

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2024**

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, July 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 – present

Randy Ruzicka – Secretary – present

Jay Wengert – Treasurer – absent

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

Stacy Kinder -City of Cape Girardeau - absent

Paul Hassler - City of Ste. Genevieve - absent

Travis Parker - City of Fredericktown - absent

Robert Lourwood - City of Ironton - absent

Keri McCrorey - East Missouri Action Agency, Workforce – absent

Pastor Adrian Taylor Jr.- Lighthouse United Cape Church- absent

Jim Scaggs - Iron County - present

Clint Tracy - Cape Girardeau County - absent

Trey Wiginton - City of Marble Hill – absent

Mike Sauer- Perry County Commission- present

Pete Pasternak- City of Desloge- present

Don England- Village of Oak Ridge- present

Members Present:

Happy Welch- City of Ste Genevieve

Karen Stuppy- Ste Genevieve County Commission

Rodney Bollinger- City of Jackson

Keith Hoehn- Perry County Commission

Others Present:

Dale Wright- District 116 State Representative

Sandra Cabot- Project Manager, MoDED

Staff Present

Jeremy Tanz - Executive Director

Drew Christian- Deputy Director

Alex Rios – Environmental Planner

Kara Johnston – Administrative Assistant

Sarah Brown- GIS Specialist

Margaret Yates- Grant Administrator

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**; Mr. England made the motion, Commissioner Gallaher seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Buerck requested approval of the **minutes** of the June 25, 2024, monthly meeting. Commissioner Scaggs moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** for the period ending June 15, 2024, was provided to the membership. Chairman Buerck requested approval of the Treasurer's reports. Mr. Singleton moved the financial statements be approved as presented; Mr. England seconded the motion; motion carried.

BUSINESS

Mr. Tanz reported the FY25 dues are currently 98% paid.

Ms. Johnston discussed grant calls. We currently have 3 CDBG applications in process. This cycle closes September 6th. Bonne Terre CDBG project is nearing close. Continual work on the Jackson Industrial Park project. Ms. Johnston and Mrs. Yates attended CDBG training last week. There are new LMI changes based on the American Community Survey (ACS) this changed a lot of different communities. Some have always been eligible but are no longer. Some communities have never been eligible but are now. The threshold for a single audit with federal funds went from \$750,000 to \$1 Million starting October 1.

Reports from State and Federal Partners

Dale Wright: Fredericktown is working on critical mineral recovery, Bismarck received \$7 Million for gas line. TKO is building a \$150 million plant with 90-year agreement. This will create 80 jobs. The Bonne Terre Space Museum and Grissom Center is possibly moving to Mineral Area College.

Sandra Cabot: MoDED is having 8 Economic Development Strategy Meetings across the state. Cape Girardeau will be August 13 at the Chamber at 1:00pm. There will also be one in Popular Bluff August 14 at 1:00pm. Local and industrial leaders will be invited to attend these meetings.

Staff Reports

Ms. Johnston: General clerical things, working with Margaret on three CDBG applications, Bonne Terre admin and closeout.

Ms. Rios: Hazard Mitigation prep Perry County first meeting will be July 30th at 3:00pm. Working with the City of Perryville on the Charging Infrastructure Grant.

Mr. Christian: There are 2 meetings left for the Ste Genevieve Comp plan: Alderman and the Planning and Zoning. Desloge comp plan in in the works. Mr. Christian will be doing a new community survey as its been so long. Working on a Parks Masterplan. TAP projects have been awarded our area only had 2 not get funded. BRO coming up, don't forget you have to have a LPA person. Working on CEDS the draft will be presented at the August meeting.

Ms. Brown: Hazard Mitigation class, Perryville Utilities, Perry Co Fire maps, historical easement levee district, Bloomsdale maps, staff project maps. Ms. Brown has been named the Vice-President of the GIS User Group.

Mr. Tanz: There was \$116,000 awarded to a project, unfortunately the community bought the trucks before the grant award, so they aren't eligible. Looking for substitute projects to use this money so it does not have to be deobligated. Annual dinner is scheduled for September 24 if there are no issues from the group.

Other Business

Commissioner Scaggs told the group about the Ozark Scenic Byway. It will go through Washington, Iron, Reynolds counties, the 21/49 junction south Waynes county, Marble Hill 51 to Perryville, Ste Genevieve to National Park, Farmington and end at 221 in Pilot Knob. This will be the largest scenic byway in Missouri and the 4th largest in the Country. Letters of intent to support will be requested soon. There will be no financial impact to the City/County and could have possible tax revenue.

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

Mr. England moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Singleton seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Ruzicka, Secretary

Brent Buerck, Chairman