

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission  
Minutes  
March 10, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the March 10, 2016, 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 – February 25, 2016
- b. Local Review
  - 1. Great Mines Health Center, Potosi  
93.912-Rural Health Care Services Outreach, Rural Health Network  
Development and Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program  
Great Mines Health Center Quality Improvement Project  
Federal: \$600,000
  - 2. County of Phelps, Rolla MO  
16.590-Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection  
Orders Program  
Phelps County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Specialized Victims' Unit  
involving crimes of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and  
Stalking  
Federal: \$361,123
  - 3. Washington County Memorial Hospital, Potosi MO  
93.912-Rural Health Care Services Outreach, Rural Health Network  
Development and Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program  
Washington County Memorial Hospital Quality Matters  
Federal: \$574,885
  - 4. Mark Twain National Forest, Salem MO  
Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and  
Draft Decision Notice for the East Fork Huzzah Analysis Area Project
  - 5. City of Potosi, Potosi MO  
11.300-Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities  
Natural Gas main upgrade to increase capacity serving the Washington  
County/Potosi Industrial Park  
Federal: \$2,246,500  
Applicant: \$1,458,500  
Local: \$ 788,000  
Total: \$4,493,000
- c. Statewide Grant Applications
  - 1. Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City  
66.802 –Superfund State, Political Subdivision, and Indian Tribe Site-Specific Cooperative  
Agreements  
Owl Creek Superfund Cooperative Agreement  
Federal: \$824,286

2. Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, Jefferson City  
66.034-Surveys, Studies, Research, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Special Purpose Activities Relating to the Clean Air Act  
Fine Particulate Matter Ambient Air Monitoring Network  
Federal: \$573,154  
Other: 66,272  
Total: \$639,426
3. State of Missouri, Jefferson City  
93.945-Assistance Programs for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control  
This project is the State of Missouri's 2016-17 plan for state-based leadership in coordination of program planning, partnership development and surveillance and evaluation to reduce the burden of arthritis in Missouri.
4. Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City  
15.252-Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) Program  
Reclamation Projects for Abandoned Mine lands Across the State of Missouri
5. State of Missouri, Jefferson City  
93.945-Assistance Programs for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control  
Funding is required to address the health and economic burden of chronic disease by implementing state public health actions to prevent and control diabetes, heart disease, obesity and associated risk factors, and promote school health.

#### d. Contracts

- Amanda Golf, LLC/Amanda Holdings, LLC Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract for application assistance for a business loan, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.
- Missouri Association of Councils of Governments Agreement for Statewide Coordination of Hazard Mitigation Planning Permission was requested to sign an agreement with the Missouri Association of Councils of Government for the purpose of updating hazard mitigation plan for Gasconade County and to sign all documents associated with this agreement.
- Bryan and Staci Wilson Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract for a completion inspection to assure work has been completed, per the scope of work, on the unit located at 22480 Pvt. Dr. 9002, Jerome, MO. and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

Mark Boyer made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Randy Verkamp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **MACOG/DNR Onsite Wastewater Grant Loan program for Private Homeowners, Bonnie Prigge**

Bonnie Prigge presented information on the revamped program. The purpose of the Missouri On-site Wastewater Improvement Grant-Loan program is to provide financing for homeowners seeking to make improvements to, or replace their on-site wastewater treatment system which will improve Missouri's water quality. The program is funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and delivered by Missouri's regional planning commissions and councils of government.

A few years ago, MACOG with Boonslick RPC serving as lead—secured \$1 million grant from Missouri Department of Natural Resources to establish a loan program. The program now includes a grant component to better meet the needs of the borrower. MRPC will market the program and accept applications in the Meramec Region.

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

The committee recommended a change to the bylaws at the February meeting to adjust the quorum from five to 10 members. Darrell Skiles made the motion to change the bylaws as recommended; seconded by Don Brackhahn. The motion carried.

The committee discussed the Annual Dinner site solicitation that will be mailed out with a deadline of May 2. Committee members provided ideas for topics, location and dates for the upcoming board retreat.

**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 29, 2016; seconded by John Casey. The motion carried.

Revised technology use, social and whistleblower policies were presented. Marvin Wright made a motion to approve policies as presented; seconded by Randy Verkamp. The motion carried.

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

Staff updated the committee on the loans programs offered by MRPC.

Staff provided results for the CDBG assessment and preparedness prioritization results. They are as follows:

1. Alert Messaging System Study-MRPC will conduct a study to determine existing alert messaging system coverage, identify gaps and system shortfalls, survey costs, etc.
2. Vulnerable Population Identification w/Case Study-MRPC will develop a plan to identify vulnerable/at-risk populations for emergency response. MRPC will conduct a case study in partnership with the city of St. James and local emergency response agencies.
3. Floodplain Permitting Process-MRPC will develop replicable processes and procedures to improve the floodplain permitting processes in counties without code enforcement.
4. Utility and Zoning GIS Mapping-MRPC will partner with Steelville to create a GIS Zoning Map and GPS locate critical water and sewer infrastructure-creating GIS maps to improve planning.

MRPC would use a grant from the Department of Economic Development to conduct these planning activities.

The committee discussed ideas, topics, dates and possible locations for the 2016 Strategic Advance. Committee is recommending June 7 be the date. Bids will be sought for location.

**Housing Advisory Board** Ray Schwartze reported on Housing Advisory Board as follows:

PHA financials were approved. Staff presented the PHA one-year plan, and it was approved.

**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** Bonnie Prigge passed out a report on business loans.

Staff is currently working on six loans. There is a loan review meeting on Wednesday, March 16. 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. updated the board on the unemployment rates for each county in the region. They are as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Dent	6,422	6,108	314	4.9

Crawford	11,049	10,518	531	4.8
Gasconade	7,849	7,590	259	3.3
Maries	4,134	3,969	165	4.0
Osage	7,356	7,146	210	2.9
Phelps	20,957	20,120	837	4.0
Pulaski	15,223	14,474	749	4.9
Washington	10,798	10,186	612	5.7

**Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:** No report was given.

#### **Meramec Region Community Foundation**

Bonnie Prigge reported that MRCF hosted an Invite a Friend luncheon. Awardees for the MRCF grants were invited, and six grants were awarded for a total of \$1,500. The following was awarded \$250 each:

Association for Missouri Veterans  
Rolla Kaleidoscope Discovery Center  
Osage County Arts Council  
Route 66 Neon Park  
Dent County Extension  
The Community Partnership

#### **Director's Report**

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reminded the board on the upcoming Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers training sponsored by Missouri Community Betterment being held at MRPC on April 5 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Prigge announced that CDBG applications are due April 1. Kudos to Ft. Leonard Wood for being in the top ten military friendly regions. Joe Driskell of Sustainable Ozarks Partnership has been nominated by the Governor as the new Missouri Military Advocate, pending Senate approval.

Ms. Prigge reminded board members to register for the DRA Disaster Resiliency training at MRPC, planned April 28-29.

#### **Chairman's Report**

T.R. Dudley thanked the board for the spirit of cooperation, served on a lot of boards and it is rare to have that. He also thanked Mary Ann Gorrell for her service to the board and congratulated her on her new job with MS&T.

#### **Adjourn**

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