

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, June 13, 2019

**Members Present:** Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Vic Stratman (Maries), Danny Brown (Crawford), Marcus Maggard (Dent), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade)

**Members Absent:** Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), Darrell Skiles (Dent), John Muesch (Phelps), Wayne Langston (Maries)

**Guests:**

**MRPC Staff Present:** Kelly Sink-Blair, Linda Loughridge

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Gary Hicks, Chairman, called the MCEC June 13, 2019, meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Each member and staff introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gary Hicks asked for approval of the March 12, 2019 minutes. Greg Edwards made a motion with second by Marcus Maggard. *Motion passed.*

**Election of Officers:** Gary Hicks opened the floor for nominations on MCEC officers. He noted that he is willing to serve another term and Jerry Lairmore also volunteered to serve again. Darryl Griffin nominated Greg Edwards to fill the vacant Treasurer position. Gary Hicks took a motion to renew each position for a second term and approve Greg Edwards for a first term. Jerry Lairmore made the motion with second by Darryl Griffin. Motion passed and officers for FY 19-20 are as follows:

Gary Hicks, Chairman	Term 2
Wayne Langston, Vice Chairman	Term 2
Dr. Greg Edwards, Treasurer	Term 1
Jerry Lairmore, Secretary	Term 2

**4. Annual Lease Agreement with MRPC:** The annual lease agreement between MCEC and MRPC on behalf of the Region I Homeland Security Oversight Committee (MRPC HSOC) was presented. The agreement is for the lease of a cargo trailer. The amendment extends the lease term until June, 2020. Marcus Maggard made a motion to approve, second by Leo Sanders. *Motion passed*

**Business / Reports:**

**A. MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair reported that the Amerisource funded opioid project was beginning and report on activities would be given

in September. The MRCF grant for Duke Fire would be spent once the fire department obtains a loan for the remainder of the cost of the building. Ms. Sink-Blair introduced two new projects that were just funded by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks that would supplement the current opioid programs at MRPC.

- B. MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink-Blair informed the board that two grants were submitted and approved since the last board meeting. Both grants are through Community Foundation of the Ozarks ROHI program. The first grant of \$1250 is to purchase prescription lock bags for seniors and the second of \$2,500 is to conduct a job fair for persons with substance use disorders. Gary Hicks asked for a motion to approve these submittals and accept the awards. Leo Sanders made the motion, second by Jerry Lairmore. *Motion passed.*

**Approval of financials:** Linda Loughridge presented financials through May 31, 2019. She noted that audit services would next be bid in spring 2020 and that MCEC may be able to do a lesser audit, or perhaps look to complete audits every 2-3 years. This will save money for the organization. Greg Edwards asked about interest on funds. Linda explained that MCEC's account was at PCB and they had a very competitive rate. Gary Hicks asked if banking services had to be bid and Linda explained they did not, but that staff compare rates, fees, etc. at various local banks to obtain the best service. Vic Stratman made a motion to approve, second by Jerry Lairmore. *Motion passed.*

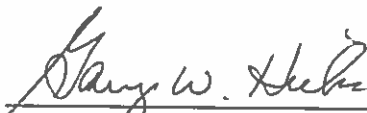
**Approval of budget:** Linda Loughridge presented the revised budget for FY 19-20. Darryl Griffin asked about the trailer license fee and if a permanent tag could be used. Linda explained that the current tag is pre-paid through 2020 and after that, MCEC can purchase a permanent tag. Linda asked the board to approve adding the two new ROHI grants as pass through funds (adding to both revenue and expense). Gary Hicks asked for a motion to approve, including the ROHI changes. Vic Stratman made a motion with second by Marcus Maggard. *Motion passed.*

**Items of Interest:**

- A. Next Meeting:** Will be in September 2019. Kelly will send a survey prior to September to determine a date and time when a quorum can meet.

**Adjournment:** Gary Hicks adjourned the meeting

Approved by the Board 9-10, 2019



Gary Hicks, Chairman