

Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
October 12, 2017

Call to Order

Chairman Ray Schwartze called the October 12, 2017, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 5:27 p.m.

Welcome

Chairman Schwartze welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminding them that due to the annual dinner later this month it would be a short one.

Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items are presented for approval:

- a. Minutes – Sept. 14, 2017
- b. Local Review
None
- c. Statewide Grant Applications
 1. Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO
66.605 – Performance Partnership Grants
FFY 2018-2019 Performance Partnership Grant – workplans may be submitted separately
Federal: \$26,876,530
Applicant: \$10,507,892
Total: \$37,384,422

The Office of Administration issues the Missouri Federal Assistance Clearinghouse grant reviews weekly. In the future, staff will share reports in between meeting with board members. If you have questions about grants listed, you can call MRPC staff or the Office of Administration as listed on the reports.

- e. Contracts
 - M² Shocks/Marcus McBaine
Permission is requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract with M² Shocks/Marcus McBaine for technical assistance to package a loan request and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.
 - Phelps County Prosecuting Attorney Office
Permission is requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract with the Phelps County Prosecuting Attorney for technical assistance for grant writing and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.
- f. Appointments
MRPC's approval is requested for two appointments to the Meramec Regional Development Corporation board.

- The Crawford County Commission recommends reappointing Catie Ringeisen and Matt Raby to each serve an additional three-year term beginning on July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

MRPC’s approval is requested for a re-appointment to the Meramec Regional Development Corporation board.

- The Gasconade County Commission recommends reappointing James Holland to serve an additional three-year term beginning on July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the consent agenda; John Casey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. New Business

A. Presentation of Financials: Linda Loughridge

Ms. Loughridge presented the financials noting that MRPC is in the black and that there has been a lot of loan activity. There are currently five RFL loans and one SBA loan in the works with a couple of others having been approved by SBA. She indicated that all loans are current with the exception of one that is two months behind and one that is a little over a year and a garnishment judgement has just been approved for that one.

Don Brackhahn made a motion to approve the financials; Darrell Skiles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approval of Region I Homeland Security Grant: Tammy Snodgrass

Ms. Snodgrass gave a presentation on the HSOC grants recommended by the Region I HSOC. The projects recommended and the dollar amounts are as follows.

Applicant	Project Name	Awarded Funds
MRPC	Region I Work Plan	\$25,000.00
MRPC	Region I M & A	\$3,347.16
MRPC	Region I Planning & Training	\$7,665.72
City of Crocker Police	MOSWIN Radios for PD	\$4,653.50
Richland Police	MOSWIN Radios for PD	\$4,917.08
Rolla Fire & Rescue	City of Rolla “All Hazard” Response Team	\$25,435.00
St. James Police	Mobile Units	\$0.00
Waynesville Police	MOSWIN Radios for PD	\$20,924.65
Total Subaward Grants		\$63,595.95
Total Overall Grant		\$91,943.11

She noted that the committee had to cut over \$100,000 during approvals. All agencies received some portion of the grant with the exception of one based on concerns by the Office of Homeland Security. She asked the board to approve the HSOC’s recommendation and authorize the executive director to sign the contract with the Department of Public Safety Office of Homeland Security so procurement of items can begin.

Don Brackhahn made a motion; Ray Walden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Federal Legislative Update: Justin Klocke with Senator Claire McCaskill's office

Mr. Klocke informed the board that the reauthorization for the CHIP program took place last week and they are hopeful it gets to the Senate floor without being attached to any controversial bill. He noted that there are no specific details on the proposed tax plan as of yet and that they are monitoring CDBG funding.

Bonnie Prigge asked about updates on the Fort Leonard Wood hospital. Mr. Klocke said he thought it was approved but he would check and verify.

D. Update on Board Retreat: Bonnie Prigge, Executive Director

Ms. Prigge reported that the board retreat would be held on Dec. 6, 2017 at the Salem Community Center @The Armory. Dr. Sean Siebert would be the featured presenter and would be providing innovation training and look at ways to grow MRPC. The culture of innovation training will be discussed and then we will get into issues going on in our communities and look at ways we can help them.

She added that management and senior management would go through the innovation training prior to the retreat. Ms. Prigge asked members to read the book prior to the meeting. MRPC will pay for the books but she noted that Dr. Siebert would be donating his time at the retreat.

Ms. Prigge encouraged board members to attend the retreat which is tentatively scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6. She added that if there was another key person in your organization that you think could benefit from attending, she was open to it and asked that you contact her.

