

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2017**

The combined July and August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Patrick Mullins at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 in the Commission's meeting room at 1 West St. Joseph Street in Perryville, Missouri.

ATTENDEES

Patrick Mullins	Chairman	SEMO RPC
	Associate Commissioner	St. Francois County
Jay Wengert	Treasurer	SEMO RPC
	Associate Commissioner	Perry County
Randy Bahr	Associate Commissioner	Ste. Genevieve County
Joe Gettinger	Associate Commissioner	Ste. Genevieve County
Robert Mooney	Presiding Commissioner	Madison County
Travis Elfrink	Presiding Commissioner	Bollinger County
Clint Tracy	Presiding Commissioner	Cape Girardeau County
Don England	Chairman	Village of Oak Ridge
Dennis Parks	Mayor	City of Leadwood
Martin Toma	City Administrator	City of Ste. Genevieve
Brent Buerck	City Administrator	City of Perryville
Alan Williams	Administrative Assistant	City Bismarck
Van Robinson	CEO	Citizens Electric
Steve Williams	Representative	City of Cape Girardeau
John Singleton	Designated Representative	Black River Electric
Janet Sanders	Designated Representative	City of Jackson
Donna Martin	Government Loan Specialist	First State Community Bank
David Mosby		Dept. of Natural Resources
Chauncy Buchheit	Executive Director	SEMO RPC
David Grimes	Deputy Director	SEMO RPC
Ron Steele	Economic Development Planner	SEMO RPC
Stan W. Balsman	GIS Director	SEMO RPC
Jeremy Tanz	IT/GIS Specialist	SEMO RPC
Drew Christian	Director of Planning	SEMO RPC
Leslie Seabaugh	Regional Planner	SEMO RPC
Margaret Yates	Grant Administrator	SEMO RPC
Erica Palmer	Fiscal Officer	SEMO RPC
Becca Pecaut	Executive Assistant	SEMO RPC

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Mullins asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Toma moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wengert seconded the motion; motion carried.

Following introductions, the Chairman requested approval of the **minutes** of the June 28, 2017 monthly meeting. Commissioner Tracy moved the minutes be approved as presented; Commissioner Elfrink seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** as of July 15, 2017 were provided to the membership prior to the meeting. Commissioner Bahr moved the financial statements be approved as presented; Mr. Toma seconded the motion; motion carried.

There was a presentation by David Mosby and Eric Gramlich on plans for restoration of the Big River in St. Francois County using the Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration funds from the ASARCO bankruptcy in conjunction with MDNR.

BUSINESS

Mr. Buchheit reported 98% of the **Fiscal Year 2018 dues** have been received.

Ms. Seabaugh reported on the **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program**. The RLF has about \$297,000 available for lending.

Ms. Seabaugh stated the FY15 **Region E Homeland Security Grant (HSOCE)** is 70% drawn down, with no anticipated issues on spending the remaining funds by the August 31, 2017 deadline. The FY16 grant is 35% drawn down, with no anticipated issues in expending the funds by the August 31, 2018 deadline. Ms. Seabaugh added the peer review and budget committee met and reviewed 9 applications for the FY17 funding. The winning projects were to purchase communication vehicle equipment, another arm to the mobile field hospital, CERT training and additional equipment for the Homeland Security Response Team (HSRT) for a total of \$123,092.55. She added that she had their first onsite monitoring visit Thursday June 29, 2017.

David Grimes reported on the status of **EPA regulations regarding ground-level ozone**. Mr. Grimes stated we are in compliance, there was one exceedance at 70-71ppb. He added there was an Environmental Quality meeting on Friday July 28, 2017 and the Ms. Carol Comer, Director of Missouri Department of Natural Resources attended.

Ms. Seabaugh reported on water updates stating in accordance to the Clean Water Act, the State of Missouri has to submit a bi-yearly report of the impaired waters. Comments are now open to the public. The 303D list is on the Missouri DNR website. She also stated the comment period is also open for Waters of the US and is open until August 28, 2017. This regulation can be found at regulations.gov.

Mr. Christian reported on the SEMA workshop stating the workshop would be held at the SEMO RPC in the conference room on August 15, 2017.

STAFF REPORTS

During staff reports, Ms. Yates stated she submitted 7-8 applications for DRA SEDAP. She added DRA will be getting a new Chairman, therefore the application process is on pause until the new Chairman is in place.

Mr. David Grimes encouraged members to take the incubator survey on the SEMO RPC website. He stated he would send the link out via email to the membership.

Mr. Tanz stated (LUCA) Local Updates of Census Addresses had sent out preliminary details in January. Invitations and registrations have been sent to the highest elected local officials to discuss.

Mr. Drew Christian stated he is preparing the public surveys for the transit plan for the RPC and the Southeast MPO. He added he will visit the counties local providers to get a list of their eligible project requests.

Mr. Buchheit stated there will be a Budget and Personnel Committee meeting in early September.

Chairman Mullins stated he has spoken with the Budget and Personnel Committee and stated a nominating committee has been formed and will advertise for the Executive Director position as well as interview staff members who are interested in the position. Mr. Buchheit will put the advertisement out with a deadline of September 15, 2017.

Mr. Buerck stated the Eclipse is in 13 days, and there will be festivities all weekend leading up to the Eclipse. He added there will be a full size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall going up adjacent to Route AC in Perryville. There will be a ride taking the Flag from Perryville to Washington, D.C to hang at the Vietnam Wall and bring the Flag from Washington back to Perryville to be hung at the Perryville wall.

The next meeting will be the Annual Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the main hall of the American Legion Hall, Perryville, Missouri.

Chairman Mullins declared the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry Nelson
Secretary

Patrick Mullins
Chairman

Rebecca Pecaut
Executive Assistant