

# Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission

Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Meeting Minutes

## **Attendees:**

Gary Jungermann  
Sam Stroupe  
Gene Rhorer  
Robin Triplet  
Kenneth Kunze  
Les Hundson  
Kristen Wright  
Julie Thacher  
Kris Scheperle  
Ed Siegmund  
Lee Ann Jestis  
Debra Griffin

## **Representing:**

Callaway County  
Howard County  
City of Ashland  
City of Fayette  
Moniteau County  
City of Fulton  
Senator McCaskill Representative  
City of Boonville  
Cole County  
Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission (Mid-MO RPC)  
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## **Agenda Item I and II. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Gary Jungermann called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made by those present.

## **Agenda Item III. Approval of Agenda**

Les Hudson motioned to approve the agenda. Julie Thatcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Agenda Item IV. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Kenny Knuze motioned to approve the December Board meeting minutes. Robin Triplett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Agenda Item V. Financial Reports**

Ed Siegmund reported the RPC expenditures as of March 22 totaled \$24,670.42. He indicated a total of \$23,698.74 in revenues was received, with \$56,746.75 in outstanding invoices. Total fund balance including reserves and RHSOC funds was \$149,965.61.

Mr. Siegmund presented the FY17 March Budget Report with budget line items tracking accordingly. The March 22 Operational Revenue Tracking Report was reviewed and there were no questions.

Les Hundson motioned to approve the March financial reports as presented. Kenny Knuze seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Agenda Item VI. Discussion Items**

Mr. Siegmund requested approval from the Board members to approve the selection of Environmental Research Center for completion of an archeological survey as part of the Boone Co/Rt. Z infrastructure project at a cost of \$2,940.

A motion was made by Kenny Kunze to enter into the contract as requested. Les Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director, Ed Siegmund reported on the following agenda items:**

- **Personnel-Staffing Level**

Rebecca Riley has gone back to work for former employer in Moberly. Ms. Riley completed the Cooper County Hazard Mitigation update and the draft has been submitted to SEMA for review. Ms. Riley also assisted four Cooper County communities in applying for USDA funds for warning sirens and community safe rooms.

Resumes are being received for the planner position. Personnel Chair Les Hudson has agreed to begin interviewing applicants next week for the position. Four intern candidates have also been interviewed by Mid-MO RPC staff and selected candidate will begin work at Mid-MO RPC in mid-May and work this summer to complete some GIS mapping.

- **Hazard Mitigation Planning**

The updated draft of the Cooper County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted. First round of comments have been reviewed and those have been addressed. Staff is currently awaiting adoption resolutions from communities, school districts and FEMA approval.

The RPC has received contracts for mitigation plan updates for Moniteau, Callaway and Howard Counties.

- **Transportation-STIP addition**

A list of Mid-MO RPC regional projects that are currently in the 2018-2020 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) were provided in the agenda packet.

- **Staff Work Program Overview**

Community Block Grant deadline is April 3. Staff is currently assisting Cities of Centralia, Holts Summit, and Lohman for those grant funds.

The RHSOC detailed application process for Homeland Security grants will be released next week. The application deadline date has not been announced but will be late April.

- **Audit 2016 Recap**

Our annual audit has been completed by CPA Kenny Hale. Highlights were reviewed by Mr. Siegmund and Board attendees. The audit will be made available on the Mid-MO RPC website.

- **Budget Process 2017-18**

A draft budget will be completed by mid-May and then submitted to the Executive Committee that serves as the Finance Committee for review and comment. The amended budget will then be made available to all board members for comments. Discussion/approval will be at the June Board meeting.

## **Agenda Item VII. Committee Reports**

### **Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)**

Mr. Siegmund reported **State Director Greg Tucker from the Missouri Small Businesses & Technology Development Centers** (MO SBTDC) and Mary Paulsell discussed how MO SBTDC can provide consulting services to businesses at any level. They are a great resource from concept to startup, growth to renewal, mature to succession.

The next EDAC meeting will be held on April 11.

### **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**

Kenny Kunze reported Mike Henderson reviewed the Citizens Guide to Transportation Funding. Mid-MO RPC staff reviewed the region projects in the 2018-2022 STIP.

### **Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC)**

Lee Ann Jestis reported the next RHSOC meeting will be held April 18. Ms. Jestis reported the RHSOC grant application process has not been released yet. Ms. Jestis is currently working in FY15 which will be completed by July 31. Gary Jungermann lead a discussion regarding a funding application for a GIS position for the county governments in the Mid-MO region.

## **Agenda Item VIII. Community Announcements**

Kenny Kunze reported the two new Moniteau commissioners are doing fine. The county has purchased a new grader and dump truck.

Julie Thatcher reported the City of Boonville is preparing for the August solar eclipse.

Les Hudson reported improvements have been made to the Highway 54 Fulton entrance.

Sam Stroupe reported Howard County has it's own 911 Board and sales tax.

Kris Schepelerle reported Jefferson City Chamber are expecting large crowds and is treating the August solar eclipse similar to Salute to America event. He reported the area hotels are booked full for the August event. The Cole County half-cent sales tax will be used in cooperative projects with the City of Jefferson. They are currently working on a joint project with MoDOT to install a round-about at the intersection of Jefferson and Stadium. \$100,000 of the sales tax is allocated over five years to also assist small townships mostly in road and bridge improvements.

Lee Ann Jestis reported on the passing of long time Board member Patricia Cunningham on February 18. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Mid-MO RPC Board and staff.

Gene Rhorer reported the MoDOT TAP project is in the design phase. the growth rate for the City of Ashland was 5% higher than the state/national average growth rate. The city is now reviewing its Transportation Plan with a possible round-about at the Henry Clay and Broadway intersection.

Gary Jungermann reported construction work is continuing and on schedule for the new Fulton State Hospital. There will be re-decking of several bridges on Highway 54 between Kingdom City and New

Bloomfield. The use tax revenue has provided the funds to purchase several new patrol cars. He is in hopes of hiring additional law enforcement officers as well.

Kristen Wright reported Senator McCaskill has been receiving inquiries from the regional planning commissions regarding President Trump's "skinny budget". Ms. Wright indicated a more detailed traditional budget is expected to be released in May. The appropriations committee will then make recommendations to the budget committee before going to the Senate. Senator McCaskill is concerned with the current budget request as it would affect 19 different agencies.

Mr. Siegmund noted that there is concern because the current budget request will eliminate three programs that the regional planning commissions participate in.

**Agenda Item IX. Adjournment**

Gene Rhorer motioned to adjourn. Julie Thatcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.