray Schwartze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Operations Committee**

Marvin Wright reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

Committee reviewed December financials and discussed in detail the 2015-16 budget revisions and associated lease agreements. Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2015; seconded by James Morgan. The motion carried.

Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the 2015-16 revised budgets and MRPC/MRB revised lease agreements; seconded by Steve Vogt. The motion carried.

### **Planning Committee**

James Morgan reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

Staff provided a brief overview of the 2015 EDA Peer Review presentation from Dec. 15, 2015. Also, an overview of the annual CEDS progress report submitted to EDA on Dec. 28, 2015.

Staff informed the board on the Ft. Leonard Wood and Communities Partnership (FLWCP) Leadership Committee. The mission provides an ongoing framework to enhance military/civilian community exchange of ideas that may mutually benefit FLW and the surrounding communities, region and state in a collaborative forum. James Morgan made the motion to approve signing the charter; seconded by Dave Dudenhoeffer. The motion carried.

### **Housing Advisory Board**

Ray Schwartze reported on the Housing Advisory Board activities as follows:

Staff introduced Ashley Cooper as the new family self-sufficiency participant. Staff presented a statement of revenues and expenditures for the month of December 31, 2015 and presented the revised budget for FY 2015-2016 and the 2015 audit. Staff presented the current FY2014-2015 SEMAP score.

### **Transportation Advisory Committee**

Prioritized Regional Transportation Needs were reviewed. Ray Schwartze made a motion to approve the Prioritized Regional Transportation Needs as presented; seconded by Mary Heywood. The motion carried.

### **Environmental and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee**

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

Staff brought attention to SB 669, sponsored by Sen. Brown, the bill would eliminate individual funding, and such as ORSWMD funds administered by the Department of Natural Resources to general revenue. The district would lose \$10,000 in funding.

### **Business Loans**

Report is attached.

### **Workforce Development**

T.R. Dudley updated the board on Workforce Development being changes to the Workforce Innovation Board. The board will continue to work on four sectors with the change from retail/hospitality to science and technology.

### **Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:**

Marvin Wright updated the board that MCEC met the previous week. Staff had a presentation and updates on Naturally Meramec and Workforce Readiness programs. The board is in search of two homes to renovate to complete that program.

### **Meramec Region Community Foundation**

Bonnie Prigge announced MRFC is now accepting community grants, non-profits and schools can apply for the \$250 grant. The grant cycle will close the last day of Jan. 29. There is an opening for a representative from Osage County to serve on the foundation. An upcoming event is being planned-Give Ozarks. Further information will be announced later.

### **Director's Report**

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported as follows:

A five year transportation bill has been passed with a five percent increase in funding. The Highway Commission has rescinded the 325 plan, MoDOT plans to spend down reserves and with the increase in funds from tax income will be able to match federal funds.

Two safety bills have been introduced, safety belts and a ban on texting and driving. Signs on Hwy. 21 have been put up declaring a Travel Safe Zone, fines will be doubled.

Ms. Prigge announced that she has been elected as President for MACOG for a two year term

### **Chairman's Report**

T.R. Dudley thanked everyone for braving the cold to attend. Potosi has suffered a water main break and the hospital was without water, under a boil order.

**Adjourn**

Mary Heywood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; Janey Radford seconded the motion. The motion carried.