

MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 27, 2023

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

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

Guests:

MRPC Staff Present: Kelly Sink, Linda Loughridge

Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Greg Edwards called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Approval of Minutes from the January 10, 2023, conference call meeting: Minutes were sent prior to the meeting and Greg Edwards asked if everyone had a chance to review and approve. Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the minutes. Danny Brown seconded the motion. *Motion passed to approve the minutes.*

Business / Reports:

- A. MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink noted the only current project is the DRA grant for Naturally Meramec. The project is progressing and staff will give a presentation at the June meeting.
- B. MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink informed the board that an application had been submitted to the state of Missouri for funds to promote the Affordable Connectivity Program in the region. The grant is for \$25,000 and is a five-month program. ACP provides internet subsidies to qualifying families. Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the submittal and subsequent award, second by Danny Brown. *Motion passed.* Kelly introduced a second grant application to expand mental health training in the region. It is a grant of \$750,000 for three years. Application is being made to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Darryl Griffin made a motion to approve submitting the application and subsequent award, second by Danny Brown. *Motion passed.*

Approval of financials: Linda Loughridge presented February 2023 financials including the Revenue and Expense Report and Balance Sheet. She noted that the Naturally Meramec grant had not been budgeted and that will be addressed now that the grant is awarded. Danny Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Wayne Langston.
Motion was approved.

Items of Interest:

A. Next Meeting: June 2023 meeting date will be determined and will be in-person.

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

Approved by the Board June 7, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Greg Edwards, Chairman