

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, March 24, 2014

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, March 24, 2014 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Ken Jaspering, City of Foley	Terry Martin, City of Elsberry	Sarah Johnson, Warren County Record
MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale	Murray A. Bruer, City of Truesdale	Arden Engelage, Warren County
Dan Hampson, Warren County	Hubert Kluesner, Warren County	Michele Schlenther, City of Warrenton
Karen Girondo, City of Wright City	Erik Maninga, MoDOT	Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill
Sherry J. Meyer, City of Jonesburg	Tanner Smith, Congressman Luetkemeyer	John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County
Rich Daniels, Montgomery County	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	Tricia Lavelle, Senator Roy Blunt
Mattie Moore, Senator McCaskill	Matt Bass, Lincoln County	Gene Galloway, Lincoln County
Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.	Larry Tucker, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.	Bart Korman, Representative, Dist. 42
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC	Steve Brune, BRPC	JoAnn Toerper, BRPC
Jane Cale, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddey, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC
Wylie Howell, BRPC	Jay Gourley, BRPC	

Following lunch, Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order and introductions were made. State Representative Bart Korman, Mattie Moore from U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's office, Tricia Lavelle from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's office and Tanner Smith from Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's office each gave a brief legislative update. Erik Maninga from MoDOT also gave a transportation update.

Business Transactions

- Arden Engelage made the motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Poston seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.
- Hubert Kluesner made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2013 meeting. Rich Daniels seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- John Noltensmeyer made the motion to approve the financial reports. Dan Hampson seconded the motion and the financial reports were approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Murray Bruer gave an update on the organization's search for a new executive director. He explained that a candidate had been selected, but at the last moment had to turn down the offer due to personal reasons. A new search was begun and the selection committee has been conducting interviews. The membership will be informed when any decision is reached. Mayor Bruer thanked the members of the BRPC Executive Board for the amount of time they have devoted to the process and all the meetings it has required.

Interim Director's Report

Interim Director Chuck Eichmeyer reported that BRPC had been contacted by the Northeast Missouri Workforce Investment Board to see if there were any needs related to prior flooding in the area. Staff began working on a project in Lincoln County to clean up debris on the levees. After monitoring of the program had been done, Division of Workforce Development Quality Assurance Manager Steve Reznicek sent an email to Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper congratulating staff. There were no questions, comments or concerns with the NEG files. He added that he had only seen this happen once before in his 14 years of monitoring.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Program Updates

- *Transportation:* Eric Maninga discussed the transportation prioritization process which started at the first of the year. This is part of a requirement for the proposed 1% sales tax issue to be placed on the ballot in November. During the On the Move initiative, the public had identified over twelve thousand wants and needs. This list included multi modal transportation items. There will be a public meeting in each county. Each RPC will turn a list of priorities into MoDOT by April. The three RPCs of the Northeast District will then meet to prioritize regional needs. We will know the funding level in May. In August there will be a 30 day comment period regarding the transportation priorities identified.

- *Workforce Development:* Missouri Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper gave an update including the following:
 - Latest unemployment figures for Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties, as well as the State of Missouri and the United States.
 - Disaster Recovery Jobs Program – Five program participants have been hired to assist with levee cleanup. Participants are doing a great job with assistance, support and cooperation from the levee district's staff. Additional funding is being requested to complete the cleanup through part of May.
 - Summer Parks Youth Corp Program – This program runs May 1 – December 31, 2014 and gives Missouri youth ages 17-23 work experience. There are 9 positions available at Cuivre River State Park and 6 positions at Graham Cave State Park.
 - WIA – Funding is available for training in the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs
 - The Career Center is seeing more employment opportunities in the area.
 - BRPC submitted a proposal for the NGCC Model Services Adult and Dislocated Worker program. The outcome will be announced by the NEMO WIB at its April 7th board meeting or on the website on April 9th.

- *On-Site Septic RLF:* This state-wide program through the Department of Natural Resources provides loans for septic repairs. Money is available if you know of someone who needs assistance.

- *RLF Fund:* \$150,000 is available to loan in this gap financing program.

- *FirstNET:* The Missouri Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with BRPC, is planning 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. BRPC is hosting the first meeting on April 8, 2014.

- *Business Incubator Feasibility Study:* EDA has concurred with the selection of Strategic Development Services from Columbus, Ohio to provide technical assistance. Phase I will begin which will explore whether an incubator is feasible in this area and environment. If so, Phase 2 will outline what the incubator might look like. This is a great opportunity for the 3 county area.

Next Meeting Date

The next BRPC General Membership meeting will be on June 23, 2014. Chairman Bruer thanked the BRPC staff for their work during the organization's transition.

Adjournment

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

Approved on: _____

Murray Bruer, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: _____
Jane Cale, BRPC Office Manager