

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
December 11, 2014**

Call to Order

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the December 11, 2014, 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 13, 2014

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b... Local Review

- 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 CALM Project

Federal: \$508,807

c... Statewide Grant Applications

1. US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC

Examination Report No. 50-123/OL-15-01, Mo. University of Science and Technology

2. Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City

10.025 Plant and Animal Disease, Pest Control, and Animal Care Missouri Soybean Commodity Survey 2015

Federal: \$4,707

d... Contracts

- Tall Oaks Production, LLC

..... Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman/or executive director to enter into a one-year contract extension with Tall Oaks Production, LLC to do compost education programs in schools in 2015, ORSWMD funded project; and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

Mary Heywood made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Idea Exchange with State Legislators

Rep. Tom Hurst, 62nd District; Rep. Steve Lynch, 122nd District; Rep. Paul Fitzwater, 144th District, Rep. Keith Frederick, 121st 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 discussed budget issues and the Governor restricting funds. The plan is to get the budget done early so any withholdings can be addressed by the legislators. He is hoping that legislators will have a better working relationship with the Governor's office. Transportation funding, Medicaid, education formula and Obama Care are some of the issues to be addressed in the upcoming session.

Rep. Paul Fitzwater anticipates an interesting session. Transportation will be discussed, including the possibility of I70 becoming a toll road.

Rep. Tom Hurst updated the board; revenue was up by 3.7 percent. Missouri Department of Economic Development Agency ranked number one in the country. He would like to see the state become more

business friendly.

Rep. Keith Frederick would like to reform the Medicaid program, using health savings accounts and allowing health exchanges to collaborate to prevent duplicate tests and decrease costs. He would like to see physicians make use of tele-medicine, pass legislation to allow license for physician's assistants to practice with existing physicians. He believes this would be a great asset in the rural communities.

Rep. Steve Lynch updated the board on protecting Missouri military bases. His focus will be on educating the legislators on how many jobs the federal spend down could take away from Missouri.

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

External Relations Committee

Darrell Skiles reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows:

- Appointment of Janey Radford for at-large for small business and Ron Kraettli for profit for Gasconade County.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to appoint Janey Radford to represent at-large for small business on the MRPC board; seconded by Mary Heywood. The motion carried.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to appoint Ron Kraettli to represent for-profit for Gasconade County; seconded by Randy Verkamp. The motion carried.

- 2014 Annual Dinner Review

Darrell Skiles reported that staff presented the annual dinner survey results. The committee discussed moving the annual dinner to the third week in October.

- State Priorities for 2015

The committee reviewed the board survey summary of state priorities and determined which of the top priorities to include in the state report.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve with edits to the state priority list that will be delivered to the Capitol on January 27 and encourages all members to participate; Randy Verkamp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Federal Priorities for 2015

The committee reviewed federal issues compiled by board and staff with committee comments from the October meeting. Staff will be mailing out surveys to prioritize these issues to every member and associate members of MRPC.

Operations Committee

Gene Newkirk reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

- Financials

Gene Newkirk made a motion to approve the MRPC/MRB financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended November 30, 2014; seconded by James Morgan. The motion carried.

- Conflict of Interest Annual Statements

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.

- Sale of Surplus Vehicle

Staff updated the committee regarding the wrecked 2010 Chevy Impala accident/insurance payout, salvage title application and sale of surplus process.

Planning Committee

James Morgan reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Government Performance and Result Act Annual Report: Staff presented draft reports for committee review. These reports are due to EDA at the end of December.

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

- Naturally Meramec

Staff updated the committee on the status of the project.

Housing Advisory Board

No report made.

Transportation Advisory Committee

John Casey reported on Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held at 4 p.m. on Dec. 11, as follows:

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application Prioritization

A representative of each application had five minutes to present his/her project to the TAC. Upon completion of all presentations, TAC members prioritized the applications. There were six applications for review. The following is the ranking:

- Vienna – Sidewalk project near school.
- Potosi – Sidewalk project near school.
- Waynesville – Sidewalk project along Historic Route 66, connecting previous sidewalk projects.
- Hermann – Sidewalk project downtown area.
- Rolla – Sidewalk/walking trail Veterans Park.
- Rolla – Sidewalk project to upgrade ADA ramps with cast iron truncated dome inserts.

- Scoping Projects

The TAC also prioritized scoping projects to be submitted to MoDOT. They are in order of preference:

- I-44, entire length across the region.
- Route 8 from Highway 67 to I-44
- Route 21 from Potosi to DeSoto.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve the TAP priorities as presented; Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

•Transportation Needs Prioritization

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.

A representative of each county made a presentation on the top three transportation needs of their county. The committee voted to prioritize the top 24 transportation needs of the region. A complete list is attached as approved by the board.

John Casey reported that Preston Kramer, MoDOT, updated the committee that the construction season is over, hoping for a mild winter.

Bonnie Prigge also presented information to the TAC on the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) to the TAC committee. Proposed projects or studies must be located on a public highway, road, bridge, trail or transit system that is located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands for which the facility title or maintenance responsibility is vested with a State, county, city, township, tribal, municipal, or local government. Generally, a 20% matching share of the project total is required for this program. Other Federal (non-title 23 or 49, with the exception of FLTP) funds may be used as match. The call for projects opens Nov. 15 and runs through Feb. 15, 2015. Applications should be submitted via email.

John Casey reported that Bonnie Prigge announced a funding opportunity for counties and cities that had a disaster declared in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Missouri is one of 67 eligible applicants nationwide who may apply for funding under HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC). The Department of Economic Development (DED) may make only one application under the NOFA; however, there is no limit to the number of projects that DED may entertain under that single application.

The competition makes available more than \$800 million dollars to support projects which "apply science-based and forward-looking risk analysis to address recovery, resilience, and implement disaster recovery that makes them more resilient to future threats while improving quality of life.

Ray Schwartze made a motion to approve the list of scoping projects and transportation prioritized needs to MoDOT as recommended by the TAC; Darrell Skiles seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Environmental and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee

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

Business Loans

Staff passed out a report on business loan activities. Report is attached.

Workforce Development

No report made.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation

Bonnie Prigge reported that MRPC was contacted by Wells Fargo in regards to donation of a property located in Jerome to be used by a non-profit entity. Doolittle Fire is interested.

Osage County Senior Housing CDBG is closed out. Pulaski County rehab projects are almost done. The Natural Meramec EDA grant has been approved for \$88,000. The Mapleshade property has been sold.

Meramec Region Community Foundation

Bonnie Prigge announced there is a vacancy for Crawford County to serve on the foundation. New scholarship funds have been set up and board orientation is scheduled for February.

Director's Report

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported as follows:

- 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 the MO S&T class is finished in Steelville and will be going to Hermann next.
- Ms. Prigge announced that MCEC was awarded a Delta Regional Authority grant, Certified Work Ready Community application in the four Delta Region counties in the amount of \$128,000.

Chairman's Report

T.R. Dudley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked all for attending.

Adjourn

T.R. Dudley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.; John Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

T.R. Dudley, chairman

Mary Heywood, secretary