

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
JULY 22, 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, July 22, 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 – Absent

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

**Voting Members:**

Ashley Baudendistel – City of Fredericktown - Absent  
Boyd France – City of Frohna - Absent  
Brian Keim - City of Ste. Genevieve – Absent  
Chad Farris – Village of Whitewater – Present  
Charles White – City of Leadwood - Absent  
Clint Tracy - Cape Girardeau County –Absent  
Christopher Findlay – City of Iron Mountain Lake – Absent  
Daniel Foster – City of Altenburg – Absent  
David Borgfield- Village of Oak Ridge- Absent  
David Kater – St. Francois County – Present  
Deborah McCarrer – City of Leadington Appointee – Absent  
Frankie Ullman – City of St. Mary Appointee – Absent  
Erik Schonhardt – City of Bonne Terre - Absent  
Greg Beavers - City of Farmington – Absent  
Happy Welch- City of Ste Genevieve – Present  
Harold Gallaher – St. Francois County – Present  
Honorable Bobbie Schoonover – Village of Junction City - Absent  
J.D. King – City of Gordonville – Absent  
James Settle - City of Fredericktown Appointee – Present  
Jay Simpson – Village of Des Arc – Absent  
Jeffrey Stinson - City of Ironton – Absent  
Johnny Setzler – City of Viburnum - Absent

Keith Hoehn- Perry County Commission – Present  
Kent Marler – Madison County Appointee – Present  
Larry Kemp- Madison County Commission – Absent  
Leo Arnzen - Bollinger County – Present  
Lynn James –Village of Sedgewickville – Absent  
Mark Kastin – Village of Pochontas – Absent  
Mark Mayberry – Ste Genevieve County - Absent  
Mike Sauer- Perry County Commission- Present  
Paul Monia – City of Bloomsdale - Absent  
Pete Pasternak- City of Desloge- Absent  
Phillip Kohler – Village of Allenville – Absent  
Robert York – Village of Glen Allen – Absent  
Rodney Bollinger – City of Jackson Appointee – Absent  
Scott Oatman – City of Annapolis – Absent  
Seth Radford – City of Bismarck - Absent  
Shelby Chan – City of Pilot Knob – Absent  
Sheralyn Gorse – City of Marquand – Absent  
Stacy Easter – City of Park Hills - Absent  
Stacy Kinder -City of Cape Girardeau – Present  
Stephen Daume - Cape Girardeau County - Absent  
Susie Dennison – City of Arcadia – Absent  
Tasha Whitacre – Village of Cobalt Village – Absent  
Travis Keys – City of Delta – Absent  
Travis Parker - City of Fredericktown – Absent  
Trey Wiginton - City of Marble Hill –Present  
Zach Franklin – City of Park Hills – Present

**Staff Present:**

Jeremy Tanz – Executive Director  
Drew Christian- Deputy Director  
Samantha Harris – Regional Planner  
Kara Johnston- Grant Administrator

**Others Present:**

Jodi Williams – US Representative Smith's Office  
Crystal Jones – EDA Executive Director  
Becky Wiginton – Bollinger Co Chamber of Commerce  
Carey Harbison – Director, SEMO Port  
Keri McCrorey, East Missouri Action Agency

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Vice-Chairman Scaggs asked for introductions. Introductions followed.

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

Vice-Chairman Scaggs requested approval for the **minutes** of June 24, 2025, monthly meeting. Mr. Welch moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Kater seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** for the period ending July 15, 2025, were provided for membership. Vice-Chairman Scaggs requested approval of the Treasurer's reports. As of July 15, 2025, there was a checkbook balance of \$857,781.39, receivables are \$75,189.06. Mr. Wiginton made the motion to approve the treasurer's report; Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Vice-Chairman Scaggs announced the public notices for informational purposes only.

## **BUSINESS**

Ms. Johnston discussed grant calls. CBDG competitive cycle is open and closes July 28, 2025. There are a few applications that she is submitting.; DRA SEDAP opened July 14, 2025, and will be closing August 25, 2025; this is \$50,000.00 to \$500,000.00 per applicant. DRA Supplemental Disaster Recover closes August 2, 2025. First Priority is first Quarter of 2023. Madison, Bollinger, Iron, Ste Genevieve, and Perry Counties are eligible for this grant. This is for DR4803 and DR4701. DRA Strategic Planning Grant closes August 1, 2025.

Mr. Tanz discussed the meeting schedule. There is a proposed meeting schedule on the last page of the packet. With the survey there was an indication of going every other month. This schedule has us meeting on even months with the exception of September being our annual dinner. This would require bi laws change and we will have the proposed change ready for approval for August meeting.

## **Staff Reports**

Ms. Johnston: Ms. Johnston has been working on finalizing the CBDG applications. They are due on Monday. The City of Jacksons Industrial Park Road is preparing to close out. Leadington Street project is in the process of getting started. The Leadwood water project is in progress now. Ms. Johnston and Mr. Tanz will be in Jefferson City on August 4-7 for CBDG training.

Ms. Harris: Ms. Harris is currently working on Biannual reports that are due. She will be completing the site visits for Bollinger County Recycling and MRC.

Mr. Christian: Attending the TAC meeting today, currently working on the Perryville's parks and rec master plan, Desloge COMP plan, Ironton Active Transportation Plan,

Mr. Tanz: This year is our election of officers; We are taking nominations now. Fiscal Year ends September 30, 2025, so we will start working on next years budget so we will be scheduling a time for the budget committee to get together. Dues statements have gone out and were due July 1, 2025.

### **Reports from State and Federal Partners**

Keri McCrorey: Currently enrolling in the head start program. There are currently three housing development projects going on right now, one in Bonn Terre, one in Farmington, and one in Perryville. The housing development project in Cape will be starting soon. We are also looking for a director's representative for Cape, if anyone is interested, please contact us.

Jodi Williams - Congressman Smiths office has been very busy. We were trying to get a new VA clinic in Farmington, but we are not going to get the funding. We are reevaluating adding onto the old facility. Currently planning the Farm Tour that will start in August.

### **Other Business**

No other business.

### **Open discussion concerning problems and issues:**

The next meeting was scheduled for August 26, 2025.

Mr. Wiginton made the motion to adjourn; Commissioner Sauer seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1: 27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Randy Ruzicka, Secretary

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Brent Buerck, Chairman