

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Doug Reese
Sam Stroupe
Kenneth Kunze
Rick Hess
Cindy Hall
Julie Thacher
Sara Walsh
Les Hudson
Jan Wyatt
Spencer Tuma
Amy Schneider
Matthew Luetkemeyer
Ed Siegmund
Lee Ann Jestis
David Bock
Debra Griffin

Representing

City of St. Martins
Howard County
Moniteau County
City of Holts Summit
U.S. Senator McCaskill Representative
City of Boonville
State Representative Candidate
City of Fulton
City of Russellville
U.S. Representative Vicki Hartzler
Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau
MO Dept of Public Safety
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Welcome and Introductions

Sam Stroupe, Howard County Presiding Commissioner, welcomed attendees at 11:45 a.m. and Moniteau Presiding Commissioner Kenneth Kunze led the group in prayer. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

Presentation - Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau

Amy Schneider, Director of Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) shared information on how the City of Columbia is preparing for the August 21 total eclipse of the sun.

On August 21, the moon will completely blot out the sun in 12 states. The totality path is 70-mile-wide and extends from the coast of Oregon through South Carolina. Totality will be a brief 2 min and 40 seconds. Totality in Columbia will occur near 1:15 pm CDT.

The event will be the first-ever solar eclipse whose path of totality hits no country other than the United States. The rest of North America, and parts of South America, Africa and Europe, will be view a partial eclipse. The event has been tagged as TheGreatAmericanEclipse. Communities across the US are planning events leading up to Monday the 21. As the eclipse travels west to east, Missouri is the first state where, thanks to our road system, it is readily accessible to populations from the east.

It is predicted that millions of visitors will be viewing this rare celestial event in the state of Missouri and many of those visitors will be traveling to communities in the Mid-MO region where they will experience over 2 minutes and 30 seconds of totality.

To accommodate viewers, the CVB announced two dedicated viewing areas — Cosmo Park and Gans Creek Recreation Area. Cosmo Park will be a family friendly destination. The CVB is working with Off Track Events to create a “festival atmosphere” with music and food vendors. Cosmo Park will serve as the place to be for the casual observer. Gans Creek Recreation Area will be for more extreme enthusiasts.

Schneider said the CVB is preparing for crowds consistent with a busy football game, though those estimates could increase closer to the date. Angela Speck, director of astronomy at the University of Missouri, has said the event could draw as many as 400,000 people. It's been noted that 88 million people live within a two hour drive of the eclipse path.

The City of Columbia has created a website (www.comoeclipse.com) where community events and eclipse information is being updated.

Matthew Luetkemeyer also discussed his role as Mutual Aid Coordinator with the State of Missouri Department of Public Safety and how the department can assist with public safety in small communities with providing emergency services during events.

Staff Report

Ed Siegmund gave an update of staff activities including the FY18 budget process, hazard mitigation planning for Howard and Moniteau Counties, staffing and CDBG projects in the cities of Russellville, Bunceton, Holts Summit and Armstrong.

David Bock gave a brief review how staff is assisting Boone County officials in the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (Industrial Infrastructure) in the amount of \$2 million to assist with road improvements related to a recently announced economic development project.

American Outdoor Brands Corporation plans to establish a national distribution center at a 189 acre parcel located off of State Route Z in Boone County. The company intends to build a 500,000-sq. ft distribution center, invest \$55 million over the next three years, and create 154 new jobs in the first three years of operation and 328 jobs in total. Road improvements to Route Z, the Route Z-I-70 interchange and the extension of Clark Lane to the development site will be necessary.

The RPC is responsible for completing the environmental report, grant application, and administration of grant funds should the project receive funding support from the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Financials

Ms. Lee Ann Jestis reported on the RPC April financials. As of April 26th the monthly expenditures totaled \$25,163.85 and \$47,211.62 in revenues was received. She indicated there was a total of \$11,692.97 in outstanding invoices.

Ms. Jestis presented the FY17 April Budget Report with budget line items tracking accordingly with 33% of the budget remaining. The April 26th Operational Revenue Tracking Report was reviewed and there were no questions.

Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Jestis reported the Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Community (RHSOC) 2017 Office of Homeland Security grant applications are being accepted until 5 p.m. May 12th. Next RHSOC meeting will be July 18th in Jefferson City.

Kenny Kunze reported the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met on March 22nd. MoDOT Transportation Planning Specialist, Mike Henderson gave a brief presentation of MoDOT's Citizen Guide to Transportation Funding. TAC attendees also reviewed the 2018-2022 STIP projects for the Mid-MO region.

David Bock reported the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) meet on April 11th. Rob Dixon, President and CEO of Missouri Community College Association (MCCA), discussed how the community college leaders across the state signed an agreement to join forces to create what is known as the Missouri Community College Workforce Development Network.

Announcements

Many local governments were in attendance, including Presiding Commissioners from Howard and Moniteau Counties, as well as representatives for U.S. Senator McCaskill and U.S. House Representative Vicki Hartzler office.

Community reports and legislative activity were also discussed at the meeting.

Meeting concluded at 1:25 p.m.