

Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
May 12, 2016

Call to Order

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the May 12, 2016, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

- a. Minutes – April 14, 2016
- b. Local Review
None
- c. Statewide Grant Applications
 1. Missouri Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City
10.025 – Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control, and Animal Care
Missouri Forest Pest Survey-Southwest 2016
Federal: \$19,157
 2. Missouri Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City
10.025 – Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control, and Animal Care
Gypsy Moth Cooperative Monitoring Project, Federal 2016
Federal: \$60,000
 3. State of Missouri, Jefferson City
93.070 – Environmental Public Health and Emergency Response.
To provide support for public health drinking water programs to reduce drinking water exposures.
 4. Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, Jefferson City, MO
27.703 – Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants. HMEP
Planning and Training Grant
Federal: \$425,932
State: \$106,483
 5. Missouri Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City, MO

10.025 –Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control, and Animal Care
The purpose of the grant will be for Animal Health Technical Services to conduct an Animal Disease Traceability study.
Applicant: \$200,000
- d. Contracts
 - Caledon Virtual
Permission is requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract for technical assistance with Caledon Virtual, Columbia, MO for the development of a website and maintenance training for staff for the Naturally Meramec Consortium, and to sign all related documents.
 - Delta Regional Authority
Permission is requested for MRPC's 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.
 - The Lumber Yard, LLC

The request for MRPC board to approve and authorize the Chairman or Executive Director to execute a technical assistance contract with the company The Lumber Yard, LLC/Donna and Donnie Gray for staff to package and prepare a Revolving Loan Fund request for review by the MRDC board.

Darrell Skiles made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Ray Schwartze seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presentation: Hazardous Mitigation Planning: Tammy Snodgrass, Assistant Director

Heidi Carver of SEMA was not able to attend the commission meeting as planned, but provided information on implementing hazard mitigation actions that was presented by Tammy Snodgrass. The presentation included information on various funding mechanisms such as local funding, capital improvements and adding fees to utilities. It also included “no actions” such as changes to planning and zoning ordinances, tightening up building codes and standards and subdivision regulations. There are also several matching funds programs to assist with hazard mitigation programs. The goal of hazard mitigation programs is to prevent property damage and loss of life by taking steps before the disaster.

External Relations Committee: Darrell Skiles reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows: The committee set a date of October 20 and chose the Belle-Bland Community Center as the site for the 2016 annual dinner. The last time it was held in Belle was possibly 1999. Darrell reminded everyone to get their award nominations in by June 1.

The slate of officers was presented for the 2016-17 MRPC and MRB boards and for board members at-large. On the slate for the MRPC board was: Ray Schwartze, Chairman; Marvin Wright, Vice Chair; James Morgan, Secretary; and Mary Heywood, Treasurer. Nominations were solicited from the floor but there were no additions to the slate. Don Brackhahn made a motion to accept the slate by acclamation; Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded. Motion carried.

On the slate for the MRB board was: Leo Sanders, Chair; Darrell Skiles, Vice Chair; and Larry Miskel, Secretary-Treasurer. Nominations were solicited from the floor but there were no additions to the slate. Ray Schwartze made a motion to accept the slate by acclamation; Randy Verkamp seconded. Motion carried.

The slate for board at-large commissioners whose term is expiring was presented for renewal. Those members are: Don Brackhahn, Seniors; Earl Brown, Disabled; Marcus Maggard, Tourism; Darrell Schulte, Maries County For Profit; Mark Boyer, Osage County For Profit; and Phelps County For Profit. There are a couple of vacancies to be filled. Darrell Skiles made a motion to accept the slate as presented for renewal; Marvin Wright seconded. Motion carried.

MRPC appoints two board positions to the MRCF board. Steve Vogt agreed to continue to serve while TR Dudley has resigned. Don Brackhahn has agreed to serve. Darrell Skiles made a motion to appoint Vogt and Brackhahn to the MRCF board; Randy Verkamp seconded. Motion carried.

Staff provided an update on legislation currently being considered of interest to local governments.

Operations Committee Marvin Wright reported on Operations Committee activities as follows: Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the MRPC/MRB and MRPC/MRDC-RLF and IRP program financial statements for the period ending April 30; seconded by John Casey. The motion carried.

Linda Loughridge reported on format and language changes in the MRPC Money Purchase Pension Plan restatement, which must be approved every five years. The language was changed to make it easier for employees to understand the plan. Approval needs to be retroactive to April 30. A motion was made by Marvin Wright to accept approval with a retroactive date of April 30, 2016; seconded by Steve Vogt. Motion carried.

