

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
OCTOBER 28, 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, October 28, 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**

Jim Scaggs – Chairman – Present	Brent Buerck – Vice-Chairman - Absent
Randy Ruzicka – Secretary – Present	Jay Wengert – Treasurer – Present

**Voting Members:**

Adam Bequette - City of St. Mary – Absent	Keith Hoehn- Perry County Commission – Absent
Ashley Baudendistel – City of Fredericktown - Absent	Kent Marler – Madison County Appointee – Present
Boyd France – City of Frohna - Absent	Larry Kemp- Madison County Commission – Present
Brian Keim - City of Ste. Genevieve – Absent	Leo Arnzen - Bollinger County – Present
Chad Farris – Village of Whitewater – Absent	Lynn James –Village of Sedgewickville – Absent
Charles White – City of Leadwood - Absent	Mark Kastin – Village of Pocahontas – Absent
Clint Tracy - Cape Girardeau County –Present	Mark Mayberry – Ste Genevieve County - Absent
Christopher Findlay – City of Iron Mountain Lake – Absent	Mike Sauer- Perry County Commission- Present
Daniel Foster – City of Altenburg – Absent	Paul Monia – City of Bloomsdale - Absent
David Borgfield- Village of Oak Ridge- Absent	Pete Pasternak- City of Desloge- Absent
David Kater – St. Francois County – Absent	Phillip Kohler – Village of Allenville – Absent
Deborah McCarrar – City of Leadington Appointee – Absent	Robert York – Village of Glen Allen – Absent
Erik Schonhardt – City of Bonne Terre - Absent	Rodney Bollinger – City of Jackson Appointee –Present
Greg Beavers - City of Farmington – Absent	Scott Oatman – City of Annapolis – Absent
Happy Welch- City of Ste Genevieve – Present	Seth Radford – City of Bismarck - Absent
Harold Gallaher – St. Francois County – Absent	Shelby Chan – City of Pilot Knob – Absent
Honorable Bobbie Schoonover – Village of Junction City - Absent	Sheralyn Gorse – City of Marquand – Absent
J.D. King – City of Gordonville – Absent	Stacy Easter – City of Park Hills - Absent
James Settle - City of Fredericktown Appointee – Absent	Stacy Kinder -City of Cape Girardeau – Absent
Jay Simpson – Village of Des Arc – Absent	Stephen Daume - Cape Girardeau County - Present
Jeffrey Stinson - City of Ironton – Absent	Susie Dennison – City of Arcadia – Absent
Johnny Setzler – City of Viburnum - 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 – Absent

**Staff Present:**

Jeremy Tanz – Executive Director  
Drew Christian- Deputy Director  
Samantha Harris – Regional Planner  
Erica Palmer – Fiscal Officer  
Leslie Seabaugh – Regional Planner  
Sarah Brown – GIS Specialist

**Others Present:**

Bryant Wolfen – State Representative District 145  
Diedre Belmor – US Representative Smith’s Office  
Crystal Jones – EDA Executive Director  
Joshua Campbell – Madison County Associate Commissioner  
Sandra Cabot – Project Manager, MO DED

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Scaggs asked for introductions. Introductions followed.

Chairman Scaggs requested a motion to approve the **agenda**; Commissioner Ruzicka made the motion; Mr. Marler seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Scaggs requested approval for the **minutes** of September 23, 2025, monthly meeting. Mr. Wiginton moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Marler seconded the motion; motion carried.

The **Treasurer's reports** for the period ending October 15, 2025, were provided for membership. Chairman Scaggs requested approval of the Treasurer's reports. As of October 15, 2025, there was a checkbook balance of \$853,194.50. Mr. Wiginton made the motion to approve the treasurer's report; Mr. Marler seconded the motion; motion carried

## **BUSINESS**

Ms. Johnston discussed grant calls. LWCF has a deadline of 14 November 2025. Award Announcements; CBDG will tentatively announce the week of Thanksgiving and DRA CIF will announce after 15 December 2025. In the next coming meetings, I will be highlighting one different funding agency per meeting.

## **Staff Reports**

Ms. Harris: Ms. Harris stated that the current SWMD grant call closed and all applications submitted were approved.

Mr. Christian: We have the TAC meeting coming up after the RPC Meeting. Kicking off the first year of our second community for the Active Transportation Plan, that is Park Hills. Finished up the Plan for Ironton. We have a meeting in Poplar Bluff, to start next year of the Active Transportation Plan. Working on updating the MPO in Cape. Updating their TIF. That is moving from a 4-year cycle to a 2-year cycle. Went to Rolla to a meeting on their Tech Hub.

Ms. Brown: Working on migrating some of our maps over to our new server environment. Worked on some utility maps. She is working on creating a password protected website, LWCG for Ms. Johnston. And updated the FEMA Hazmat Inventory.

Ms. Seabaugh: RLF has \$150,000.00 for lending. We will be working on our CARES RLF annual report. Homeland Security projects, for FY23 we are 72% drawn down. The official deadline was August 31<sup>st</sup>, but because of the funding delay we had they extended some of the projects we have until December 31, 2025. FY23 CERT program already has an extension. FY24 currently

has until August 31, 2026, to draw down those funds we are currently at 50%. She has several large projects that have ordered their equipment. That will bring it to about 80% drawn down. FY25 there has been a delay partly because of the FEMA review. When we originally received our award notification, we were told we would receive about \$160,000.00 to allocate toward projects. Prior to our October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting we were notified that we had \$230,000.00 to allocate to projects. We had over \$430,000.00 in applications, so we did allocate the \$230,000.00 worth of funds. Leaving only 2 projects unfunded. We received an email yesterday that the FEMA funds will be rolled back to the original \$159,000.00 so the Regional Committee will have another meeting to decide which projects will have to be unfunded. Due to the shut down we will not be able to draw down any of the FY23, FY24 funds at this time. Working on TIF annual reports next week.

Mr. Tanz: Working with Ms. Palmer on the budget for the next FY26. This year is our election of officers; We are taking nominations now. Election will be held during our September meeting.

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

Diedre Belmor – We are on day 28 of the Government Shutdown. If anyone has cattle ranchers in their area, President Trump has talked about purchasing beef from Argentina, this is something that Congressman Smith has taken a stand on and does not agree with.

Keri McCrorey – We are currently able to hold our own with the shutdown but that won't last too long. The SNAP concern is a real concern.

Bryan Wolfen - A hot topic right now in the House is property taxes. We are in the interim right now. It is time to discuss budget issues with your congressmen. He wanted to show his support to Ste Genevieve and Iron County on their litigation with the state on the Hancock amendment over the sales tax exemptions that have been passed.

Sandra Cabot – With DED recently had our credential training program which is a tax credit for business that are interested in upscaling the job skills for their current workings. Those applications close later this week. Our neighborhood assistance program is a tax credit program where nonprofit organizations try to raise money for a neighborhood project or economic development project. This will be closing this month. We also have the Missouri Technology Corporation for Entrepreneurship grants programs with the communities that support entrepreneurship activities are able to apply for grants to support those activities closing in November.

### **Other Business**

No other business.

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

The next meeting was scheduled for December 16, 2025.

Commissioner Wengert made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Wiginton seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 14:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Randy Ruzicka, Secretary

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Jim Scaggs, Chairman