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Board of Directors Select Officers, Adopt FY09 Budget & Work Program

Kenny Kunze, Presiding Commissioner of Moniteau County, was selected as chairman, for a second consecutive term, of the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission at the June 25th, MidMO RPC Board of Directors meeting. Gabe Craighead, Callaway County Commissioner was selected as Vice-Chairman. Please look to column at left for all the officers and chairs for the upcoming year.

The Board of Directors also

adopted the work program and budget for FY09 which covers the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The MidMO RPC Work Program includes promoting economic development, transportation, and homeland security opportunities for the region through planning partnership agreements with the Economic Development Administration, Missouri Department of Transportation, and State Emergency Management Agency. Staff will continue to provide technical

assistance to the MidMO RPC membership in grant writing and administration, GIS mapping, and community planning.

The budget for the upcoming year totals \$410,025. The budget includes a 4.3% increase in personnel (salary) costs, and includes the allowance for equipment purchases including a mapping plotter, color/black and white copier, and an additional lap-top computer.

AmerenUE Proposing 2nd Nuclear Plant

AmerenUE will host a public hearing on Wednesday, July 9 at Champ Auditorium at Westminster College in Fulton to discuss plans to build an additional second nuclear power plant. An open house will be held from 6-7 pm, with the public hearing scheduled for 7 to 9:30 pm.

There are 104 nuclear power plants in the United States which

generate approximately 20% of the energy demand of consumers. It is projected that the demand for electricity will increase nearly 30% in the next 20 years. The proposed nuclear plant, Callaway #2, would be built at the current plant site located 10 miles southeast of Fulton in Callaway County. AmerenUE owns 7,200 acres of land at the site, including 6,300 acres which are administered by

the Missouri Department of Conservation as the Reform Conservation area.

Construction costs for the plant are estimated at 6 billion dollars. AmerenUE has announced it will make its final plans in 2010 whether to begin the 10-year process of licensing and construction of the plant. For additional information see www.ameren.com/callaway.

Orientation Meeting Scheduled/Dues Invoices Being Sent July 3

In order to help acquaint city or county officials who may have not previously been involved with the RPC, an Orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, at 5:00 pm, at the MidMO RPC office. Questions will be answered regarding services available, grant applications and administration, as well as, special projects specific to

a community or county. Anyone, who is newly elected or simply interested about the services available from the RPC, may attend. Please RSVP to the RPC.

FY09 dues invoices are being sent to the MidMO RPC membership beginning July 3, 2008. Dues are the foundation for funding operations of the RPC.

As the MidMO RPC has secured additional revenue sources, dues have remained at the .30 per capita rate since 1999. Dues comprise 22% of the revenue for the upcoming year, with Federal and State planning contracts comprising 62% of projected revenue. Remaining revenues are grant administration fees and local planning contracts.

Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC)

The Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) tracks a number of economic indicators at both the state and local level. One such indicator is economic share, which measures the percentage of the state's economy that is contributed by each county. It is measured as the average of the percentage of the state's em-

ployment, population, and personal income that takes place in a county. Boone County's economic share was 2.66%, which placed it 8th in the state. The economic shares of other Mid-Missouri counties were as follows:
Callaway: .66%, Cole: 1.3%, Cooper: .26%, Howard: .16%, Moniteau: .23%.

Economic share is one indicator among many in determining the economic well being of a region. For more information visit the MERIC website at www.missouri-economy.org/index.stm.

Announcements, Conference, and Events

Missouri Heritage Properties Program

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has announced Round 2 of this grant program aimed to assist in the preservation of historic buildings in public, governmental ownership. **Priority will be given to projects assisting in the preservation of county courthouses.** Application must be postmarked or received at the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO) on Friday, August 29, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Jo Ann Raditec, Local Government Coordinator at 573.751-7858, or Colleen Vollman with MidMO RPC.

Adopt-A-Highway Program

The Missouri Department of Transportation is offering groups, organizations, or families the opportunity to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. This great program keeps our roadways beautiful by eliminating litter and debris and provides a clean environment for Missourians. For additional information see www.modot.org, or contact Donna Martin, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator 1-888-275-6636, or Donna.Martin@modot.mo.gov.

Happy 4th of July!

Nuts and Bolts of Redeveloping Brownfields for Local Governments

This training course addresses the issues and obstacles to redeveloping contaminated properties for reuse. Participants learn how many communities have overcome obstacles and stimulated successful redevelopment. July 21-25. Discovery Center, Kansas City. Registration is now open and available on-line at: www.delta-institute.org/gleplanning/nutsbolts.php

Registration Open for National Rural Transportation Conference

Register today for the National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, to be held Sunday, August 17 - Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at the Downtown Waterfront Holiday Inn in Duluth, Minnesota. This event will feature educational sessions on a variety of rural and small metropolitan transportation topics. Sessions may cover such policy and technical issues as transportation and economic development, land use, relationships with state departments of transportation, regional transit, GIS and technology applications, prioritizing projects and securing local buy-in, safety planning, intermodal transportation, finance and other topics. Download the registration form at

www.ruraltransportation.org/files/duluthreg.pdf. To learn more about the National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, visit the conference Web page at www.nado.org/conferences/trans.php?con_id=82 or contact Program Manager Carrie Kissel at 202.624.8829 or ckissel@nado.org.

Educational Training—Community Development

The Missouri Department of Economic Development's Division of Workforce Development are offering a Summer Series of educational trainings. Case studies will provide an opportunity to put the information learned into real practice. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Truman Building, room 490-492, Jefferson City. Lunch is on your own. **Community Development, July 24, 2008, \$10.** Typical partners, goals of partners, approach to community development, financing options by partners Planning Housing Case studies.

Downtown Revitalization Conference

Washington, Missouri. August 20-21, 2008. Commercial district revitalization and improving the economic health and vitality of the community. Contact Phyllis VanderNaald 417-334-3014 or momainstreet@aol.com

Calendar

July 4 – Independence Day.
MidMO RPC office closed.

July 15 – Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee. 1:30
Meeting to be held at Cole Co. Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Rd, Jefferson City. Contact the MidMO RPC for info.

July 16 – MidMO RPC Membership Orientation Meeting. 5:00 pm. Meeting to be held at the MidMO RPC office in Ashland. Refreshments served. Please contact the RPC to RSVP.

July 23 – Transportation Advisory Committee. 4:30 pm. Copper Kettle Restaurant. Ashland. Followed by Dinner at 6:00 pm and the RPC meeting at 6:30pm.

July 23 – MidMO RPC Meeting. 6:30 pm. Copper Kettle Restaurant. Ashland.



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