**Members Present:** In person: Jared Niederer (Gasconade County), Ashley Harris (Maries), Randy Becht (Pulaski), Richard Cavender (MRCF At-Large), and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC At-Large). By Zoom: Tony Hayden (Osage) and Steve Vogt (MRPC At-Large).

**Members Absent:** John Craig (Crawford) and Amy Pendleton (Phelps).

**Staff Present:** Bobbie Bailey and Caitlyn Jones.

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Niederer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the meeting minutes from April 24, 2024. Hayden made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Cavender. Motion passed.

**Board Terms and Vacancies:** Hayden made a motion to appoint Craig, Becht and Cavender for 3-year terms, seconded by Harris. Motion passed.

Dent and Washington Counties continue to have vacancies, and the board discussed people who could help them find members.

**MRCF Fund Balance Report:** Prigge presented the current fund balance report as of July 11, 2024.

Current total number of funds: 53

Current total portfolio balance: $4,603,277.65

There were no new funds added in FY 23-24.

**Fiscal Year 23-24 in Review –** Prigge presented the 23-24 review.

**MRCF Goals and Action Plan Updates:** Chairman Niederer requested the board for community and goal updates.

Prigge wants to see more growth in scholarships and filling empty board member positions.

Niederer discussed the Route 66 corridor and the attraction to it.

Becht discussed the Neon Park in Pulaski County.

Prigge discussed website <https://celebratemo66.com> and the associated grant program.

Winter Kind of CFO wants to visit all the affiliates. She’s looking at October 17th or 18th. If Phelps County Community Foundation is willing to do an evening meeting and the MRCF board is willing to meet on Thursday, October 17th, at 1:30 p.m., she could meet with both. Bonnie will work on getting that scheduled if it works for everyone.

**Closing Remarks & Adjournment**

**No August board meeting scheduled.**

**Next MRCF board meeting** (Tentative) – September 17, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m., MRPC large conference room.

Cavender made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by vote. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

**Approved by the board on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

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**Jared Niederer, Board Chair**

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**Attested by Secretary or other MRCF Officer**