

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

**Annual Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2019**

The annual meeting of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Patrick Mullins, on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in the Main Hall of the American Legion at 310 North Jackson Street in Perryville, Missouri.

ATTENDEES

Patrick Mullins	Chairman	SEMO RPC
	Associate Commissioner	St. Francois County
Nicole Mullins	Guest	
John Singleton	Vice Chairman	SEMO RPC
	Designated Representative	Madison County
Gayla Singleton	Guest	
Garry Nelson	Secretary	SEMO RPC
	Presiding Commissioner	Ste. Genevieve County
Marcia Nelson	Guest	
Jay Wengert	Treasurer	SEMO RPC
	Associate Commissioner	Perry County
Larry Kemp	Associate Commissioner	Madison County
Mike Sauer	Presiding Commissioner	Perry County
Jim Sutterer	Associate Commissioner	Perry County
Velma Sutterer	Guest	
Leo Arnzen	Presiding Commissioner	Bollinger County
Tammy Arnzen	Guest	
Clint Tracy	Presiding Commissioner	Cape Girardeau County
Charlie Herbst	Associate Commissioner	Cape Girardeau County
Paul Koeper	Associate Commissioner	Cape Girardeau County
Ellen Koeper	Guest	
Gay Wilkinson	Associate Commissioner	St. Francois County
Randy Bahr	Associate Commissioner	Ste. Genevieve County
Martha Bahr	Guest	
Charlie Triller	County Assessor	Perry County
Dana Triller	Guest	
Scott Meyer	City Manager	City of Cape Girardeau
Donna Hickman	Representative	Congressman Jason Smith's Office
Scott Sattler	Executive Director	Perry County Economic Development Authority SEEDS
Heather Garner		
Jason Garner	Guest	
Dr. Joe Gigour	President	Mineral Area College
Tom Schulte	Guest	
Leslie Rone	Representative	Senator Roy Blunt's Office
Jim Dismuke	Former Staff	SEMO RPC
Nancy Dismuke	Guest	
Jackie Wengert	Director	Perry County Chamber of Commerce
Jay Lottes	Guest	Perryville
Trish Erzfeld	Director	Perry County Heritage Tourism
Charlie Skelton	Original Board Member	SEMO RPC
Kurt Breeze	Port Authority Attorney	
Sean Westhoff	Port Authority Attorney	
Cary Harbison	Director	SEMO Port

Art Goodin		MO DNR
Shad Burner		Department of Economic Development
Heath Robins	Representative	Congress Jason Smith's Office
Matt Bain	Representative	Senator Josh Hawley's Office
Ron Steele	Economic Development Planner	SEMO RPC
Greg Dullam	Reporter	Cash-Book Journal
Margaret Yates	Grant Administration	SEMO RPC
David Yates	Guest	
Drew Christian	Deputy Director	SEMO RPC
Randa Christian	Guest	
Leslie D Seabaugh	Regional Planner	SEMO RPC
Stan W. Balsman	GIS Director	SEMO RPC
Debbie Balsman	Guest	
Jeremy Tanz	Executive Director	SEMO RPC
Jessica Tanz	Guest	
Erica Palmer	Fiscal Officer	SEMO RPC
Landon Palmer	Guest	
Rebecca Pecaut	Executive Assistant	SEMO RPC
Sharon Gotto	Clerical Aide	SEMO RPC
Wayne Gotto	Guest	

Chairman Mullins introduced himself and the head table as follows: Executive Director Jeremy Tanz and his wife Jessica; Patrick's wife Nicole; Secretary Garry Nelson and his wife Marcia; Vice Chairman John Singleton and his wife Gayla; Treasurer Jay Wengert.

Chairman Mullins asked for approval of the August 13, 2019 **minutes** which had been provided previously to the membership. Commissioner Nelson moved that the minutes be approved as presented; Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Chairman also requested approval of the **Treasurer's reports** for the periods ending August 15 and September 15, 2019. Commissioner Wengert moved that the financial report be approved as presented; Commissioner Sauer seconded the motion; motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Tanz recognized individuals who had worked closely with the staff and Commission and for their many years of service, Van Robinson who was the private sector member on the board. Mr. Robinson was not attendance and his award will be presented to him at his office later. Mr. Williams was also recognized as the Minority Representative for his years of dedicated Service and Mr. Ron Steele who is retiring from the Commission.

Mr. Tanz also introduced three staff members who received recognition for their years of service to the Commission; Drew Christian, Deputy Director for 10 years and Becca Pecaut, Executive Assistant for 5 years.

BUSINESS

Chairman Mullins recommended that the **lease for office space** with the Southeast Missouri Council of Governments be extended for an additional year at the rate of \$18,000 per annum. Commissioner Nelson moved that the lease be extended for an additional year at the rate of \$18,000 per annum; Mr. Meyer seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Mullins reported on the Nominating Committee to serve for a two-year term. He stated the **Nominating Committee** met and recommended that the following individuals be elected to serve a two-

year term; Earl Parker to fill to the vacant seat for Marble Hill, Kimberly Baumann with Mississippi Lime to fill the vacant seat for the Private Sector, Patrick Mullins, Chairman; Garry Nelson, Vice Chairman; John Singleton, Secretary; and Jay Wengert, Treasurer. As well as Bollinger County Presiding Commissioner Leo Arnzen; Cape Girardeau County Presiding Commissioner Clint Tracy; Cape Girardeau City Manager Scott Meyer; Ironton Presiding Commissioner Jim Scaggs; Ironton Mayor Robert Lourwood; Fredericktown Mayor Kelly Korokis; Perryville Mayor Ken Baer; Farmington City Administrator Greg Beavers; Ste. Genevieve Mayor Paul Hassler; East Missouri Action Agency Representative of Workforce Development Programs Kerri McCrory; and Minority Representative Steve Williams.. Commissioner Tracy moved to approve the elected individuals to serve a two-year term. Commissioner Bahr seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Mullins stated that the Budget and Personnel Committees met on August 27, 2019 and reviewed the **Proposed Budget for Operations for Fiscal Year 2020** and recommended its adoption. Commissioner Nelson moved that the budget be adopted as presented; Commissioner Sauer seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Tanz introduced former staff that were in attendance including; Charlie Skelton, one of the original board members. He then introduced other members who were in attendance Mr. Cary Harbison with SEMO Regional Port Authority, Missouri Department of Natural Resources. He also announced Ms. Donna Hickman from Congressman Jason Smith's office; Ms. Leslie Rone with Senator Roy Blunt's Office along with the past representative from Senator Roy Blunt's office and longtime SEMO RPC fan, Mr. Tom Schulte.

Mr. Tanz introduced former staff member Mr. Jim Dismuke and each current staff member and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the Commission.

The next regular meeting of the Commission was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 in the Commission's meeting room in Perryville, Missouri.

Chairman Mullins adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry Nelson
Secretary

Patrick Mullins
Chairman

Rebecca Pecaut
Executive Assistant