

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

**Annual Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2023**

The annual meeting of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Brent Buerck on Thursday, September 25, 2023, at the Robinson's Event Center in Perryville, Missouri

ATTENDEES

Brent Buerck	Chairman	SEMO RPC
Chrissy Buerck	Guest	
Randy Ruzicka	Secretary	SEMO RPC
Linda Ruzicka	Guest	
Jay Wengert	Treasurer	SEMO RPC
Rachel Wenger	Guest	
Jeremy Tanz	Executive Director	SEMO RPC
Jessica Tanz	Guest	
Earl Mullins	President	The Space Museum & Grissom Center
Suzanne Mullins	Guest	
Randy Windsor	Board Director	The Space Museum & Grissom Center
Becky Windsor	Guest	
Leo Arnzen	Presiding Commissioner	Bollinger County
Tammy Arnzen	Guest	
Debbie Colyott		Congressman Jason Smith's Office
Kevin Colyott	Guest	
Donna Hickman	Office Director	Congressman Jason Smith's Office
Chris Dinkins	State Representative	District 144
Barry Hovis	State Representative	District 146
Laura Hovis	Guest	
Alex Wade		Senator Rehder's Office
Don Firebaugh	County Clerk	Madison County
Rick Francis	State Representative	District 145
Charles Herbst	Associate Commissioner	Cape Girardeau County Commission
Keith Hoehn	Associate Commissioner	Perry County Commission
Ronnie Inman	Chairman	New Bourbon Regional Port Authority
David Kater	Associate Commissioner	St. Francois County Commission
Tina Kater	Guest	
Larry Kemp	Associate Commissioner	Madison County
Larry Riney	Mayor	City of Perryville
Frank Robinson	Owner	Robinson Construction
Joanie Robinson	Former Staff Member	
Scott Sattler	Executive Director	Perry County EDA
Mike Sauer	Presiding Commissioner	Perry County Commission
Charles Skelton	Original Board Member	SEMO RPC
Scott Skelton	Guest	
Karen Stuppy	Associate Commissioner	Ste. Genevieve County Commission

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Mark Marberry	Associate Commissioner	Ste. Genevieve County Commission
Clint Tracy	Associate Commissioner	Cape Girardeau County Commission
Deena Ward	Events Director	Farmington Regional Chamber
Candy Hente	Executive Director	Farmington Regional Chamber
Trey Wiginton	Mayor	City of Marble Hill
Becky Wiginton	Guest	
Stan Balsman	Retired Staff Member	SEMO RPC
Debbie Balsman	Guest	
Shelby Chan	Mayor	City of Pilot Knob
Buddy Finke	Guest	
Crystal Jones	Executive Director	Perry County EDA
Brad Ledbetter	Regional Director	MoDNR
Tiffany Ledbetter	Guest	
Trish Ertzfeld	Tourism Director	Perry County Heritage Tourism
Cary Harbison	Executive Director	SEMO Regional Port Authority
Steve Hobbs	Executive Director	Missouri Association of Counties
Pete Pasternak	Mayor	City of Desloge
Kellie Murray	Guest	
Daniel Presson	Asst. VP for Econ & WF Devl.	SEMO State University
Drew Christian	Deputy Director	SEMO RPC
Randa Christian	Guest	
Sharon Gotto	Clerical Aide	SEMO RPC
Wayne Gotto	Guest	
Erica Palmer	Fiscal Officer	SEMO RPC
Landon Palmer	Guest	
Leslie Seabaugh	Regional Planner	SEMO RPC
Margaret Yates	Grant Administrator	SEMO RPC
Kara Johnston	Administrative Assistant	SEMO RPC
Adam Seabaugh	Guest	
Daniel Winningham	Regional Planner	SEMO RPC
Caroline Winningham	Guest	
Sarah Brown	GIS Specialist	SEMO RPC
Lydia Keller	Grant Writer	SEMO RPC
Alexandra Rios	Environmental Planner	SEMO RPC

Chairman Brent Buerck called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Buerck requested a motion to approve the agenda; Mayor Winginton moved to approve the agenda, Mayor Riney seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Buerck gave the introductions of the head table.

Chairman Buerck requested approval of the **minutes** of the August 22, 2023, monthly meeting. Secretary Ruzicka moved to approve the minutes with corrections; Commissioner Sauer seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Bureck requested approval of the Treasurer's Report as of September 15, 2023, which are available at the registration table. Commissioner Sauer moved the financial statements be approved as presented; Commissioner Tracy seconded the motion; motion carried.

BUSINESS

Chairman Buerck asked for a motion for a recommendation for extension of the lease with the Council of Governments for one year at a rate of \$21,600.00 per annum. The motion was made by Commissioner Wengert; Commissioner Tracy seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Buerck then proceeded to the Election of Board of Directors. Nominations were done at the August 2023 meeting. Nominations were to keep officers the same for the next two-year term. That would be Chairman- Brent Buerck, Vice-Chairman- John Singleton, Secretary- Randy Ruzicka, Treasurer- Jay Wengert. Commissioner Tracy moved to elect current board to serve another two-year term; Mayor Riney seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Buerck next presented the Budget for Operations for Fiscal Year 2024 and recommendations of the Budget and Personnel Committees. He stated the budget is available at the registration table. Chairman Buerck requested a motion to approve the budget. Secretary Ruzicka made the motion to approve; Commissioner Herbst seconded the motion; motion carried.

Earl Mullins with The Space Museum & Grissom Center was the speaker. This Museum is in Bonne Terre Missouri. This 20-year-old museum has a collection of NASA artifacts that values over \$30 million. A few of the artifacts/items they have are one of two moon rocks located in Missouri and a 2nd stage rocket engine. The museum is equipped with a space shuttle launch theater. Individuals can see, hear, and feel what a real launch is like. There is 12 people on the Board of Directors with a combine 385 years of experience with space.

RPC Executive Director Jeremy Tanz stated the Commission has been quite busy with a large variety of work. Grant writing and Administration was in full force with ARPA Jail grant help in Iron County, Water/wastewater grants, Mrs. Yates assisted Rankin with their DRA grant which was completed earlier in the week. There are trails and sidewalk apps through TAP that Mr. Christian has been aiding counties/cities. Ms. Seabaugh has been busy with a new TIF district, 6 HSOC projects, \$396,000 in Revolving Loans and CEDS.

Executive Director Tanz presented a recognition award to Sharon Gotto, Clerical Aide, for her 15 years of service to the RPC. In addition, Director Tanz recognized officials from local, county, state, and federal offices, along with staff and former staff members.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commission's meeting room in Perryville, Missouri.

Chairman Buerk requested a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Wengert made the motion to adjourn; Commissioner Stuppy seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Ruzicka
Secretary

Brent Buerck
Chairman