

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Full Council Meeting - Monday, April 29, 2013

Note: The March 2013 meeting was postponed due to weather and rescheduled on this date

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, April 29, 2013 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Rich Daniels, Montgomery Co.
David Rice, City of Silex
Ken Jaspering, City of Foley
David Ingle, City of New Florence
Brendan Fahey, U.S. Senator Blunt
Julie Rodgers, City of Hawk Point
Matt Bass, Lincoln County
Tanner Smith, Cong. Luetkemeyer
Arden Engelage, Warren County
Kelly Hardcastle, Lincoln County
Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill
Steve Etcher, BRPC
Jane Cale, BRPC
Krishna Kunaparredy, BRPC

John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery Co.
Lance Oerter, City of Foley
Jerry Dyer, City of Warrenton
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg
Karen Marvel, Village of Fountain N Lakes
Andy Teschendorf, City of Moscow Mills
Terry Martin, City of Elsberry
Jeff Thomsen, Village of Innsbrook
Representative Bart Korman
Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale
Cindy Fitch
Steve Brune, BRPC
JoAnn Toerper, BRPC

Ryan Poston, Montgomery Co.
Erik Maninga, MoDOT
Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton
Emily Romines, U.S. Senator Blunt
Chris McCormick, Village of Innsbrook
Dan Colbert, Lincoln County
Sonny Taylor, City of Elsberry
Dan Hampson, Warren County
Chris Waltz, Warren Co. Record
Hubie Kluesner, Warren County
Jodi Schneider, City of Troy
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC
Jay Gourley, BRPC

Following lunch, Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Emily Romines from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's office, Brendan Fahey from U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's office, Tanner Smith from Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's office, and State Representative Bart Korman each gave a brief legislative update and invited those present who had questions to visit with them following the meeting. Kelly Hardcastle from Lincoln County gave a status update for the group regarding flooding in the Winfield/Foley area. Kelly indicated it was nothing as bad as the floods of several years ago and that the Lincoln County EOC had not been activated.

Business Transactions

- Arden Engelage made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2012 meeting. Ryan Poston seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- BRPC Executive Director Steve Etcher gave the financial report. Ryan Poston made the motion to approve the report. Hubie Kluesner seconded the motion and the financial report was approved.

Chairman's Report

- Chairman Murray Bruer discussed that this was the first meeting since elections had been held in December. He offered thanks from the officers for the support from the BRPC membership.

Executive Director's Report

- *Legislation* – There will be a reduction or the possibility of reduction in funding for several of BRPC's programs. EDA funding will decrease from \$61,000 to \$54,000. Funds for CDBG continue to be pared down. There has been a 26% reduction in the last two years. 30% of CDBG funds go to the state for small communities. Any reduction has an impact on what BRPC can do locally. Possible cutbacks will be made in the Workforce Investment Program. The Solid Waste program has been debated in the legislature for several months. Senator Schaeffer wants to eliminate the state's solid waste districts and has zeroed out the budget. It is hoped that funding will be restored in the conference committee.
- *Program / staff changes* – Planner Christopher Michael recently resigned and accepted a position with East West Gateway in St. Louis. BRPC has hired an intern – Wiley Howell – for the summer. Wiley will be working on mapping projects.
- *Projects and applications* – Contracts for Workforce Investment have been approved by the Northeast Missouri Workforce Investment Board. BRPC staff is working on an application that will support the company Certainteed which plans to open in Jonesburg. This will bring needed jobs to the area.

Old Business

- *EDA Projects/Publications* – Copies of the following publications were provided to the membership:
 - Are You Prepared? flyer. This project is an effort to assist area businesses with continuity planning in the event of a disaster. There will be an online template available soon.
 - Commodity Movement Study. BRPC contracted with a firm to see what is moving through the region. It will help with decisions such as whether there is a need to develop intermodal trucking and how we can use the rivers.
 - Moving out of Harm's Way: Strategies for Community Relocation – BRPC worked with Missouri Life to develop this publication. It provides the stories of how the communities of Rhineland, Silex and Winfield were moved and also serves as a step-by-step guide for those facing such a challenge. The project was funded by a grant from EDA.
- *EDA Technical Assistance Grants*
 - Small Business Climate Report is being prepared by Douglas C. Greene Center for Innovation. It should be completed by the end of June.
 - Small Business Incubator – BRPC will be looking at the development of a small business incubator and ways in which the organization could facilitate such an endeavor.

