

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Singleton at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 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 – absent

John Singleton - Vice Chairman – present

Randy Ruzicka – Secretary – present

Jay Wengert – Treasurer – present

Board of Directors:

Leo Arnzen - Bollinger County – absent

Dr. Kimberly Baumann - Mississippi Lime Co. – present

Greg Beavers - City of Farmington - absent

Harold Gallaher - St. Francois County - absent

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 – ZOOM

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- absent

Pete Pasternak- City of Desloge- present

Members Present:

Happy Welch- City of Ste Genevieve

Karen Stuppy- Ste Genevieve County Commission

Larry Kemp- Madison County Commission

Rodney Bollinger- City of Jackson

Keith Hoehn- Perry County Commission

Others Present:

Debbie Colyott- Congressman Smith’s Office

John Voss- State Representative

Staff Present

Jeremy Tanz - Executive Director

Erica Palmer- Fiscal Officer

Drew Christian- Deputy Director

Alex Rios – Environmental Planner

Kara Johnston – Administrative Assistant

Daniel Winningham- Regional Planner

Sarah Brown- GIS Specialist

Vice-Chairman Singleton called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Vice-Chairman Singleton asked for introductions. Introductions followed.

Vice-Chairman Singleton requested a motion to approve the **agenda**; Mr. Welch made the motion, Commissioner Scaggs seconded the motion; motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Singleton requested approval of the **minutes** of the May 28, 2024, monthly meeting. Commissioner Ruzicka moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Scaggs seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** for the period ending May 15, 2024, was provided to the membership. Checkbook Balance is \$390,398.99 and Accounts Receivable is \$68,983.33. Vice-Chairman Singleton requested approval of the Treasurer's reports. Mr. Welch moved the financial statements be approved as presented; Commissioner Kemp seconded the motion; motion carried.

BUSINESS

Mr. Tanz reported the FY25 dues are currently 80% paid.

Ms. Johnston discussed grant calls. CDBG '23/'24 Competitive cycle is open until the first week of September. We are working with a couple communities for applications. Mr. Tanz reported that MoDNR DERA is open until the end of July.

Reports from State and Federal Partners

Debbie Colyott- The Congressman was in Perryville not long ago for a private art event at the Tractor Museum. He was also in town for the eclipse. A few house bills that the Congressman voted yes on were passed.

Keri McCrorey- East Missouri Action Agency (EMAA)- DRA has a Culinary Training Program Grant. Ms. McCrorey is the low income representative for Perry County with EMAA.

John Voss- Representative Voss reported on IT issues happening around the area.

Staff Reports

Mrs. Palmer: New Bourbon Audit and FY25 RPC Budget.

Ms. Johnston: General clerical things, working with Margaret to learn the grant writing and administration process, submitted a SEDAP application, there are some CDBG application in process.

Ms. Rios: Grant assistance, working with tire recycling grants for scrap playground tires, and Hazard Mitigation prep.

Mr. Winningham: Desloge Comp plan.

Mr. Christian: CEDS all county meetings are done working on background sections now, STIP process with SEMPO, July is TAC prioritization ballot will go out soon, TAP application scoring is done letters are coming soon, BRO will be opening in a few months.

Ms. Brown: Perry County fire district, city utilities, 911 office w/new data. Moved all maps to new host from Iron County, Washington County, and Jackson City.

Mr. Tanz: reported that 33% of payroll is going to LAGERS, having discussions on how to lower this. MoDOT wants more involvement of multimodal in the TAC. There are multiple tiers to this. Mr. Tanz feels that the most logical tier for our TAC would be the tier #2 which is a multimodal subcommittee. Commissioner Kemp moved to go forward with tier #2 and Commissioner Ruzicka. Mr. Tanz also discussed a possible rate increase for dues. Our dues are what is used for match for state funding.

Other Business

The next meeting was scheduled for July 23, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Ruzicka moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried meeting adjourned at 1:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Ruzicka, Secretary

Brent Buerck, Chairman