

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, June 23, 2014

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, June 23, 2014 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Larry Tucker, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.	John Mills, Village of Truxton	Glen Winter, Village of Truxton
Erik Maninga, MoDOT	Brian Tapp, SEMO	Jakob Palleson, SEMO
Tom Batenhorst, MoDOT	Terry Martin, City of Elsberry	Chris McCormick, Village of Innsbrook
Peggy Richardson, City of Silex	David Rice, City of Silex	Tim Schmidt, Warren County Record
Mark Cross, City of Troy	Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton	Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill
Tanner Smith, Office of Cong. Luetkemeyer	Ed Schieffer, State Representative	Tom Brown, Guest
Patrick Kearns, Guest	Ken Jaspering, City of Foley	Eric Ohlms, City of Foley
A Wickham, city of Winfield	Dan Colbert, Lincoln County	Matt Bass, Lincoln County
Gene Galloway, Lincoln County	Terry Stuck, City of Hawk Point	Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg
Karen Girondo, City of Wright City	Rich Daniels, Montgomery County	Jerry Dyer, City of Warrenton
Kalani Sexton, City of Bellflower	Hubie Kluesner, Warren County	John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County
Arden Engelage, Warren County	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	Pam Cartee, Montgomery County
Bart Korman, Representative, Dist. 42	Dan Hampson, Warren County	Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale
Brendan Fahey, Senator McCaskill's office	MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale	Mike Sutherland, BRPC
Steve Brune, BRPC	JoAnn Toerper, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC
Kim Meyer, BRPC	Jay Gourley, BRPC	Jane Clae, BRPC

Following lunch, Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Tanner Smith from Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's office, Brendan Fahey from U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's office, State Representative Ed Schieffer and State Representative Bart Korman each gave a brief legislative update.

Business Transactions

- BRPC Executive Director Mike Sutherland asked that an item to approve the organization's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy be added to the agenda. Ryan Poston made the motion to approve the agenda with the additional item. Rich Daniels seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.
- Jerry Dyer made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2014 meeting. Arden Engelage seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- Rich Daniels made the motion to approve the financial reports. Mark Cross seconded the motion and the financial reports were approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Murray Bruer thanked the members of the BRPC Executive Board for the work and time they devoted to the process of finding a new executive director for the organization.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mike Sutherland reported that he has been busy visiting with BRPC staff and attending city and county meetings. He plans to visit all communities served by BRPC to introduce himself and get a better understanding of their needs. Mike attended a NADO training for new executive directors in May. The BRPC Executive Board held a work session on June 19th. Board members discussed strengths and challenges for the organization and the region it serves.

Old Business

Brian Tapp and Jakob Palleson from Southeast Missouri State University's Institute for Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship gave a presentation regarding the entrepreneurship assessment they conducted in the Boonslick Region. This presentation had been planned for the annual meeting in December, but had to be rescheduled. The study looked at current business incubators and investor funds. It also involved an analysis of industry clusters and an innovation index. Based on the study, recommendations included developing a pipeline for educated and skilled entrepreneurs and cultivating technology exchange and innovation by considering the development of a technology incubator.

New Business

- FY2015 Budget – Copies of the proposed budget were made available for the membership. Executive Director Sutherland informed the group that the BRPC Executive Board had voted to recommend that the proposed budget be approved by the full membership at its June 19th meeting. Dan Hampson made the motion to approve the proposed budget. Sherry Meyer seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – The CEDS document has been posted on the website and time given for public comments. Executive Director Sutherland mentioned that, at its June 19th meeting, executive board members had also voted to recommend the approval of the CEDS to the general membership. Karen Girondo made the motion to approve the CEDS. Hubert Kluesner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Program Updates

- *Transportation:* MoDOT Engineer Erik Maninga discussed Amendment 7- the proposed 3/4 cent sales tax increase - that will be on the ballot August 5, 2014. If passed, the tax would be temporary for 10 years, generating approximately \$540 million per year for transportation projects. No tolls could be put in place during this period. Plans would include expanding I-70 to 6 lanes. A list of the project priorities identified for the Northeast District was available. MoDOT officials planned an open house event to be held at BRPC from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 23rd to provide an opportunity for public input regarding the project list.
- *Community Development:* BRPC Assistant Director Steve Brune reported that the organization is currently working on projects in Hawk Point, Montgomery County, Jonesburg, Troy, Silex and Truesdale. In addition, 3 grant applications have been submitted which include a demolition project for Jonesburg, a wastewater project for Portage des Sioux and a sheltered workshop in Marthasville. Steve encouraged those present to contact BRPC staff if they had a need or project in mind.
- *Workforce Development:* Missouri Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper reported the following:
 - Latest unemployment figures for Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties, as well as the State of Missouri and the United States. The rates are going down.
 - Disaster Recovery Jobs Program – This project to clean up the levies will be completed June 30th.
 - Summer Parks Youth Corp Program – This program provides work experience for youth ages 17-23. There are 3 positions available at Cuivre River State Park and 2 positions at Graham Cave State Park.
 - Career Center staff members are marketing on-the-job training opportunities.
- *Business Incubator Feasibility Study:* Strategic Development Services began interviewing people in the 3 counties served by BRPC for phase 1 of this project. The focus of this phase was to determine whether or not an incubator is feasible in this area and environment. We expect a report by the end of June.
- *Solid Waste Management Program:* BRPC Office Manager Jane Cale shared information about 2 upcoming events in the region. A pesticide collection will be held on Saturday, July 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City of Washington Public Works Building, #4 Chamber Drive in Washington. As part of a recent grant that was funded through the Scrap Tire Program, Lincoln County is organizing a recycling day. It will be held on Saturday, August 16th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Lincoln County Justice Center, 45 Business Park Drive in Troy. The Region I Solid Waste District wrote a letter of support for the grant application and is providing the district's recycling trailer and some educational materials for the event.
- *RLF Fund:* Steve Brune reported that funding is available to lend to businesses. A resolution that the Revolving Loan Fund Plan be certified for the next fiscal year as presently written with no modifications or amendments was provided for the membership's consideration. Hubert Kluesner made a recommendation to approve the resolution. Sherry Meyer seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- *On-Site Septic RLF:* This state-wide program through the Department of Natural Resources provides loans for septic repairs. Mike Sutherland reported that the program is undergoing some changes that will include a grant component.
- *FirstNET:* This program, through the Missouri Department of Public Safety, involves a series of meetings with regional public safety and first responder agencies to explore how a dedicated public safety broadband network could benefit their mission. The next meeting will be July 9th.
- *Neighborhood Stabilization Project:* Participating communities are now formulating their re-use plans for the funds from this program.
- *Wheels to Work:* Funds may be available to help another individual or two acquire reliable transportation.

Funding Opportunities

Although Community Development grant applications are not due until next April/May for many projects, the cycle for water/wastewater projects is open year round. Member communities were encouraged to contact BRPC with their needs.

Next Meeting Date

The next BRPC General Membership meeting will be on September 22, 2014. Chairman Bruer again thanked the BRPC staff for their work during the organization's transition.

Adjournment

With no other business, Rich Daniels made the motion to adjourn. Ryan Poston seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on: _____

Murray Bruer, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: _____
Jane Cale, BRPC Office Manager