

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 9, 2021

**Members Present on Call:** Vic Stratman (Maries), Danny Brown (Crawford), Greg Edwards (Phelps), John Meusch (Phelps), Wayne Langston (Maries)

**Members Absent:** Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), Marcus Maggard (Dent), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Mark Wallace (Gasconade), Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Darrell Skiles (Dent), Leo Sanders (Crawford),

**Guests:**

**MRPC Staff Present:** Kelly Sink, Bethany Ferrell, Jill Hollowell

**Call to Order and Introductions:** John Meusch, Chairman, called the MCEC November 29, 2021, meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance on Zoom.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Meusch asked for approval of the September 24, 2021 minutes. Vic Stratman made a motion with second by Danny Brown. *Motion passed.*

**Business / Reports:**

- A. MCEC Project Updates:** Staff reported that there are no new projects that MCEC is administering at this time.
- B. MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink informed the board that MCEC has been requested to participate in a grant with the University of Missouri. Jill Hollowell, MRPC Environmental Department, provided a summary of the project. Jill explained that the university is applying to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a grant to provide environmental education. The program will be provided to middle school aged children in the Newburg School District. MCEC will receive approximately \$8,800 over two years to allow staff to assist with implementing the program. Nature's Classroom from Gasconade County is the other subrecipient assisting with the project. John Meusch asked if the program would be implemented at the school and Jill confirmed it would. Greg Edwards asked if the curriculum exists and Jill explained that developing the curriculum would be part of the project. Vic Stratman asked how many kids would be impacted and Jill state that the estimate is 65 children. Vic also asked if any match is required and Jill confirmed that no match from MCEC is required. John Meusch asked for an

approval to participate with MU on the project. Greg Edwards made a motion to approve with second by Vic Stratman. Motion passed.

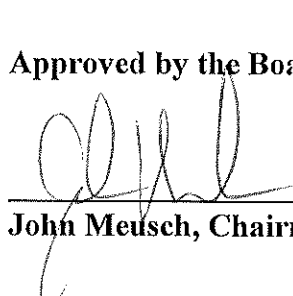
**Approval of financials:** Bethany Ferrell presented financials through October 31, 2021. Items noted were a software purchase of \$840. There were no other revenues or expenses to note. Danny Brown made a motion to accept, with second by Greg Edwards. *Motion passed.*

**Items of Interest:**

**A. Next Meeting:** Will be in March 2022 and will be in-person. Kelly will send a survey to determine a date and time when a quorum can meet.

**Adjournment:** John Meusch adjourned the meeting

Approved by the Board 4/12, 2022

  
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**John Meusch, Chairman**