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**REGION I RHSOC MEETING**

**Thursday, April 27, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission**

**4 Industrial Drive ~ St. James, MO**

**MINUTES**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Vice Chairman Tabitha Stanfast (P) led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests at 1:09 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Members participating in person were Tabitha Stanfast (P), Linda Kerr (P), Gary Hicks (P) Jimmy Bench (A), and Regina Arrington (A).

Participating via Zoom or conference call were Darin Pryor (P), Ron Smith (A), Glen Smith (P), Randy Rowe (P), and Brad Woods (A).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tony Floyd (P), Sam Allen (P), Stacey Smith (A), Doug Yurecko (A), Byron Dudley (A), Brad England (P), John Lochner (A), and David Sewell (A), Connie Patton (P), Devin Johnson (P), Jeff Breen (P), David Miller (P), Hector Silva (A), Don Good (P), and Dan Cordova (P).

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT**:

Staff participating in person were Samantha Sherman, Tammy Snodgrass and Linda Carroll. Guests participating in person were Kristin Kayser and Nicholas Saravara with OHS and Brett Hendrix with SEMA.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA:**

Linda Kerr made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Gary Hicks. The motion carried.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES:**

Jimmy Bench made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Regina Arrington. The motion carried.

**OHS Updates/HSAC Other Initiatives –** OHS Representative

Kristin Kayser provided a handout covering RHSOC Quarterly Meeting Updates. She reviewed the following dates with committee members:

* April 7, 2023 – The SHSP Regionalization Application period opened. It will close on May 12 and all applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on that date.
* June 2023 – OHS will hold a reviewer/scorer training for those members volunteering to score grant applications.
* June 16-June 30, 2023 – Peer review/scoring of submitted applications will take place.
* July 2023 – The quarterly RHSOC meeting will be held where funding recommendations will be determined.

Ms. Kayser also mentioned the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LEPTA) grant, which opens August 2023. She said projects must support law enforcement terrorism prevention activities and must first be applied for through the SHSP Regionalization Funding Opportunity and not be funded at all through the RHSOC or only partially funded to be eligible.

Nick Saravara, who works with OHS cybersecurity, spoke briefly on the work his department is doing, including monitoring the dark web on a daily basis.

Regina Arrington brought up the issue of the increase in swatting calls saying that all of the schools in Pulaski County have received swatting calls. Nick Saravara explained that swatting calls are calls or texts that are being sent to schools and businesses saying there is a bomb planted in their building. The calls are meant to incite police involvement and are a fake threat. He said these types of calls have been on the increase in recent months. Although these types of calls are hard to track, he said they are trying to tackle the problem. Regina said the issue for first responders is how to respond without over responding. It forces responders to spend saying valuable resources and time because these types of threats can’t be ignored. Gary Hicks asked about the efforts being made to track the source of the threats. Jimmy Bench said tracking is almost impossible. Mr. Saravara said the biggest strides are being made at the company level. Information can now be requested from phone companies without a warrant. This information can then be used to try and track the source. The problem is that it is very easy to get a temporary phone number or email to use to send these types of threats. He added that he publishes a cybersecurity information email list, and anyone interested in receiving it should just let him know.

**Ag Updates**

No report was given.

**DNR Updates**

No report was given.

**Interoperable Communications Update**

No report was given.

**Mass Care/Emergency Human Services**

No report was given.

**MO State Mutual Aid Update**

No report was given.

**SEMA Region I Area Coordinator Updates**

Brett Hendrix reported the next quarterly stakeholders meeting would be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 1 at the Rolla Sheriff’s Department. He also mentioned the SEMA Workshop would be held Aug. 22-25 in Columbia.

**RHSOC Old Business**

Samantha Sherman reported that all purchasing for FY19 is complete and provided an update on FY20, FY21 and FY22 projects. She reported all FY20 items have been purchased with the exception of one item for Rolla Fire and Rescue. She said she was waiting on a final quote.

On the FY21 grants, Samantha said the radios for Rolla are on backorder and the portable mics for Waynesville have been delivered. All other items are still in process.

Samantha also reported that Rolla Fire and Rescue has received everything that was requested through the recent MLED grant. Ron Smith said the department would be delivering the booms and pads to region’s fire departments over the next few weeks.

Purchasing for FY22 hasn’t begun yet said Samantha.

The committee held a discussion on filling vacant positions.

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| Represents | Position |
| Public Works | Alternate |
| Mayor/City Administrator | Alternate |

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

July 27, 2023 Oct. 19

**ADJOURN**

Gary Hicks made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.; seconded by Jimmy Bench. The motion carried.

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