

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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Singleton at 1:04 p.m., on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in the Commission's meeting room at 1 West St. Joseph Street in Perryville, Missouri.

Executive Board

Patrick Mullins – Chairman, Absent
Garry Nelson – Secretary, Absent

John Singleton – Vice Chairman, Present
Jay Wengert – Treasurer, Present

Board of Directors:

Leo Arnzen- Bollinger County – present
Darrel Bostic – City of Marble Hill – present
Clint Tracy – Cape Girardeau County - absent
Scott Meyer – City of Cape Girardeau – present
Jim Scaggs – Iron County – absent
Robert Lourwood- City of Ironton – absent
Kelly Korokis- City of Fredericktown – absent
Greg Beavers – City of Farmington – present
Paul Hassler – City of Ste. Genevieve – absent
Keri McCrorey – East Missouri Action Agency, workforce – absent
Stephen Williams – City of Cape Girardeau, minority rep – present
Van Robinson – Citizens Electric - absent

Members Present:

Randy Bahr – Ste. Genevieve County
Joe Gettinger – Ste. Genevieve County
Larry Kemp – Madison County
Martin Toma – City of Ste. Genevieve
Dennis Parks – City of Leadwood
Charlie Schoen- Village of Oak Ridge
Brent Buerck – City of Perryville
Jason Green – Madison County
Shelby Chan – City of Pilot Knob
James Settle – City of Marble Hill
Alan Williams – City of Bismarck
Earl Parker – City of Marble Hill

Others Present

Scott Sattler – Perry County
Kimberly Baumann – Mississippi Lime

Staff Members Present:

Barry Horst – Executive Director
Drew Christian – Deputy Director
Margaret Yates – Grant Administrator
David Grimes – Regional Planner
Leslie Seabaugh – Regional Planner
Becca Pecaut – Executive Assistant

Ron Steele – Economic Develop. Planner
Stan Balsman – GIS Director
Jeremy Tanz – GIS/IT Specialist
Erica Palmer – Fiscal Officer

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-Chairman Singleton requested a moment of silence for Jack Mullins, father of Patrick Mullins, RPC Chairman.

Vice-Chairman Singleton asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Buerck seconded the motion; motion carried.

Following introductions, the Vice-Chairman requested approval of the **minutes** of the January 22, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Nelson moved the minutes be approved as presented; Commissioner Kemp seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** as of January 15, 2019 were provided to the membership prior to the meeting. Mr. Buerck moved the financial statements be approved as presented; Commissioner Wengert seconded the motion; motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Community Caring Council, Cape Girardeau, Mo. is applying for a grant for **Head Start**, in the amount of \$1,923,195.60.

BUSINESS

Mr. Horst reported 83% of the **Fiscal Year 2019 dues** have been received.

Ms. Seabaugh reported on the **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program**. The RLF has about \$400,000 available for lending for small businesses interested in startup or expansions. She also mentioned that there are ways which we can assist political jurisdictions with economic development. We have previously assisted with Sheltered Workshops, and other community organizations. The current rate is 4% which could go up with risk but try to stay with prime if it is available. Funds can be used for equipment, building materials, land acquisition, but cannot pay the salaries.

Ms. Seabaugh stated the FY17 **Region E Homeland Security Grant (HSOCE)** is 88% drawn down, with the remaining funds being CERT and funding due August 31, 2019. The FY18 funding has been awarded to cover interoperability, CERT training, mobile field hospital and equipment to the Jackson and Cape HSRT and has not yet begin to draw down. She mentioned one of the projects in FY18; the mobile field hospital's funding will complete the mobile field hospital with it being a center hub and four wings complete with lighting, heating/AC, doors, and screens dividing bedding areas throughout each wing of the hospital. They are tentatively planning to setup the hospital in Sikeston in April for the Army Reserve to review before being released to the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT).