New Business

- *EDA CEDS Update* – BRPC needs to update its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the region. Staff will be reaching out to local communities with the goal of engaging more discussion. Future grants applications need to be tied to this strategy.
- *MoDOT On the Move* – Area Engineer Erik Maninga reported that MoDOT has initiated a statewide effort to engage communities in transportation planning. MoDOT would like to gather direction and insight from Missourians on transportation issues and priorities. Listening sessions will be held around the state. Eric also mentioned MoDOT's "No More Trash Bash" in April. Those interested in adopting a stretch of highway should contact him. Another important topic for April is work zone awareness. Motorists are encouraged to slow down around construction sites and be safe.

Program Updates

- *Transportation*: The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is in place to identify needs, prioritize projects and work with MoDOT. The next TAC meeting will be Wednesday, May 1st. Warrenton and Wright City will make presentations at this meeting regarding an overpass. Steve encouraged those present to let BRPC know their needs and get involved so that informed decisions can be made. The TAC will be making recommendations in July.
- *Community Development Projects*: BRPC is currently working on several projects:
 - Troy sewer project
 - Wellsville wastewater collection and treatment system improvements
 - EDA project in Troy for Cherry Blossom Way which will benefit Bodine Aluminum
 - Comprehensive plan for the City of Marthasville
- *CDBG Planning Grant*: With remapping, some areas of land are now in the floodplain. Communities will be impacted when decisions are made about public infrastructure. Each county has 3 tier zones. BRPC is working on a planning guide which is a draft at this point. Steve Etcher asked for the membership to provide feedback. The land use plan will be used as justification when lobbying for particular projects.
- *Workforce Development*: Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper shared that programs are available designed to provide mortgage relief for unemployed homeowners struggling to keep up with their payments. Information is available at MakingHomeAffordable.gov. JoAnn also shared that staff members are getting ready to work on the Summer Youth Program.
- *DNR-SRF On-site Loan Program*: \$15,000 per property is available to residents for needed repairs. Eight loans have been approved at this time.
- *Septic Mapping Program*: This project will involve mapping every system in the region and coding by age. We will look at aging and clustered systems with a goal of cleaning up polluted watersheds in the region. Work will begin in Warren County next week.
- *Broadband Planning*: This project is moving to stage two. The statewide plan is being reviewed and we are looking at how we can utilize the health care industry. We are also looking at how it can be used as an economic development tool.
- *Solid Waste / Recycling Center*: Steve Etcher had updated the group on the recent legislative proposals which are being debated in regard to the State of Missouri's Solid Waste Management Program. DNR is sponsoring a pesticide collection in this region. It will be held on Saturday, May 18th at the MoDOT maintenance facility in Troy.
- *Wheels to Work*: BRPC has worked with United Way on this program which provides low interest loans to individuals for the purchase of vehicles so that they have reliable transportation to get to work. Several loans have been made and we are hoping for additional funding. The program has been highly successful and has made a difference in peoples' lives.

Funding Opportunities

- TIGER grants are available through the U.S. Department of Transportation. These are usually done at the state level.
- CDBG – Grant applications for demolition are due May 15th. Grant applications for community facilities are due June 15th. The grant cycle is open year round for water/wastewater projects.

Local Government Issues

- Mayor Murray Bruer shared that the City of Tuedale sponsored a Prescription Drug Take Back event at City Hall on Saturday, April 27th. It was highly successful with approximately 160 pounds collected.
- Trustee Karen Marvel from the Village of Fountain N Lakes reported that they would be holding a meeting on Friday to discuss getting law enforcement for small communities.
- Mayor Andrew Teschendorf from the City of Moscow Mills discussed changes to Senate Bill 14 which would have an impact on the community.

Next Meeting Date

BRPC meeting will be Monday, June 24, 2013

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Rich Daniels made the motion to adjourn.