

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

The membership of the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission held its annual meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 700 South Street, Truesdale, Missouri with the following individuals present:

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| Murray A. Bruer, City of Truesdale | Representative Bryan Spencer, Dist. 63 | Fred Vahle, Region I SWMD |
| Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill | Joan Weeks, City of High Hill | Mary Lou Rainwater, City of Truesdale |
| Ray Rainwater | Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton | Adell Jonas, City of New Florence |
| Tom Johnson | Marisa Ellison, MoDOT | Erik, MoDOT |
| David Lange, City of Marthasville | Carla. Lange, City of Marthasville | Ryan Ruckel, City of Winfield |
| Rochell Eaton, City of Winfield | Karen Girondo, Wright City | Tony Girondo |
| Dan Hampson, Warren County | Rich Daniels, Montgomery County | John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County |
| Glenda Noltensmeyer | Hubie Kluesner, Warren County | Alice Kluesner |
| Representative Bart Korman, Dist. 42 | Jeff Thomsen, Village of Innsbrook | Ryan Poston, Montgomery County |
| Vonnie Poston | Dan Colbert, Lincoln County | Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg |
| Leroy Meyer | Jan Bruer | Susie Douglas |
| Phil Douglas | Jennifer Hoskins, Office of Senator Blunt | Joey Los, Village of McKittrick |
| Rich Lauer | Dr. Merjjena Hemp, Guest presenter | Elisa Torres (with presenter) |
| Briana Davis (with presenter) | Naomi Davis (with presenter) | |
| Chad Eggen, BRPC | Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC | Jane Cale, BRPC |
| Mark Cunningham, BRPC | Kim Meyer, BRPC | JoAnn Toerper, BRPC |
| Lisa Devenport, BRPC | Dennis James, BRPC | Janet Hickey, BRPC |
| Justin Myers, BRPC | Cindy Schwada, BRPC | Heather Schmidt, BRPC |
| Brenda White, BRPC | Jim Hunt, BRPC | Steve Shaw, BRPC |

Call to Order

Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Prior to the meal, introductions were made. Representative Bryan Spencer, Representative Bart Korman and Jennifer Hoskins from the office of U.S. Senator Roy Blunt were available to provide legislative reports.

Guest Presenter

The guest presenter for the evening was Dr. Merjjena B. Hemp. Dr. Hemp holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Communication Studies and a Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction from New Mexico State University. She published her first book *Beyond the Shadow of 3000 Pairs of Shoes: A Story of Hopelessness, Persistence, and Survival* in 2014. The book describes her experiences growing up during martial law in the Philippines under the Marcos regime and her life in the United States.

Dr. Hemp spoke to the membership about the importance of communication, particularly for elected officials in local communities. She also encouraged everyone to take a moment to be present and “just breathe” as our lives have become so busy.

Currently, Dr. Hemp is working on a project in which she engages communities in hard conversations about how our lives have significantly changed after 9/11, as well as pressing issues the world is facing today. Having married a U.S. serviceman, Dr. Hemp has a strong appreciation for veterans, advocating for them by participating in *Jump for the Vets*. It is her hope to bring attention to the sacrifices and service of veterans and the fact that many of them are struggling. She shared video of some of her skydiving experiences with the group.

Dr. Hemp offered a unique perspective concerning being able to live in the United States. She shared the view that this country offers great opportunities for individuals to achieve success and realize their dreams and that not everyone in this world is so fortunate. Dr. Hemp brought several individuals with her to assist in the presentation including Briana & Naomi Davis who shared their musical talent with the group.

Business Meeting

- *Approval of agenda* – John Noltensmeyer made a motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Poston seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- *Approval of minutes* – David Lange made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2015 annual meeting. Sherry Jones seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

- *Election of Officers* – Montgomery County Associate Commissioner John Noltensmeyer, who served on the nomination committee, presented a slate of officers for consideration to serve on the BRPC Executive Board. He invited further nominations from the floor. With no response, Rich Daniels made a motion that nominations cease. Ryan Ruckel seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Rich Daniels then made a motion to elect the individuals recommended by the nominating committee to serve on the BRPC Executive Board. David Lange seconded the motion. The slate of officers was elected unanimously by acclamation. The individuals will begin their term in office on January 1, 2017. The BRPC Executive Board members and the offices they will hold include the following:
 - Chairman: Hubert Kluesner, Warren County Associate Commissioner
 - Vice Chairman: Steven Deves, Montgomery City Administrator
 - Secretary: Mark Cross, City of Troy Mayor
 - Treasurer: Ryan Poston, Montgomery County Presiding Commissioner
 - Member: Dan Colbert, Lincoln County Presiding Commissioner
 - Member: Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale Mayor

Recognition of Chairman Murray Bruer

City of Truesdale Mayor Murray Bruer has been a part of the BRPC Executive Board since 2009, serving as Chairman since 2013. BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen presented Chairman Bruer with a plaque and thanked him for the service he has given to the organization. Mayor Bruer thanked the Executive Board, the staff, and the BRPC membership, saying they were instrumental in him being able to do what he has done. He also thanked the legislators and the MoDOT staff. Mayor Bruer expressed the thought that one of the things lacking these days is respect. Saying it “works two ways”, Mayor Bruer shared that he has respect for all the people involved with BRPC and that he feels the respect that has been given to him.

BRPC Annual Report

Executive Director Eggen updated the membership on the organization’s activities for 2016. He shared information about community and economic development projects, transportation projects, workforce development activities, solid waste management, homeland security and other projects and assistance BRPC provides. He mentioned the deadlines for community development block grant applications and encouraged communities to contact staff regarding their needs.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the BRPC general membership is scheduled for March 27, 2017.

Adjourn

With no other business to conduct, Rich Daniels made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dan Hampson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved on _____

Chairman _____