

DATE: Sept. 4, 2025
TO: MRPC Board of Commissioners
FROM: Darryl Griffin, Chairman
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda

The Meramec Regional Planning Commission will hold its August meetings by Zoom and in-person on Sept. 11, 2024.

PHA Housing Advisory Board – 5:30 p.m. at MRPC (No Zoom option)

Committee Meetings – 6 p.m. at MRPC and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89477991941?pwd=9xWctp3oiIa78VsFMCXIQdLKZLnnJW.1>

Call-in information: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 894 779 1941 Passcode: 921263

MRPC Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at MRPC and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85930363120?pwd=M5yiPJXYqHbKzFPwIO90vUsvyBLaN0.1>

Call-in information: 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 859 3036 3120 Passcode: 098987

Agenda

1. **Welcome:** Darryl Griffin, chairman
2. **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda is intended to group several items of a routine nature upon which the commission agrees to accept a committee or staff recommendation. Listed below are the items on the consent agenda. A motion may be made to accept all the items listed, or if a commissioner wishes to consider any item(s) separately, then a motion would be in order to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the item(s) to be considered separately. Any item to be considered separately would then be taken up immediately after the consent agenda is adopted.

The following consent agenda items are presented for approval:

- a. Minutes – Aug. 14, 2025
- b. Local Review
None.

c. State Review

1. Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, Jefferson City, MO
20.106 – Airport Improvement Program, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Programs, and COVID-19 Airports Program

Increase airport safety, maintain existing pavements, and construct new infrastructure. (City of Boonville, City of Brookfield, City of Eldon, City of Fulton, City of Hannibal, City of Houston, City of Poplar Bluff)

Federal: \$1,614,793

Local: \$84,990

Total: \$1,699,783

2. Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, Jefferson City, MO
20.106 – Airport Improvement Program, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Programs, and COVID-19 Airports Program

Increase airport safety, maintain existing pavements, and construct new infrastructure. (Caruthersville (MO5), Cuba (UBX), Mountain Grove (1MO), Neosho (EOS), Perryville (PCD), Piedmont (PYN), Sullivan (UUV).

Federal: \$1,891,545

Local: \$99,562

Total: \$1,991,107

3. Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, Jefferson City, MO
20.106 – Airport Improvement Program, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Programs, and COVID-19 Airports Program

Increase airport safety, maintain existing pavements, and construct new infrastructure. (Dexter (DXE), Houston (M48), Moberly (MBY), Mosby (GPH), Rolla (VIH), Sikeston (SIK), St. Louis - Creve Coeur (1H0)).

Federal: \$2,658,018

Local: \$139,899

Total: \$2,797,917

4. Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, Jefferson City, MO
20.106 – Airport Improvement Program, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Programs, and COVID-19 Airports Program

Increase airport safety, maintain existing pavements, and construct new infrastructure. (Branson West Municipal (FWB), State Technical College of Missouri (IH3), City of Maryville (EVU), University of Central Missouri (RCM), City of West Plains (UNO)).

Federal: \$1,712,356

State: \$30,791

Local: \$59,338

Total: \$1,802,485

5. University of Missouri System, Columbia, MO
47.070 – Computer and Information Science and Engineering
Collaborative Research: VINES: Track 1: AI-Native Metapath Synthesis and Adaptive Service Function Embedding in NextG Networks for Smart Agriculture
Federal: \$840,000
Total: \$840,000

The Office of Administration issues the Missouri Federal Assistance Clearinghouse grant reviews weekly. In the future, staff will share reports in between meetings with board members. If you have questions about grants listed, you can call MRPC staff, or the Office of Administration as listed on the reports.

d. Contracts

- Economic Development Administration

Permission is requested for the chair and/or executive director to sign all necessary documents for application to the Economic Development Administration for a Disaster Resiliency grant to hire a disaster coordinator and develop disaster resiliency plans within qualifying counties. Permission is also requested for the chair and/or executive director to sign all necessary documents, should a grant agreement be issued.

