

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, June 11, 2020

**Members Present:** Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Vic Stratman (Maries), Wayne Langston (Maries), Leo Sanders (Crawford), John Meusch (Phelps), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Mark Wallace (Gasconade)

**Members Absent:** Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), Danny Brown (Crawford), Marcus Maggard (Dent), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Darrell Skiles (Dent)

**Guests:**

**MRPC Staff Present:** Kelly Sink, Caitlin Jones, Bonnie Prigge

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Gary Hicks, Chairman, called the MCEC June 11, 2020, meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gary Hicks asked for approval of the March 3, 2020 minutes. Vic Stratman made a motion with second by Wayne Langston. *Motion passed.*

**Election of Officers:** Election of officers takes place annually each June, per the bylaws. Current officers and terms follow:

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

Each officer can serve three-year terms. A motion was made by Darryl Griffin to keep the current slate of officers for one more year. Second by John Meusch. Motion passed.

**Marrilac Mission Fund - Bonnie Prigge and Caitlin Jones:** Staff updated the board on the Complete Count Committee in Washington County to target under-represented groups in the 2020 Census. This committee was formed using a grant from the Marrilac Mission Fund with MCEC as the fiscal sponsor. Using grant funds, the committee dispersed marketing materials, ran ads in the newspaper, and held a kick-off event. Facebook was used to spread the message of Census importance. iPads were purchased for several entities that work with underserved populations to allow staff to help persons complete the census online. COVID-19 reduced the ability for in-person visits and events and this has impacted the effectiveness of the effort. Staff distributed some Census

marketing material to board members.

**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) is due. The agreement is for the lease of a cargo trailer. The amendment extends the lease term until June 30, 2021. John Meusch made a motion to approve. Second by Wayne Langston. Motion passed.

**Business / Reports:**

- A. MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink noted that the only open project was the Marillac funded census project highlighted in the meeting.
- B. MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink informed the board that a grant to Amerisource Bergen was submitted since the last quarterly meeting. The grant request of \$84,500 is to continue HRSA activities in the counties not covered by MRPC's HRSA grant for opioid abuse prevention. Mark Wallace made a motion to approve the submittal and subsequent grant award. Second by Vic Stratman. Motion passed.

**Approval of financials:** Kelly Sink presented financials through May 31, 2020. She noted that some funds had been moved from FY19-20 to FY20-21 for the Marillac Fund due to COVID-19 forcing an extension of the Complete Count work in Washington County. Leo Sanders made a motion to approve the financials, second by Mark Wallace. Motion passed.

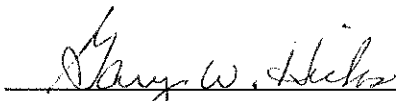
**Approval of budget:** Kelly Sink presented the budget for fiscal year covering July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The budget anticipates the award of a new Amerisource grant. John Meusch made a motion to approve. Second by Leo Sanders. Motion passed.

**Items of Interest:**

- A. Next Meeting:** Will be in September 2020. Kelly will send a survey to determine a date and time when a quorum can meet.

**Adjournment:** Gary Hicks adjourned the meeting

Approved by the Board September 9, 2020

  
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Gary Hicks, Chairman