

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, December 5, 2013**

The membership of the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission held its annual meeting Thursday, December 5, 2013 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 700 South Street, Truesdale, Missouri with the following individuals present:

Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale
Chris McCormick, Village of Innsbrook
Dan Colbert, Lincoln County
Bob Vogler, Village of Innsbrook
Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton
Cathy Engelage
Larry Tucker, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County
Donna Hampson
Arden Engelage, Warren County
Eugene Galloway, Lincoln County
Hubie Kluesner, Warren County
Jeff Thomson, Village of Innsbrook
Jane Rushford, MECO Engineering
Betty Day

Shalene Blackwood, City of Truesdale
Erik Maninga, MoDOT
Elsa Smith, City of Truesdale
Dee Vogler
Samantha Shelton, City of Hawk Point
Joan Weeks, City of High Hill
Matt Jaspering, Lewis & Bade
Yvonne Poston
Rich Daniels, Montgomery County
Jerry Dyer, City of Warrenton
Tony Girondo
Alice Kluesner
Sharon Thomson
Ken Woods, MECO Engineering
Tom Stevener

Lance Blackwood
Mary Lou Rainwater, City of Truesdale
Don Smith
Jan Bruer
Terry Stuck, City of Hawk Point
Floyd weeks, City of High Hill
Emily Romines, Office of Senator Blunt
Dan Hampson, Warren County
John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County
Cheryl Dyer, City of Warrenton
Karen Girondo, Wright City
Representative Bart Korman
Jan Wyatt, MECO Engineering
Charles Day, PWSD
JoAnn Stevener

Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC
JoAnn Toerper, BRPC
Lisa Devenport, BRPC
Krystal Schulze, BRPC
Chris Walch, BRPC

Steve Brune, BRPC
Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC
Jay Gourley, BRPC
Alice Meyer, BRPC
Dennis James, BRPC

Jane Cale, BRPC
Jill Williams, BRPC
Wiley Howell, BRPC
Janice Dickmeyer, BRPC

Following dinner, Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order. Chairman Bruer introduced the BRPC Executive Board members and recognized the staff for its efforts to keep the organization moving forward during the search for the next BRPC executive director.

Guest Presenter

The guest presenters for the evening were to be Dr. James L. Stapleton and Mr. Brian Tapp from the Douglas C. Green Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship at Southeast Missouri State University. They planned to report on the regional entrepreneurship assessment they had performed for the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission. Unfortunately, Dr. Stapleton and Mr. Tapp were unable to attend due to weather conditions. They plan to make their presentation at a future BRPC meeting.

Legislative Update

Representative Bart Korman was in attendance and able to update the membership on efforts the legislature was making to entice Boeing to build the new design for its 777X project in Missouri. Boeing will announce the site selected in mid to late January.

Business Meeting

- Approval of minutes

Ryan Poston made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2012 BRPC annual meeting. Hubie Kluesner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

BRPC Annual Report

Interim Director Chuck Eichmeyer thanked the members of the BRPC Executive Board and the staff for the time and effort they have given to the organization since Steve Etcher's resignation. He updated the membership on the status of the search for a new executive director. The selection committee had reviewed resumes and will be choosing several applicants to interview. Chuck then gave the 2013 annual report of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission activities. He discussed the programs and projects with which the organization has been involved including Solid Waste

Management, Homeland Security, MO Broadband Now, Transportation, 604(b), On-Site Wastewater Loans, Neighborhood Stabilization, Revolving Loan Fund, Economic Development and Community Development.

Missouri Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper gave a report on the Workforce Development Programs. She stressed the importance of the workforce acquiring adequate skills to be employable and the National Career Readiness Certificate that is available through the career center. JoAnn also discussed the Wheels to Work Program which has been extremely successful in providing loans for adequate transportation to several individuals in the region.

BRPC staff member Wiley Howell gave a report on the organization's progress in verifying the community anchor institutions in the Boonslick Region.

MoDOT Engineer Erik Maninga discussed the department's draft of a 20 year long range transportation plan. He outlined 4 goals including the following:

- Taking care of the existing transportation system
- Keeping travelers safe
- Investment in projects connected to economic development
- Give Missourians better transportation choices (multi-modal projects)

Copies of the plan were available for those who were interested and included a feedback form so that people could share their opinions and comments about the plan. Eric also discussed how funding for transportation keeps being reduced. A group called Missourians for Safe Transportation and New Jobs is working on an initiative petition for a ten year 1% sales tax increase to fund transportation which they hope to get on the ballot this fall.

Awards Presentation

Chairman Murray Bruer presented an award to City of High Hill Mayor Floyd Weeks. Mayor Weeks has served on the BRPC Executive Board since 2003 and announced in June of 2013 that he would like to step down from that position. Chairman Bruer expressed thanks from BRPC for the many years Mayor Weeks served in the additional capacity as an executive board member.

Following this presentation, Rich Daniels made a motion and the meeting was adjourned..

Approved on _____

Chairman _____