

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 28, 2011**

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, March 28, 2011 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri. The meeting was held immediately following a 10:00 a.m. discussion with Senator Roy Blunt for invited guests which included BRPC members. The following individuals were present:

State Rep. Bart Korman, Dist. 99	Holly Warden, Office of Cong. Todd Akin	Mary Tinsley, Office of Rep. Luetkemeyer
Beverly Steiniger, Office of Sen. Rupp	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	Rich Daniels, Montgomery County
Terry Stuck, City of Hawk Point	Julie Rodgers, City of Hawk Point	Dan Colbert, Lincoln County
Jim Mayes, Lincoln County	Matt Bass, Lincoln County	Royce Hunter, Village of Truxton
Glen Winter, Village of Truxton	John Mills, Village of Truxton	Jeff Porter, City of Montgomery City
Steve Deves, City of Montgomery City	Richard Korasick, City of Elsberry	Brian Ostman, City of Bellflower
Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill	Larry Cudney, City of Winfield	Ken Jaspering, City of Foley
Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale	Mary Lou Rainwater, City of Truesdale	Greg Costello, City of Warrenton
Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton	Chris McCormick, Village of Innsbrook	Kelly Hardcastle, Lincoln County
Michael Padella, City of Old Monroe	Howard Steele, City of Wellsville	Janet Baker, City of Silex
Arden Engelage, Warren County	Hubert Kluesner, Warren County	Dan Hampson, Warren County
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg	Andrew Teschendorf, City of Moscow Mills	Charlie Day, Lincoln Co. PWSD #2
John Galloway, Lincoln Co. Health Dept.	Fred Vahle, NEMO WIB	Mark Cross, City of Troy
Adell Jonas, City of New Florence	Steve Etcher, BRPC Executive Director	Steve Brune, BRPC Asst. Director
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC Program Coord.	Jane Cale, BRPC Office Manager	JoAnn Toerper, MO Career Center
Jay Gourley, BRPC Com. Dev. Rep.	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC Planner	Christopher Michael, BRPC Planner

Chairman Jim Mayes called the meeting to order. After introductions, State Representative Bart Korman, Holly Warden from Congressman Akin's office, and Mary Tinsley from the office of Congressman Luetkemeyer's each gave a brief legislative report. They invited those in attendance to contact their respective offices with any questions or subjects of concern.

Business Transactions

- Rich Daniels made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2010 annual meeting. Murray Bruer seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- BRPC Executive Director Steve Etcher gave the financial report. Michael Padella made the motion to approve the report. Ryan Poston seconded the motion and the financial report was approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Jim Mayes gave a report concerning the BRPC Executive Board. At its annual meeting in December 2010 the BRPC membership voted to change the make-up of this board. It now consists of six members – one from each county and one from a city within each of the three counties served by BRPC. The members are Jim Mayes (Lincoln County), Ryan Poston (Montgomery County), Hubert Kluesner (Warren County), Mark Cross (City of Troy), Floyd Weeks (City of High Hill) and Murray Bruer (City of Truesdale). The Executive Board met on February 8, 2011 and established committees. The Board made a decision to get new bids for auditing and insurance plans. Members discussed the issue of Pike County's request to join the organization and felt it might be revisited in the future. Chairman Mayes mentioned that several members of the board had an opportunity to visit with individuals from the Upjohn Institute and shared that Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is considered one of the most effective in the nation. The next Executive Board meeting will be at noon on April 25, 2011.

Executive Director's Report

BRPC Executive Director Steve Etcher elaborated on the committees the Executive Board formed and which member will be the Chair of each as follows:

- Nominating Committee – Murray Bruer
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Ryan Poston
- Finance Committee – Hubert Kluesner
- Economic Development Committee – Mark Cross
- Bylaws Committee – Floyd Weeks

Steve encouraged members to contact the board member chairing any committee on which they would like to participate.

The new website for BRPC should be up and running sometime this week or next week. The organization will be able to post meeting dates, Career Center workshops/job fairs, and minutes of meetings.

The State of Missouri approached BRPC to enlist help in finishing a project which is actually outside of its service area. Staff members are working on the Social Services Block Grant through SEMA to finish a project started during the floods of 2008. It serves individuals in Lincoln and St. Charles counties.

