

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 22, 2012
Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

Eddie Brickner
Lowell Eaton
Kenneth E. Kunze
Robin Triplett
Mike Kelley
Virginia Bayne
Mike Jackson
Dan Atwill
Ed Siegmund
Debra Griffin
Lee Ann Jestis

Representing:

Cooper County
Howard County
Moniteau County
City of Fayette
City of Tipton
City of St. Martins
City of Ashland
Boone County
Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission (Mid-MO RPC)
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Agenda Item I. Welcome

Agenda Item II. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Eddie Brickner called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Introductions were made by those present.

Chairman Brickner indicated there were not enough board members present for a quorum, and therefore administrative approvals by the Board would not take place.

Agenda Item III. Review and Approval of Minutes

The June 27, meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet for review.

Agenda Item IV. Financial Reports

Ed Siegmund, Executive Director, Mid-MO RPC, presented the August Treasurer's Report. Mr. Siegmund indicated expenditures for August totaled \$27,921.82 and a total of \$73,197.51 in revenues was received. Total fund balance projected for August including reserves is \$190,186.07

Mr. Siegmund presented the Budget Report for the month of August. He indicated that we were two months (fifteen percent) into the fiscal year, with budget line items tracking accordingly with total budget expenditures at sixteen percent.

Agenda Item V. Business

Onsite Wastewater Loan Program

Mr. Siegmund reported that \$1 million has been made available from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The loan will be available for home owners who cannot qualify for a conventional loan to make improvements to or replace an on-site wastewater treatment system. The Mid-MO RPC staff would assist home owners with the loan application process. For this service, Mid-MO RPC would receive 100% of the loan origination fee collected (one percent of the loan) and fifteen percent of the interest earned for the respective loan. The loans will range from \$3,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Siegmund anticipates processing ten loans during this fiscal year, with an estimated \$7,500 in revenue. He indicated to move forward with this project, approval will be required from the Board.

Transportation – Funding Announcement

Mr. Siegmund discussed the changes to the Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grants, made available by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). The enhancement projects are eighty percent federal funds, with twenty percent local funds and Safe Routes to School are one hundred percent federal funds. In the Central District there will be a total of \$3.17 million available, with the maximum amount of \$500,000 for enhancement projects. The call for projects will begin September 3, 2012 and deadline will be November 5, 2012. Mid-MO RPC staff will make the grant announcement to the region and will review and prioritize the applications at a special Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. The grant recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Membership – Advisory Committee Discussion

Mr. Siegmund discussed the bylaw change the Board of Directors approved to allow for Associate Membership participation. The membership is available to a private business, non-profit, or educational institution for an annual fee of \$125. This has not been actively promoted by the Mid-MO RPC staff. Mr. Siegmund would like to send out information to engineering firms and chambers of commerce to give them an opportunity to join. Some discussion followed and the board members present approved this.

Staff Activity Report

Mr. Siegmund reported on a few of the activities the staff is currently engaged in.

Administration

Mr. Siegmund and Lee Ann Jestis will be reviewing Personnel and Accounting Policy manuals. Any suggested updates/changes will be reviewed with the Board of Directors or sub-committee prior to adoption.

Economic Development

The Fulton Area Economic Development Council and Columbia Chamber of Commerce are seeking funding assistance for projects impacting the region (Ameren-Westinghouse and Columbia Regional Airport). Mr. Siegmund has begun preliminary discussions with EDA as possible funding for these regional initiative projects that tie economic development and job creation together.

Community Grants

Mid-MO RPC staff has completed an industrial infrastructure CDBG grant application for the City of Holts Summit. A local business is expanding, creating forty-three jobs over the next three years. The grant funds will be used for street improvements, and waste water improvements. Other community grant activities and updates were included in the agenda packet.

Area F Regional Homeland Overview Committee (RHSOC)

Lee Ann Jestis, reported the FY09 grant cycle has been completed and closed. The grant cycle brought a total of \$650,229.46 to the region. Majority of the funds was used to purchase equipment. Mid-MO RPC received \$20,110.19 in revenue for management and administration services related to this grant cycle.

Grant cycles FY10 and FY11 are still open and proceeding normally. FY12 will be awarded on September 13, 2012.

Ms. Jestis and Mr. Siegmund briefly discussed FEMA's Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA). This will be a risk assessment tool used for FY12 Preparedness Grants. More details about the process will be forthcoming, as it is made available. Informational sheets were included in the agenda packet.

Technical Assistance

Mid-MO RPC staff has been assisting the City of Ashland with mapping Global Positioning System (GPS) data points for their water valves, hydrants and blow-outs. A geo-database will be created by Mid-MO RPC staff that will tie each feature to coordinates with a unique description and will be done with all their infrastructures. This has been a pilot project, but Mr. Siegmund noted that this service will be made available to other communities.

Agenda Item VI. Regional Issues

Ameren/Westinghouse – Small Modular Reactor Project

Boone County Presiding Commissioner Dan Atwill, gave an update on the partnership of Ameren Missouri with Westinghouse Electric Company and their application for a \$452 million federal grant offered by the Department of Energy. This is a competitive grant for investment funds for Small Modular Reactors (SMR). If awarded the funds, the partnership would build an assembly facility for constructing the SMRs. The parts could then be shipped to any customer location world-wide. If the grant is approved to the partnership, it could have an estimated \$1 trillion economic impact on Missouri.

A decision is expected to be made by the Department of Energy, within the next week. If awarded the grant Commissioner Atwill expects construction to begin between 2015 and 2017.

Use Tax

Lowell Eaton, Howard County Presiding Commissioner, reported that the use tax issue did not pass in Howard County on August 7th. Howard County officials will continue doing speaking engagements to educate the public. This issue will be voted on again in Howard County on the November election ballot.

Cities of New Franklin and Glasgow will run the use tax on the ballot in April. Cooper and Moniteau Counties are also expected to run this on the April ballot.

Agenda Item VII. Committee Reports

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

Mike Kelley, EDAC Chairman, reported the EDAC members took a tour of the decommissioned Missouri State Penitentiary, on August 14. Charles Brzuchalski, from the Office of Administration, gave the historic aspect and the redevelopment of the area for tourism. Chairman Kelley also noted that the group met on July 10, at the Columbia Regional Airport. Mr. Tim Hickman, Assistant Athletic Director from the University of Missouri (MU), explained the process and transition phase of MU from the Big 12 Conference, to the Southeastern Conference (SEC). Local area chambers of commerce also discussed the impact that SEC fans will have on the local economy. The Columbia Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) have created a website to provide information on services that will be available and area attractions.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Kenneth Kunze, TAC chairman, reported the last TAC meeting was held on July 25. MoDOT staff discussed Local Public Area policy changes, safety-systematic improvements and gave area project updates. The draft meeting minutes from this meeting were included in the board agenda packet. The next committee meeting will be held on September 26, 2012.

Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC)

Ms. Jestis reported the RHSOC annual meeting will be held October 16, 2012, at the Cole County Fire Station #4's new facility, in Jefferson City. Many pieces of equipment that have been purchased with grant funds will be on exhibit.

Agenda Item VIII. Announcements

No report.

Agenda Item IX. Adjournment

The board members present agreed to meet prior to the Regional Planning Commission meeting on September 26, 2012. Board members will then approve any unfinished business from the August meeting.

Chairman Brickner, brought the meeting to a close at 6:50 p.m.