- Delta Regional Authority

Permission is requested for the chair and/or executive director to sign all necessary documents for application to the Delta Regional Authority for a Local Development District grant to provide grant writing and planning services within the DRA counties. Permission is also requested for the chair and/or executive director to sign all necessary documents, should a grant agreement be issued.

- Meramec Regional Planning Commission

Permission is requested for the chair and/or executive director to submit a grant application to the L-A-D Foundation through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for the illustration and production of an illegal dump children's book featuring Trashesaurus Rex. Permission is also requested for the chair and/or executive director to sign all necessary documents, should the grant be awarded.

- Meramec Regional Planning Commission

Permission is requested for the chair and/or executive director to submit a grant application to the National Forest Foundation Collaborative Capacity Program for the illustration and production of an illegal dump children's book featuring Trashesaurus Rex. MRPC would work with the volunteer organization, Heartland Trail Trash, on the book. Permission is also requested for the chair and/or executive director to sign all necessary documents, should the grant be awarded.

- Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District

Permission is requested to apply for a grant to fund solid waste programs: illegal dump cleanups; special collections for tires, white goods and electronics; community funds for mini-grants; environmental education; and HHW collection sites in St. Robert and Rolla. Permission is also requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents, for application, and any grant contracts, should an award be offered.

3. **Presentation: Ed Hassinger, Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation**

Director Hassinger will provide an update on the workings of MODOT. (Please note that the Missouri Legislature's veto session is Sept. 10. If session carries over to the Sept. 11 and Director Hassinger's presence is needed at the Capital, he may need to miss our meeting.)

4. Update from State and Federal Legislators:

Time is set aside to hear updates from state and federal legislators or their staff members.

5. Board and Committee Reports:

a. External Relations Committee: Shane Anselm, chairman

The committee will review any nominations received for the vacant, aging, underrepresented and lending at-large positions. Staff will provide an update on planning for the Annual Dinner. The committee will review the State Priorities Survey that will be sent out to gather issues from board members in September. The committee will review the Federal Priorities Survey that will be sent out to gather issues from board members in October. Staff will provide a report on any state and/or federal legislative issues that have occurred since the last board meeting. *Action needed: The committee will request board action on at-large nominees.*

b. Operations Committee: Jason Ward, chair

The committee will review MRPC/MRB and MRPC/RLF program financial statements for the period ended Aug. 31, 2025. Committee will also review the update of the MRPC salary schedule, based on cost of living adjustments. Staff will share information regarding program funds investment strategies for committee discussion. *Action needed: The committee will request board action on financials.*

c. Planning Committee: Joey Auxier, chairman

The committee will continue discussion on planning activity items for the FY26 MRPC Board Retreat and Training. Staff will discuss a possible opportunity to secure a grant to hire a Disaster Resiliency coordinator to assist with grant writing for disaster related and some disaster planning projects in counties included in the 2023 and 2024 Disaster Declarations. Staff will review proposed grant scope with the committee for discussion.

d. Housing Advisory Board: Tim Schulte, chairman

Tim Schulte will report on housing activities.

e. Environmental: Tammy Snodgrass, Assistant Director

Tammy Snodgrass will provide an update on environmental activities, including activities of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District and the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District.

f. Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation (MCEC): Vic Stratman

Vic Stratman will report on MCEC activities.

g. Meramec Regional Community Foundation (MRCF): Bonnie Prigge

Bonnie Prigge will report on MRCF activities.

h. **Chairman and Director's Report:**

Darryl Griffin and Bonnie Prigge will report on issues of interest.

6. **Adjourn**

7. **Informational Agenda**

Contracts signed by the Executive Director as amount was under the \$3,000 threshold:

The following staff members have prepared handout reports, which will be emailed prior to the meeting.

- Kelly Sink—grants submitted and funded since the last meeting, application deadlines and funding availability.
- Tammy Snodgrass—solid waste activities, emergency planning and management, Homeland Security Oversight Committee activities, hazard mitigation and pending grant applications.
- Linda Loughridge—Hour allocation tracking sheet will be handed out.