Program Updates

- *Community Development:* Staff is currently working on applications for several communities. Steve encouraged the membership to let BRPC know of any needs in their communities. If we are not able to meet a deadline, we can start on the project for the next cycle.
- *Flood Recovery:* The Silex relocation project is moving forward.
- *Hazard Mitigation Plans:* The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been fully approved by FEMA. The plans for Lincoln and Montgomery counties are finished, but still haven't been approved due some changes regarding requirements. They should be approved soon, as they have been prepared in the same way as the Montgomery County plan.
- *Workforce Development:* Career Center Functional Manager JoAnn Toerper reported that the Summer Youth Program is gearing up. Although still very busy, the center has seen a 25% decline in traffic so far this year. Within the past couple of months there have been more calls from businesses with job openings. The Career Center has hosted several job fairs for temporary agencies which are hiring for various companies. Steve Etcher introduced Fred Vahle who serves as Chairman of the N.E. Missouri Workforce Investment Board. Steve let the group know that there are some questions about reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act. There is no funding for the program in the current budget. The Senate would like to hold the funding steady. The House has concerns with the program.
- *Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee:* Staff is currently working with FY2010 monies. There should be a separate page on the BRPC website for people to view the projects funded through this program.
- *Transportation:* Representatives from MoDOT who typically attend the BRPC meetings were not able to because of prior engagements. Steve Etcher discussed the lack of funding. MoDOT does not have the dollars to maintain current roadways, let alone create new infrastructure. Steve suggested that communities having important transportation issues begin to consider ideas for cost sharing.
- *Loan Program:* One project has recently received funding through the Revolving Loan Fund. Approximately \$150,000 is still available and would be enough for one sizeable project. The Microenterprise Loan Fund, which is for smaller businesses with five or fewer employees, has approximately fifty to sixty thousand dollars available. The purpose of these programs is to provide access to capital, working in conjunction with banks.
- *Solid Waste Program:* The Region I Solid Waste District sent out a grant call for the current fiscal year. There are four deadlines to submit grants (April 15th, June 30th, Sept. 30th and December 31st). Notices of grant availability were sent to each county, city and school district in the region. Applications can be obtained by contacting the BRPC office and should be available on the new website.
- *Neighborhood Stabilization Program:* Four cities qualified for this program (Elsberry, Troy, Truesdale and Warrenton). All of the funding was spent by the required deadline. Nineteen homes have been purchased to be rehabbed and sold. Thus far we have sold one, have one under contract and have two rented. In July 2013, two million dollars will come back to the cities and the money can be spent on any project which would normally qualify for funding through the CDBG Program.
- *604(b) Planning Project:* Staff is currently wrapping up the inventory process to quantify the needs of communities with a population under 5,000. Reports should be back in the next six weeks.
- *Energize Missouri:* Staff has been working on this rebate program which was part of the stimulus bill. The \$600,000 in funding for the 11 county area of our region was obligated in two weeks. Approximately half of the rebates have been processed. The program has put people to work, particularly contractors who typically do not have jobs during the winter months.

Old Business There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

- 2010 Census: BRPC sent out a brief to its membership. Lincoln and Warren counties were the 2nd & 3rd fastest growing in the state (percentage of growth). BRPC can make maps using Census 2010 data for members. Any city/village desiring information on the process of challenging the census data should contact BRPC.
- Steve Etcher reminded those present about the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE). This program allows for a political subdivision to finance the cost of installing energy efficiency or renewable energy improvements on private property.
- Broadband Now: This initiative is an offshoot of the stimulus bill. The State's goal is for Internet service to be available for 95% of Missourians. BRPC is developing a regional advisory commission and the first meeting will be April 12, 2011. The goal is to create a map of where there is service and what kind it is. There are varying levels of service including DSL, satellite and dial-up. The private sector will deliver services to communities.

Warrenton Mayor Greg Costello had a question about membership. Every city and village within the three counties served by BRPC is currently a dues paying member. Some are able to participate more than others.

Old Monroe Mayor Michael Padella made an announcement that the Warrior Dash will be an event taking place on October 15, 2011. It is the first time it will be held in Missouri. Anyone interested can find information at warriordash.com.

Funding opportunities are available for projects. Communities can contact BRPC staff and let them know of any needs. The next BRPC meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2011 at noon. With no further business to conduct, Greg Costello made the motion to adjourn. Michael Padello seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.