

**MERAMEC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION**  
**ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday March 19, 2025

**Members Present on Zoom:** Darryl Griffin (Osage), Greg Edwards (Phelps), Vic Stratman (Maries), Danny Brown (Crawford), Gary Hicks (Phelps County), Ray Walden (Dent), Steve Black (Crawford)

**Members Absent:** Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Dave Sansegraw (Washington), Brenda Johnson (Maries), Wayne Langston (Maries), Gary Larson (Dent), Erin Adamson (Phelps), Bruce Cox (Gasconade),

**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. Ray Walden was introduced as a new representative for Dent County.

**Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2024 meeting:** Minutes were sent prior to the meeting and Greg Edwards asked if everyone had a chance to review and approve. Gary Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes with second by Vic Stratman. *Motion passed.*

**Business / Reports:**

**MCEC Project Updates:** Kelly Sink noted the only current grant is the \$2500 grant from Vichy Renewable Energy for emergency management training in Maries County. Staff will give an update on this project at the next meeting.

**MCEC Grant Updates:** Kelly Sink updated the board on recent applications submitted.

- Community Foundation of the Ozarks – A grant of \$23,400 was submitted for the Youth Mental Health Program. It was not awarded.
- MO Department of Economic Development – A grant was submitted for the Digital Opportunity Grant program for \$258,000 for a 2-year program to provide electronic devices for public access to the internet as well as training for potential users. It was not funded.

**Approval of financials:** Bethany Ferrell presented financials through the period ending February 28, 2025. The report included revenues and expenditures and balance sheet.

She noted that the Vichy Renewable Energy grant had been added for \$2500. Darryl Griffin made a motion to approve with second by Gary Hicks. *Motion was approved.*

**Approval of FY24-25 Revised Budget:** Bethany Ferrell presented the FY24-25 revised budget audit. Changes noted included adding to the DRA Naturally Meramec line item which is now closed, adding the Vichy Renewable Energy grant and decreasing the software expense line item. Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the audit with second by Darryl Griffin. *Motion was approved.*

**Items of Interest:**

**A. Next Meeting:** June 2025 meeting date will be determined. Board positions for the new fiscal year will be determined.

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

Approved by the Board June 18, 2025

  
Dr. Greg Edwards, Chairman

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