

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Brent Buerck at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 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
Randy Ruzicka – Secretary – Present

Jim Scaggs – Vice-Chairman - Present
Jay Wengert – Treasurer – Present

Voting Members:

Leo Arnzen - Bollinger County – absent
Johnny Setzler – City of Viburnum - absent
Greg Beavers - City of Farmington – absent
Sheralyn Gorse – City of Marquand – absent
Harold Gallaher – St. Francois County - absent
Daniel Foster – City of Altenburg – absent
Stacy Kinder -City of Cape Girardeau – absent
Boyd France – City of Frohna - absent
Brian Keim - City of Ste. Genevieve – absent
Paul Monia – City of Bloomsdale - absent
Travis Parker - City of Fredericktown – absent
Seth Radford – City of Bismarck - absent
Jeffrey Stinson - City of Ironton – absent
Erik Schonhardt – City of Bonne Terre - absent
Clint Tracy - Cape Girardeau County – absent
Charles White – City of Leadwood - absent
Trey Wiginton - City of Marble Hill –Present
Phillip Kohler – Village of Allenville – absent
Mike Sauer- Perry County Commission- Present
Robert York – Village of Glen Allen – absent
Lynn James – Village of Sedgewickville – absent
Pete Pasternak- City of Desloge- absent
David Borgfield- Village of Oak Ridge- absent
Travis Keys – City of Delta – absent
Scott Oatman – City of Annapolis – absent

Happy Welch- City of Ste Genevieve – present
David Kater – St. Francois County - present
Keith Hoehn- Perry County Commission – absent
Zach Franklin – City of Park Hills – present
Larry Kemp- Madison County Commission – present
Stephen Daume - Cape Girardeau County - absent
Ashley Baudendistel – City of Fredericktown - absent
Mark Mayberry – Ste Genevieve County - absent
James Settle - City of Fredericktown Appointee – absent
Rodney Bollinger – City of Jackson Appointee – Present
Stacy Easter – City of Park Hills - absent
Christopher Findlay – City of Iron Mountain Lake – absent
Robert Walsh – Village of Whitewater Appointee – absent
Deborah McCarrer – City of Leadington Appointee – absent
Honorable Bobbie Schoonover – Village of Junction City - absent
Jay Simpson – Village of Des Arc – absent
Tasha Whitacre – Village of Cobalt Village – absent
Shelby Chan – City of Pilot Knob – absent
Frankie Ullman – City of St. Mary Appointee – absent
Harold Gallaher – St. Francois County – absent
J.D. King – City of Gordonville – absent
Susie Dennison – City of Arcadia – absent
Mark Kastin – Village of Pochontas – absent
Kent Marler – Madison County Appointee – Present

Staff Present:

Jeremy Tanz – Executive Director
Drew Christian- Deputy Director
Kara Johnston – Grant Administrator
Margaret Yates- Grant Administrator
Erica Palmer- Fiscal Officer
Leslie Seabaugh- Regional Planner

Others Present:

Sandra Cabot – Dept. of Eco Dev Project Manager
Heather Garner -
Debbie Colyott – Congressman Jason Smith's Office
Dieblre Belmar
Cary Harbison – Director, SEMO Port
Jodi Williams – Congressman Jason Smith's Office
Keri McCrorey – East Missouri Action Agency

Chairman Buerck called the 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 10, 2024, monthly meeting. Commissioner Scaggs moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Kemp seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** for the period ending February 15, 2025, were provided to the membership. Vice-Chairman Scaggs requested approval of the Treasurer's reports. As of February 15, 2025, there was a checkbook balance of \$330,948.89, the reserve had \$322,002.38 balance. Receivables equal \$209,206.24. Commissioner Sauer made the motion to approve the treasurer's report; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

BUSINESS.

Ms. Johnston discussed grant calls. RTP closes March 03, 2025, CBDG is scheduled to open in April, CIF open rolling cycle until the funds are gone. DRA Strategic Planning grant closes March 7, 2025 for the winter cycle. LWCF opens Mid-August which includes parks, ballfields, pools / water parks, picnic areas, trails, passive areas, and camping facilities.

Mr. Tanz discussed the EDA Resolution Authorization. The Resolution Authorization allows the board to authorize Mr. Tanz to sign documents and use match funds for a total of \$210,000.00 in a total of 3 years; \$70,000.00 per year. Vice-Chairman Scaggs requested approval of the EDA Resolution Authorization. Commissioner Ruzicka made the motion; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Christian discussed the approval of the TAC Bylaws to include the MTAC. He discussed that 1.3 of the Bylaws is where the MTAC is formed, and section 3 discusses the at large members of the TAC got shifted to the MTAC and all of the at large member language was struck out. Vice-Chairman Scaggs requested approval of the TAC Bylaws. Commissioner Sauer made the motion to approve the TAC Bylaws; Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Tanz discussed the Board and committee members. He stated that Zach Franklin is willing to serve as the Municipal Representative for St. Francois County. We still need to replace the Minority Representative and the Private Sector Representative. If anyone has any ideas on who would like or be able to fill these rolls, please let us know.

Staff Reports

Mr. Christian: MTAC Multi-Modal Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is April 17, 2025. The next TAC meeting is April 22, 2025. Currently working on the Desloge Comp Plan, this week is the public survey. The Perryville Parks and Rec master plan, there were 500 responses to the survey. The MODOT planning partners meeting is this Thursday. Mr. Christian and Mr. Tanz will both be in attendance.

Ms. Johnston/Mrs. Yates: Traveling to Memphis for DRA training and Jefferson City for 5311 training for New Bourbon. Working on Admin for a couple of projects. Working on 2 reviews for current projects. Environmental Review for 2 projects. CBDG opens in April for their competitive cycle.

Mr. Tanz: All HAZMIT are all submitted. Perry County is at FEMA and the other 4 are at SEMA.

Reports from State and Federal Partners

Keri McCrorey: Discussed managing Budget issues, Winter heating season, head start is starting enrollment, and they started a culinary program.

Debbie Colyott: Discussed the following bills: HR825 – 405/0; HR832 – Passed; HR818 – Passed; and HR754 – Passed.

Heather Garner: Currently helping small businesses and entrepreneurs. Madison County and Iron County have training scheduled soon. Just wanted to remind everyone that SEEDS is a part of Community Action.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Open discussion concerning problems and issues:

Vice-Chairman Scaggs opened the discussion with the Sales Tax exemption (warfare law). Small counties tend to lose more. Ste. Genevieve County is at an 18% loss in revenue. State suggests an increase in use tax which must be voted on by the people. Commissioner Ruzicka discussed the sales tax that Ste Genevieve County passed. It is a .05 cent tax for the community center. The bond was passed on sales tax revenue. Madison County is going to add a use tax and 911 tax on the ballot.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 25, 2025.

Commissioner Sauer made the motion to adjourn; Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Ruzicka, Secretary

Brent Buerck, Chairman