

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Kenneth Kunze
Sam Stroupe
Kristen Wright
Lyn Woolford
Josh Hawkins
Gene Rhorer
Don Baragery
Cheri Reisch
Bob Schellman
Kris Scheperle
Doug Reece
Les Hudson
Mary Rehklan
Dan Atwill
Jill Williamson
Reggie Wilhite
Kathy Wilhite
Ed Siegmund
Lee Ann Jestis
Katrina Williams
David Bock
Debra Griffin

Representing

Moniteau County
Howard County
Senator Claire McCaskill
City of Ashland
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Cooper County
City of Hallsville
City of St. Thomas
Cole County
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Welcome and Introductions

Chairman, Boone County Presiding Commissioner, Dan Atwill greeted attendees at 11:20 a.m. and introductions were made around the room by those in attendance.

Presentation

Jan Simon, Executive Director of Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) provided an overview of the Missouri Community Betterment Program. MCB is designed to help Missouri communities enhance their quality of life through community development, planning and implementation.

Simon explained that the benefits are the availability and guidance a community can receive through the Community Evaluation process, access to the Missouri Rural Funding Team, and the opportunity to participate in the MCB project competition and awards conference in October.

Over the last 53 years MCB has provided service to more than 415 communities statewide and from 2008 to 2014 participating communities poured \$384,186,079 back into their local economies through their community development efforts. The rates for participation in the Missouri Community Betterment Program are as follows: communities under 1,000 in population is \$100, population 1001-7,499-\$250 and over 7,500-\$400.

Greg Batson with USDA Rural Development briefly reviewed Missouri's Rural Development programs and their impact throughout the State. The mission of Rural Development is to increase the economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans and that the programs are limited to communities of 50,000 population or less. There are a total of 44 programs within Business, Community and Housing programs. Batson explained the current focus areas of Rural Development are: community economic development, local foods, and bio-economy.

RPC Activity Report

Executive Director, Ed Siegmund highlighted staff activities that included the \$613,900 public works grant to support the Discovery Ridge infrastructure improvements, the Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan, submission of the economic and community development work program to EDA and funding approval from MODOT for a second phase of the coordinated transportation planning efforts.

Meeting concluded at 1:00 p.m.