Draft budget was discussed but no action is needed at this time.

Planning Committee James Morgan reported on Planning Committee activities as follows: The topic for the upcoming June 7 Board Strategic Advance, to be held at the YMCA Camp in Potosi would be “Economic Development.”

Bonnie Prigge gave an update on the Entrepreneur Assessment project.

Staff updated the committee on grants and gave a report on the recent Disaster Recovery Training held in April.

Housing Advisory Board Ray Schwartze reported on Housing Advisory Board as follows: Report was given on money spent as of April 30 with two months to go and with everything looking in order it was approved. A budget for 2016-2017 was reviewed and approved. New officers will be Leo Sanders, chair; Darrell Skiles, vice chair; and Larry Miskel, secretary.

Transportation Advisory Committee No report from committee but Bonnie Prigge did report that the draft STIP is available for comment and has been sent to committee members. It was also noted that due to the new FAST-ACT, there is money available for projects in Missouri. There is a 30-day window for comments and members were encouraged to contact MODOT directly regarding any project comments. T.R. encouraged members to review list as there were some long-standing projects listed that they have been trying to get funded.

Environmental: Tammy Snodgrass reported that the Scrap Tire Roundup Program would be ending in June. The need for tire derived fuel has decreased. MVE is closing its tire disposal division and may direct those funds toward marketing /development in an effort to find new solutions for tire disposal. They will still fund not-for-profit cleanups. Tammy noted that there are still 150,000 to 200,000 tires that are known to be out there and needing to be cleaned up. Missouri generates over five million tires a year. Ozark Rivers will discuss the ending of the Scrap Tire Roundup Program in its meeting next week.

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

No report at this time.

Business Loans: Bonnie Prigge reported that two loans, one SBA and 1 RLF, will be reviewed on May 18. Two IRPs were closed in April and staff will be closing another SBA and another RLF in June. There is money to loan and the rates have gone down a bit. Also, SBA is still on target to roll-out its refi-program in June, which will have a comment period. Program would be on-going as long as it is self-funded.

Workforce Development: T.R. Dudley updated the board on workforce development activities as follows: T.R. reported that they are in the process of hiring a new executive director who will start July 1.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation: No report at this time. A teleconference call was held to approve contract of development of the website for Naturally Meramec.

Meramec Region Community Foundation: Bonnie Prigge reported that six non-profit under the MRCF umbrella participated in Give Ozarks on May 3 and about 14 non-profit regionwide. The numbers are a little higher than last year as the foundation continues to build new exposure and bring in new donors. There a lot of good projects within Give Ozarks and more participation is expected next year.

Chairman and Director's Reports: T.R. Dudley stated that this was his final chairman's report. He commented that it has been wonderful working with everyone and encouraged all to attend the Strategic Advance meeting on June 7. T.R. state that "This organization has meant to my community and to my county millions of dollars and countless resources and I've taken great pride in leading this organization. I'm turning it over to the capable hands of Commissioner Schwartze and I know he'll carry on in great fashion. Thank for you all for what you do and for being passionate about your counties."

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, thanked T.R. for his hard work and willingness to participate. The board gave him a round of applause in honor of his service to the board.

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported that Dr. Schuman at MO S&T has finished work in Salem and is looking for another community to help out. They are looking to meet with another community in late July or

early August so that they can choose projects to present to the students for them to choose from. Bonnie noted that it's a great opportunity for students to get real life experience.

Bonnie reported that Senator McCaskill has put together a Grant Symposium that will be held in Columbia on June 2. There will be exhibitors and booths and the state association will have a booth with information on how regional planning commissions can help communities.

Bonnie talked about the Missouri Department of Economic Development Feels Like Home Tours in St. James and Salem. Various state agencies meet with a community to discuss their issues and then report back to the community with resources to assist them. Last one this year is in West Plains.

The On-Site Sewer Grant Loan Program has officially rolled out. If a private homeowner needs assistance in obtaining a new septic system they can apply for assistance through this grant. Maria Bancroft is the contact and can assist homeowners with the application.

If the governor signs off on the budget as it stands, there will be \$20 million towards cost share programs that will be administered by MODOT. In addition, there is \$100,000 increase for regional planning commissions in the state which translates to a \$4,000 increase for each regional office. There is also \$250,000 in an economic bill that will help fund projects that might otherwise not be funded, such as labor studies.

Adjourn

Don Brackhahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; Ray Schwartze seconded the motion. The motion carried.