

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
MAY 27, 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, May 27, 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 – Present
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- Absent
Robert York – Village of Glen Allen – Absent
Lynn James –Village of Sedgewickville – Absent
Pete Pasternak- City of Desloge- Present
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 - Absent
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 Pocahtonat – Absent
Kent Marler – Madison County Appointee – Absent

Staff Present:

Jeremy Tanz – Executive Director
Drew Christian- Deputy Director
Kara Johnston- Grant Administrator
Leslie Seabaugh- Regional Planner
Sarah Brown – GIS Specialist

Others Present:

Crystal Jones – Perry County EDA
Cory Ford – Associate Commissioner Ste Genevieve Co
Matt Winters – City Administrator City of Jackson
Heather Farmer
Jodi Williams

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. Welch made the motion; Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Buerck requested approval for the **minutes** of April 22, 2025, monthly meeting. Commissioner Ruzicka moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** for the period ending May 15, 2025, were provided for membership. Commissioner Buerck requested approval of the Treasurer's reports. As of May 15, 2025, there was a checkbook balance of \$313,715.52, reserve account has \$322,094.49, receivables are \$108,083.13. Commissioner Kemp made the motion to approve the treasurer's report; Commissioner Scaggs seconded the motion; motion carried.

BUSINESS.

Mr. Tanz explained that the audit is not available for review at this time. There is some internal auditing still going on and the auditor needs a few additional items. The audit will be ready for review in June.

Chairman Buerck has opened the discussion to the Missouri Legislature Updates.

Representative Steve Jordan –

- New Representative has only been in the office for 4 months.
- “We have passed some good legislation, and we have passed some junk too.”
- Executive session is coming soon, the majority is about the two new stadiums in Kansas City.

Representative Barry Hovis –

- House Bill 19 – was not taken up on the House side at this time. Thinking it will be brought back up. He is working on it this week to send it to the house.
- Kansas City Chiefs – If they go to Kansas, Missouri will lose \$100 Million to \$200 Million in revenue. If they stay the drawbacks are the money put into the stadium. Net gain to state if they stay in Missouri.
- Nashville has an offer out for the Royals.

Representative Tony Harbison –

- The tornado money may have been tied to the stadium bill which is \$3 billion over 30 years.
- Senate special session begins next week.
- House goes back the week after next.

Chairman Buerck talked about the Hotel Tax that passed in both Perry County and Ste Genevieve County. It will be automatic if the Governor signs it. He also discussed being able to get some funding for the A&P School at the Airport which will benefit the St. Louis (Boeing) and Southeast MO (West Star) airports. Tony Harbison spoke about the money for Training / Tech schools being tied to broadband.

Representative Bryan Wolfen stated he agreed with all the sentiments already discussed.

Chairman Buerck requested review and approval of the FY26 MODOT Work Program Acceptance Resolution. Commissioner Scaggs made the motion to approve the FY26 MODOT Work Program Acceptance Resolution; Commissioner Kemp seconded the motion; motion carried.

Ms. Johnston discussed grant calls. CBDG competitive cycle is open and closes July 28, 2025; EDA grant call is open; DNR scrap tire surface maintenance closes June 18, 2025.

Mr. Tanz discussed the meeting schedule. There were 19 responses to the survey (½ make it to the meetings ½ does not make it to meetings). Most of the people that answered no to making the meetings were because of their full-time jobs. The bimonthly was the most popular (6 meetings per year). Keeping it in the afternoons was by far the first choice. The survey was in favor of keeping the TAC and RPC on the same day. No changes will be made until the RPC fiscal year.

Staff Reports

Ms. Johnston: Ms. Johnston has been working with CDBG Competitive applications. Jackson Trussworks is also in the work and working on water waste/water projects.

Ms. Brown: Ms. Seabaugh has been working on Perryville utility, wastewater, electric mapping, and 911 addressing. She is also working on coding and scripting.

Mr. Tanz: SEMA – Approval for the March 14-15th Storm disaster request for both individual land household programs are now open which included Bollinger, Iron, and Perry Counties in our Region. The public assistance was also awarded for the March 14-15 Storms which included Bollinger, Perry, Iron, and Madison Counties in our region. A second declaration was approved for the March 30th and April 8th Storm which included Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Iron, and Madison Counties. Dues were mailed out at the beginning of May, and we have started to receive those dues. Next month we will have a report so everyone can see where we are at on them. Mr. Tanz is currently the MACOG President, and we met with DED and OHS, Homeland Security and DNR. We discussed CBDG and Homeland Security with SEMA about future priorities. The Executive Board will have a future meeting with Director Hadaway, especially since they will be on-boarding a new director for CBDG so she is taking some input from us on how they hire for that position. Director Schafer will be in Perryville in October. We have him scheduled for October 17, 2025, for our Environmental Quality Committee meeting. We are looking to trying to reinvigorate that committee meeting. Looking to get more local industry involved and get cross connections built between local officials and local industry.

Reports from State and Federal Partners

Other Business

Representative Barry Hovis spoke about the Trans American Corridor (East / West). We have a group from Kentucky, Congressman Boss out of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri, North Missouri, and Congressman Smith. We are going to update the study because it is 12-15 years old. It is going to cost around \$500,000.00 for the study. It is currently on the MPO list and trying to get it on the TAC list.

Open discussion concerning problems and issues:

The next meeting was scheduled for June 24, 2025.

Mr. Wiginton made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Ruzicka, Secretary

Brent Buerck, Chairman