David Grimes reported on the status of **EPA regulations regarding ground-level ozone**. He stated at the last Environmental Quality Meeting, Mr. Dale Wright our new Representative for the area was in attendance and expressed interest in Scrap Tires. He added if anyone has the same interest to send Mr. Wright an email to move along the process and possibly get some action with the Scrap Tire process moving. Mr. Grimes also report the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) is now open and applications are due March 26, 2019. He added if anyone has diesel engine trucks that need to be replaced that are between 1995-2006 this would be the opportunity to replace them. Finally, Mr. Grimes stated that Dr. Kimberly Baumann, from Mississippi Lime Company is going

to be applying for the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee and is asking for support from the community and for letters of support be sent to Dr. Baumann so she can include them in her application. The deadline for the application is March 15, 2019.

David Grimes reported on the **Path Forward for Ozone Advanced Program**. He stated copies of the Path Forward are available at the meeting, and recommended members to look it over. He added if we get a hot summer and numbers would get up to make us out of compliance, this Path Forward helps state we are doing everything we are supposed to. Mr. Grimes requested a motion to get approval to send the Path Forward to EPA. Mr. Toma moved to approve to send the Path Forward to the EPA. Mr. Schoen seconded the motion; motion carried.

Ms. Yates reported the on the **Delta Regional Authority (DRA) funding cycle**. She stated that her and Mr. Horst went to Memphis, TN for DRA admin training, where they were given information on the funding cycle. The funding cycle begins on March 1 and will run through May 31, 2019. The application process is basic and done online. She stated she is available if anyone needs help with the application process. The state of Missouri has approximately \$1.4 million available for projects with an emphasize in basic public infrastructure, roads, electric and prefer if jobs are linked with the project. There are 252 counties in the DRA area.

STAFF REPORTS

During staff reports, Ms. Yates stated the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is open and deadline is May 31, 2019. This funding is for community facilities, basic public infrastructure, and demolition. There is a \$500,000 max with as much match as you can provide.

Ms. Pecaut stated Designated Representative forms went out to the Mayors and Presiding Commissioners and just requested for those to be returned as soon possible, and if you need a new form to please let her know.

Mr. Tanz stated he attended the Transportation Management System (TMS) Data Training in Jefferson City, MO earlier this month. He added they explained what the Com headings and abbreviations meant and hopes to update data and present in the upcoming months.

Mr. Balsman stated he attended the roll out for the St. Francois County Flood maps. He stated it's a 4-year process to complete the maps. Ste. Genevieve County is finished, and Perry County is still in the process. He encouraged the counties to review the maps to ensure they are the way they want before they are submitted. He also stated he attended a redistricting workshop in St. Louis and stated something to think about once the census comes out in a couple years is to ensure you look at the ward boundaries and County Commissioners districts, to make sure you stay in compliance.

Ms. Palmer stated she is working on routine monthly fiscal work.

Mr. Christian stated he attended the MoDOT Planning Partners meeting for all the RPCs and stated that MoDOT is having some funding problems. He added that they are reworking their budget and making some changes to the flexible funding. The impacts to our area are a little less than the three big Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO).

Ms. Seabaugh stated she was working with Drew on fulfilling EDA requirements for funding. She added we were funded for an additional three years in the amount of \$210,000. She stated she is working with Margaret on Environmental Assessments, she is writing TIF plans, and updating current plans. She also stated last Wednesday she attended the First Annual Earthquake Summit which brought together the regions Healthcare Coalition, First Responders, School Safety Association, Local Industry, and Community Officials and provided an informational session in and the morning on how to handle an Earthquake in Southeast Missouri.

Mr. Horst stated the RPC has applied through USDA to get funding to do Energy Audits. The RPC has also applied for the second time for the SBA to become a Certified Development Company. He also stated there will be a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting here at the RPC tomorrow February 27, 2019 at 11:30a.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the SEMO Regional Planning Commission, Perryville, Missouri.

Commissioner Nelson moved the meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Bahr seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry Nelson
Secretary

Patrick Mullins
Chairman

Rebecca Pecaut
Executive Assistant