E. Update on Annual Dinner – Oct. 26 in Salem: Tammy Snodgrass

Ms. Snodgrass encouraged board members to RSVP for the dinner if they have not yet done so. She asked that if anyone had a silent auction item or were needing a display table to let her know.

Bonnie Prigge went over donations received so far and noted that there were some interesting gifts coming in. She noted that award plaques were on order and the annual report was sent to the printer this week.

Caitlin Jones asked that if anyone had any specific pictures for the veteran's project or projects in their communities, they should send them her way.

F. Update on Naturally Meramec and MORides: Bonnie Prigge

Ms. Prigge informed the board that grants funding Naturally Meramec and MORides programs were drawing to a close.

Naturally Meramec meets every two months and the website is promoted on Facebook. The groups is using a little EDA funding but are considering a fund drive to have members pay a fee to help support the website. The group has been denied for two grants in what is a very competitive grant process.

Ms. Prigge reported that Connie Willman, the coordinator for Naturally Meramec, is now only working three hours a week for website maintenance. Once the contract with Caledon Virtual falls off, MRPC will do the postings on the website and Facebook.

With the MORides program, Ms. Prigge said it has been an issue of keeping staff. She indicated that there is funding until March or June and that she has been talking with two local individuals with transportation planning backgrounds to possibly work on a contract/temporary basis.

Ms. Prigge stated that Gary O'Day has been doing a good job on referrals but help is needed with gap analysis, transit route development and transit resources. Some of these projects were started prior to Shawn Argobast leaving. In November, MRPC can apply for additional funding that has a 20 percent match, which has been provided in the past by the Missouri Developmental Disability Council.

The committee was also informed about a partnership between OATS and a Shelter Workshop in Camden County. Ms. Prigge said that some Sheltered Workshops in our area are having the same issues with their individuals who need to work within the community, not just the Sheltered Workshops. She indicated that we may see if there may be an opportunity for some transit partnering.

Randy Verkamp asked about price comparisons had been done with companies like Uber. Ms. Prigge responded by saying we need to explore those new opportunities, however, some real issues are with those individuals with special needs, such as wheelchair assistance.

It was also brought to the board's attention that if an individual is enrolled with the career center, the center can help subsidize their transportation for a time.

Ms. Prigge indicated MoDOT has provided a grant for \$25,000, with a required \$25,000 match to help with subsidizing rides for low income riders. Trips can be very expensive, especially if it's a trip to St. Louis. Right now, MRPC does not have the funds to match roughly \$20,000 of the fund for subsidizing rides.

G. Update on Loans Activity: Linda Loughridge

Ms. Loughridge noted that the Nov. 15, 2017 MRDC board meeting has been cancelled and that the next full board meeting would be Dec. 20, 2017.

She stated that there are currently three SBA loans, two have been approved and one is pending. The balance in the RLF program is about \$48,000. Ms. Loughridge indicated that the level of activity is growing and that there is almost \$374,000 available to lend. If anyone has any loan inquiries, she asked that they be directed to her.

H. TAC Update

Chairman John Casey gave a brief summary of the TAC meeting which was held just prior to the MRPC meeting. Among the items discussed were:

- Steve Engelbrecht from MoDOT provided an update on the Long-range Transportation
- Members were informed that the Citizens' Guide and LRTP could be found on the website
- Missouri has the seventh largest transportation network.
- Anne Freand provided an update on the Public Transportation Human Services Coordination Plan
- Bonnie Prigge gave an update on the transportation priorities and Arrive Alive program.

- Preston Kramer and Steve Engelbrecht, both with MoDOT, gave updates on project funding.

5. Chairman Report

Chairman Ray Schwartze thanked everyone for driving over for the short meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Prigge reported that transportation priorities will be determined at the next TAC meeting on Dec. 14, 2017, and then brought to the board for approval before bringing to MoDOT for STIP. Staff is currently in the process of gathering priorities from each county.

The board was informed that prioritization of state legislative priorities will go out in the next few days and she encouraged everyone to respond. Ms. Prigge indicated that requests for federal priorities will be going out in the next few weeks.

Ms. Prigge noted that state legislators would be invited to MRPC's December board meeting and federal legislators would receive an invitation to join us in January.

Ms. Prigge concluded her report by speaking briefly about the Meramec Morning effort. She noted that staff just completed their second event which had about 12 participants and good discussions. The next one will be held in Caledonia on Nov. 29, 2017. More information will go out once a location has been determined.

Adjourn

Don Brackhahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.; Jan Haviland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ray Schwartze, chairman

Attest