

MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday June 18, 2025

Members Present on Zoom: Darryl Griffin (Osage), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Vic Stratman (Maries), Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Ray Walden (Dent), Steve Black (Crawford), Gary Larson (Dent), Doug Lasley (Crawford), Kathy Lasley (Crawford), Wayne Langston (Maries),

Members Absent: Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), Brenda Johnson (Maries), Erin Adamson (Phelps), Bruce Cox (Gasconade), Danny Brown (Crawford),

Guests:

MRPC Staff Present: Kelly Sink, Bethany Ferrell

Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Greg Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He asked for a roll call of all members present and on Zoom. Doug Lasley and Kathy Lasley were introduced as a new representatives for Crawford County.

Approval of Minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting: 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 minutes with second by Gary Hicks. *Motion passed.*

Election of Officers: Officers were elected, per the bylaws. Officers were elected for a one-year term, and cannot serve more than three terms in a given office. Gary Larson, Darryl Griffin and Ray Walden agreed to serve. Doug Lasley made a motion to accept each new officer and renew Danny Brown for a second term. Gary Hicks seconded the motion. *Motion passed.* Officers and terms as follows:

Gary Larson, Chairman	Term 1
Darryl Griffin, Vice Chairman	Term 1
Ray Walden, Treasurer	Term 1
Danny Brown, Secretary	Term 2

Annual Lease Agreement with MRPC: The annual lease agreement between MCEC and MRPC on behalf of the Region I Homeland Security Oversight Committee (MRPC HSOC) was presented. The agreement is for the lease of a cargo trailer. The amendment extends the lease term until June 30, 2026. Doug Lasley made a motion to approve with second by Kathy Lasley. *Motion passed.*

Maries County Emergency Management project: Kelly Sink provided a summary by Tammy Snodgrass on the activities completed with the \$2,500 grant from Vichy Renewable Energy for emergency management training in Maries County. The grant covered expenses for data collection and coordinating training. The funds also covered public notices on chemicals and allowed staff to assist the Vichy Fire Department with procurement of gas meter equipment for firefighter safety.

Business / Reports:

MCEC Project Updates: Kelly Sink noted the only current grant was the Vichy Renewable grant just reported.

MCEC Grant Updates: Kelly Sink updated the board that there were no new grants since the last meeting.

Approval of financials: Bethany Ferrell presented financials through the period ending May 31, 2025. The report included revenues and expenditures and balance sheet. Gary Hicks made a motion to approve with second by Wayne Langston. *Motion was approved.*

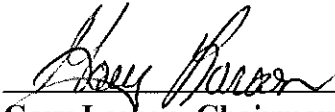
Approval of FY25-26 Budget: Bethany Ferrell presented the FY25-26 budget. There are currently no grants budgeted for the new year, and the main expense is the audit. Darryl Griffin made a motion to approve the budget with second by Gary Hicks. *Motion was approved.*

Items of Interest:

A. **Next Meeting:** September 2025 meeting date will be determined.

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

Approved by the Board September 24, 2025



Gary Larson, Chairman