

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Members Present on Zoom: Darryl Griffin (Osage), Danny Brown (Crawford), Vic Stratman (Maries), Wayne Langston (Maries), Gary Hicks (Phelps County),

Members Absent: Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), Mark Wallace (Gasconade), Christy Metzger (Maries) Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Darrell Skiles (Dent), John Meusch (Phelps), Brenda Johnson (Maries)

Guests:

MRPC Staff Present: Kelly Sink, Mark Perkins, Samantha Sherman, Linda Loughridge

Call to Order and Roll Call: Vice-Chair Danny Brown called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Approval of Minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting and October 17, 2022 conference call meeting: Minutes were sent prior to the meeting and Danny Brown asked if everyone had a chance to review and approve. Darryl Griffin made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Gary Hicks seconded the motion for September 28, 2022 minutes and Danny Brown seconded the motion for October 17, 2022 minutes. Motion passed to approve both sets of minutes.

Naturally Meramec DRA grant: Mark Perkins updated the board on the new grant project funded by Delta Regional Authority outlining the activities and goals to be accomplished. The main components are small business education trainings, renewed Naturally Meramec consortium meetings beginning in January, marketing/promotion, event planning and participation and food hub development with area producers and distributors. While the grant is focused on the four Delta counties of Crawford, Dent, Phelps and Washington – the consortium meetings will be open to all members.

Business / Reports:

- A. MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink noted the only current project is the DRA grant for Naturally Meramec. She did inform the members that new letters will be sent to each county to update the commissions on MCEC representation. Three new presiding commissioners will be welcomed.
- B. MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink informed the board that no new grant applications were in process, but that staff continue to seek other grants to Naturally Meramec in the non-DRA counties.

Approval of financials: Linda Loughridge presented December 31, 2022 financials including the Revenue and Expense Report and Balance Sheet. Gary Hicks asked for clarification of the negative balance on the R&E report and Linda confirmed that was the audit expense. Danny Brown asked for a motion to approve the financials, provided by Gary Hicks with a second by Vic Stratman. Motion was approved.

FY2022 Audit Requirement: Linda Loughridge reviewed audit requirements for MCEC, and recommended postponing the FY22 audit to combine an audit of FY22 and FY23. Darryl Griffin asked if it was acceptable to do this. Linda explained that MCEC has no current funders that require it, and it does not meet the IRS threshold to require one so it acceptable to postpone. Danny Brown asked for a motion to approve, provided by Vic Stratman with a second by Wayne Langston. Motion was approved.

Items of Interest:

A. Next Meeting: March 2023 meeting date will be determined.

Adjournment: Wayne Langston made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Vic Stratman. Motion was approved and Danny Brown adjourned the meeting.

Approved by the Board March 27, 2023



Dr. Greg Edwards, Chairman