

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) Meeting
206 E. Broadway, Ashland, MO
April 9, 2019

Attendees:

John Gulick	University of MO Extension
David Bock	Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission (Mid-MO RPC)
Debra Griffin	Mid-MO RPC
Sarah Graff	Senator Roy Blunt Field Representative
Mike Kelley	MRED
Steve Walsh	Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler Representative
Lonna Trammell	Ameren MO
Jonathan Mack	Missouri Department of Economic Development
John Frerking	Engineering Surveys and Services
Tish Johnson	University of MO Extension
Lincoln Brown	Mid-MO RPC

Agenda Items

I. Welcome

Chairman Mike Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

II. Presentation – MU Extension Reorganization and Partnership Opportunities

John Gulick, County Engagement Specialist in Community Economic Development, for the University of Missouri Extension gave a brief overview of the UM Extension services. John serves as the County Engagement Specialist (CES) for Osage County and is also part of the Labor and Workforce Development unit that has a statewide focus.

Marshall Stewart, Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement and UM System Chief Engagement Officer created All Things Missouri initiative which began with a year-long statewide listening tour to help identify the university's strengths and opportunities for improved outreach. To help carry out Stewart's mission, a new position was created in every county in the state - County Engagement Specialist. This person serves as the Extension's contact point for community input and actively engages with individuals and community organizations to solicit their input. Extension staff then take those need statements to the Missouri campus to recruit appropriate resources that can assist community members.

Part of Stewart's strategic approach to education and workforce development in a community is driven by data. MU now provides the All Things Missouri web portal that can help community leaders search for valuable data. Populated with both national and local data, the site features interactive maps, reports, and resources to serve all cities and counties across the state of Missouri. Information is categorized across four main categories informing leaders in business, agriculture, education, and health about local policies and practices.

III. Mid-MO RPC Staff Report

David Bock highlighted current and developing projects that RPC staff is currently assisting in. Bock also reviewed the six counties top transportation priorities from the Regional Transportation Needs List with the group and the Mid-MO RPC Non-Profit status.

IV. Community Reports and Legislative Updates

Attendees reported on community activities currently underway.

V. Announcements

The next EDAC meeting will be held June 18.