

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

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was called to order by Secretary Nelson at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, in the Commission's meeting room at 1 West St. Joseph Street in Perryville, Missouri as well as via Zoom Conference Call.

Executive Board

Brent Buerck – Chairman – absent
Garry Nelson – Secretary – present

John Singleton - Vice Chairman – absent
Jay Wengert – Treasurer – present

Board of Directors:

Leo Arnzen - Bollinger County - present
Dr. Kimberly Baumann - Mississippi Lime Co. – absent
Greg Beavers - City of Farmington - absent
Harold Gallaher - St. Francois County - present
Dr. Kenneth Haskins -City of Cape Girardeau - absent
Paul Hassler - City of Ste. Genevieve - absent
Kelly Korokis - City of Fredericktown - absent
Robert Lourwood - City of Ironton - absent
Keri McCrorey - East Missouri Action Agency, Workforce - absent
Jim Scaggs - Iron County - present
Clint Tracy - Cape Girardeau County - absent
Trey Wiginton - City of Marble Hill - present

Members Present:

Keith Hoehn - Perry County Commission
Karen Stuppy - Ste. Genevieve County Commission
Happy Welch- City of Ste Genevieve
Rodney Bollinger- City of Jackson
Don England- Village of Oak Ridge
Mark McFarland- City of Park Hills
Randy Ruzicka- Ste Genevieve County Commission
Mike Sauer- Perry County Commission
Ashley Baudendistel- City of Fredericktown
David Kater- St. Francois County Commission
James Settles- City of Fredericktown

Others Present:

Donna Hickman- Congressman Smith's Office- via zoom
Rick Francis- State Representative District 145

Staff Present

Jeremy Tanz - Executive Director
Drew Christian - Deputy Director
Margaret Yates - Grant Administrator
Alex Rios - Regional Planner
Kara Johnston – Administrative Assistant
Nathan Mitchell- GIS Specialist

Secretary Nelson called me meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Secretary Nelson asked for introductions. Introductions followed.

Secretary Nelson requested a motion to approve the **agenda**; Mr. Ruzicka made the motion, Mr. Settles seconded the motion; motion carried.

Secretary Nelson requested approval of the **minutes** of the September 27, 2022, monthly meeting. Mr. Wengert moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** for the period ending August 15, 2022, was provided to the membership. Secretary Nelson requested approval of the Treasurer's reports. Mayor Wiginton moved the financial statements be approved as presented; Commissioner Gallaher seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Christian spoke about the Title VI plan for the RPC. This is basically about non-discrimination. It deals mainly with low to moderate income people and non-English speaking people. We are required to have one due to our work with MoDOT. This also will roll over and cover New Bourbon Port as well. Secretary Nelson requested a motion to adopt the Title VI plan. Mr. Welch moved to adopt; Commissioner Scaggs seconded the motion; motion carried.

BUSINESS

Mrs. Yates and Mr. Tanz reported on grant calls. There are a few ARPA fund grants open or about to open. Community Revitalization Grant is open and closes on November 30th. Tourism Grant through ARPA is open and closes on December 14th. This is divided into categories with #1 including Perry County, Cape Girardeau County, and Ste Genevieve County with a pot of \$10 million total dollars, #2 having \$14 Million total dollars, and #3 having \$6 Million total dollars. Only in category #3 can Chamber of Commerce apply also. Mr. Tanz said the Industrial Site Development grant is out for comment until November 2nd. Mr. Tanz lastly stated that the tentative open date for the County Jail Maintenance Grant was November 15th. Mrs. Yates then told the group that Land and Water Conservation Grant closes November 16th.

Mr. Tanz reported on Broadband activities. Missouri Office of Broadband are conducting statewide listening meetings. The SEMO RPC hosted one last week. Once these meetings are done there will be a follow up call. Then they will conduct more listening meetings in March.

Mr. Tanz reported on FY23 dues. All dues are 88% paid. There are just a few cities that have not paid yet. After November 1st we will start sending out reminders. Dues become delinquent in February.

Mr. Tanz reported on RLF activities. Ms. Seabaugh and Mrs. Palmer are currently at a loan closing. We have about \$45,000 available currently with \$20,000 revolving per month. There is one application pending. As soon as funds come in, we will make that loan also.

Mr. Tanz gave the report on the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees. FY21 has been extended but is 80% drawn down. FY22 is 45% drawn down with invoices still out. They are still looking for a CERT coordinator if anyone has any suggestions email Ms. Seabaugh.

Staff Reports

Mr. Tanz: Started on transit plans, HazMit funding amounts may increase which means match amounts will also. Mr. Tanz also spoke about the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund. Which is a pot of funds through ARPA which 6 of our 7 counties are eligible. Minimum of \$50,000 a fiscal year for 2 years. It is transferred into general revenue the only stipulation is it can not be used for lobbying. Lastly, Mr. Tanz spoke about a \$15,000 grant the RPC will receive for cyber security review.

Ms. Rios: Ms. Rios is the new Environmental Planner. She has been working a lot with EPA meetings, including clean energy for school busses. Ms. Rios is also researching greenhouse gas emissions and checking into climate action plans for the counties.

Mr. Mitchell: Perryville Utilities starting with hydrants then streets. Working on Ste Genevieve and Desloge Comp plans. Also Mr. Mitchell has been working on Perry County tax assessment updates.

Mr. Christian: Working on Ste Genevieve and Desloge Comp plans. He had a public meeting in Desloge last week regarding comp plan. Madison County HazMit plan has one or two more

meetings in the county. Mr. Christian made everyone aware that the 5 other counties would be up for updates in 2025 to the HazMit Plan. He's been working on updating the 5-year Transit Plan with MoDOT.

Mrs. Yates: Mrs. Yates attended DED listening sessions. DED is making updates to their consolidated plan which outlines what you can use DED funds on. A survey will be sent out after the meeting in regard to how you would want funding used. Mrs. Yates also told the group about the article in the Delta Leadership Institutes website that was written by Trish Erzfeld. It is titled "Small Town Gems Hidden in Plain Sight"

Reports from State and Federal Partners

Rick Francis: Leaving next week to go pheasant hunting with state representatives and lobbyists. Mr. Francis briefly gave an overview of new amendments coming up for voting. First, amendment 1- giving state treasurer the ability to invest state money into state securities, Second, amendment 3- recreational marijuana, Third, amendment 4- general assembly can override the counties/cities decision to defund police, Fourth- National Guard to be under their own department instead of under a different department, Lastly, vote to "open up" the state constitution to be picked apart and certain parts be voted to be kept or not.

Donna Hickman: Out of the 5 offices there are 700 cases that are being worked on right now. The Farmington office has 105 of those cases.

Other Business

Daniel Winningham will start with the RPC on November 7th as Regional Planner.

A request was made to combine the November/December meetings for the holidays. Secretary Nelson requested approval to combine meetings. Mayor Wiginton moved to combine meetings; Mr. Wengert seconded the motion; motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 13, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m

Mr. Ruzicka moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Garry Nelson, Secretary

Brent Buerck, Chairman