

MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
Friday September 20, 2024

Members Present on Zoom: Darryl Griffin (Osage), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Vic Stratman (Maries), Erin Adamson (Phelps)

Members Absent: Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), Christy Metzger (Maries), Brenda Johnson (Maries), Wayne Langston (Maries), Danny Brown (Crawford), Bruce Cox (Gasconade), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade) Gary Larson (Dent),

Guests:

MRPC Staff Present: Kelly Sink, Orin Pogue, Bethany Ferrell

Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Greg Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. He noted that there were no guests or new members to introduce. A quorum was not yet on Zoom, so Greg asked that Orin Pogue begin presenting.

Naturally Meramec DRA project: Orin Pogue gave a report on the activities and milestones of the DRA funded program to benefit Naturally Meramec members. He updated the board on a livestock and produce composting class that was held for members and residents of the four DRA counties. It was hosted by RGM Farms in Bourbon and conducted by MU Extension. The website update is in process with CS Designs from Potosi, MO. Facebook has now been set up so members can use it a food hub and promote products and purchase products from each other. He noted the successful Washington County Farm Tour and 'Taste of' event. The grant also helped to pay tuition fees for several members to attend classes on courses such as food prep safety. The grant ends at the end of October.

Approval of Minutes from the June 4, 2024 and June 27, 2024 meetings: Minutes were sent prior to the meeting and Greg Edwards asked if everyone had a chance to review and approve. Darryl Griffin made a motion to approve the June 4, 2024 minutes with second by Erin Adamson. *Motion passed.* Gary Hicks made a motion to approve the June 27, 2024 minutes with second by Erin Adamson. *Motion passed.*

Approval of financials: Bethany Ferrell presented preliminary year-end financials as of June 30, 2024. She noted that the Naturally Meramec grant is currently in process and passes through. The main expense is the two-year audit that was recently completed. Gary Hicks made a motion to approve the preliminary year-end financials with second by Darryl Griffin. *Motion was approved.* Bethany then presented the financials for the

period ending August 31, 2024. Darryl Griffin made a motion to approve the financials with a second by Gary Hicks. *Motion was approved.*

Business / Reports:

MCEC Project Updates: Kelly Sink noted the only current project is the Naturally Meramec project that Orin just presented.

MCEC Grant Updates: Kelly Sink updated the board on the EPA application that Missouri S&T has partnered with MCEC to apply for funds. S&T is still working out the budget and she will be prepared to submit when the university is ready.

Items of Interest:

A. Next Meeting: December 2024 meeting date will be determined.

Adjournment: Gary Hicks made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Darryl Griffin. Motion was approved and Greg Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Approved by the Board December 9, 2024



Dr. Greg Edwards, Chairman