

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting Minutes January 23, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Buerck at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 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 – present John Singleton - Vice Chairman – absent
Randy Ruzicka – Secretary – present 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 - absent
Stacy Kinder -City of Cape Girardeau - present
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 - absent
Clint Tracy - Cape Girardeau County - absent
Trey Wiginton - City of Marble Hill - absent

Members Present:

Keith Hoehn - Perry County Commission
Happy Welch- City of Ste Genevieve
Rodney Bollinger- City of Jackson
David Kater- St Francois County Commission
Karen Stuppy- Ste Genevieve County Commission
Larry Kemp- Madison County Commission
Ashley Baudendistel- City of Fredericktown
James Settle- City of Fredericktown

Others Present:

Sandra Cabot- Missouri DED
Scott Sattler- Sattler & Assc.
Angie Wilson- Ameren MO
Jody Williams- Congressman Smith's Office

Staff Present

Jeremy Tanz - Executive Director
Drew Christian - Deputy Director
Margaret Yates - Grant Administrator
Erica Palmer- Fical Officer
Leslie Seabaugh- Regional Planner
Alex Rios – Environmental Planner
Kara Johnston – Administrative Assistant
Sarah Brown- GIS Specialist
Daniel Wunningham- Regional Planner
Lydia Keller- Grant Administrator

Chairman Buerck called me meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Buerck asked for introductions. Introductions followed.

Chairman Buerck requested a motion to approve the **agenda**; Commissioner Ruzicka made the motion, Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Buerck requested approval of the **minutes** of the December 12, 2023, monthly meeting. Commissioner Wengert moved to approve the minutes with updated attendance to show Karen Stuppy as present; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** for the period ending December 15, 2023 and January 15, 2024, was provided to the membership. Chairman Buerck requested approval of the Treasurer's reports. Mr. Welch moved the financial statements be approved as presented; Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion; motion carried.

BUSINESS

Mrs. Yates reported on grant calls, The DRA portal is still down no real time frame of that working again. Recreation Trails Grant is open and has a deadline of February 21st. CBDG will be opening April or May. This is a double grant cycle for 2023 and 2024 funds. Mr. Tanz encouraged anyone not eligible for 2023 funds to still apply because they could be eligible for 2024 funds.

Reports from State and Federal Partners

Jody Williams- Congressman Smith's office reported that many bills that Congressman Smith had supported have passed including the HR957 and HR5862

Sandra Cabot- Ms. Cabot reported on the Critical Mineral Workshop. Rolla, Missouri will be the main hub. Missouri Cobalt is looking to create 200 to 300 jobs in 8 to 12 months.

Staff Reports

Mr. Christian: TAC meeting immediately following this one. MoDOT has released tentative grant call schedule: TAP in early March to April, TEAP in August to mid-September, and SIP October to mid-November. Mr. Christian encouraged the group that if anyone is having an engineer write their grant applications to give them area specific talking points. This will make your application stand out and not read just like the rest of the applications the engineer has written. Mr. Christian also reported that he is starting the Perry County Road analysis road counts. Along with some Drone flights for some grant applications we are doing.

Ms. Seabaugh: Homeland Security update: FY21 is 99.5% drawn down with the remaining receipt in progress, FY22 is 63% Drawn down the deadline for this is August 31,2024. FY23 funds have been allocated and subcontracts have been signed. There will be an Earthquake Evacuation Activity on April 4th in Poplar Bluff for anyone interested in attending. This is located at the Black River Colosseum. March 21st at the Show Me Center in Cape Girardeau they will have the Earthquake Summit. This will include discussions on preparedness, recovery and Haz-mit challenges post disaster. The Revolving Loan Fund has \$165,000 currently available to lend. There are three applications which will be reviewed at the meeting on Monday January 29th. Ms. Seabaugh is also working on TIF 4th quarter reports which are due Mid-February. September the 5-year CEDS plan is due. Ms. Seabaugh is planning to have meetings with each county/city mid to end of February.

Mrs. Palmer: New Bourbon Port Audit and RPC Audit.

Ms. Keller and Mrs. Yates: Working on several grant projects; City of Jackson, City of Perryville Trail project, Glenallen Buyout Admin, Leadwood water project, and Perryville LWCF Midget Park. CDBG is changing to online only submission, and you must have an account in order to submit. Only one person can be the submitter on a project.

Ms. Brown: Help on environmental for grants, Perry County Assessor parcel data updates and various other mapping needs.

Ms. Johnston: Assisting in Glenallen buyout paperwork and compiling CEDS meeting location spreadsheet if anyone has any places in your area you would like to suggest.

Ms. Rios: Solid waste reports, grant app environmental review updates.

Mr. Winningham: comp plans and meetings

Mr. Tanz: Mr. Tanz was elected President of MACOG for a 2-year term. MACOG is currently helping develop a comprehensive strategy for the Tech Hub. There was a bill presented and passed in committee to raise the max amount given to RPCs in Missouri from \$25,000 to \$50,000. It has been \$25,000 since the statute went into effect in 1966. This has not yet made it to the floor. Mr. Tanz then spoke on the most recent and possibility of more RFIs on industrial sites. These are

quick turn arounds for information. Mr. Tanz is wanting to compile a list of sites in the area so when these do come up, we have a better chance to pull business into the area.

Other Business

The next meeting was scheduled for February 27, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kemp moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Kater seconded the motion; motion carried meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Ruzicka, Secretary

Brent Buerck, Chairman