

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 26, 2011**

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The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, September 26, 2011 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

John Mills, Village of Truxton
Rich Daniels, Montgomery County
Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill
Kan Jaspering, City of Foley
Karen Gironde, City of Wright City
Emily Romines, Senator Blunt's office
Jim Mayes, Lincoln County
Kelly Hardcastle, Lincoln County
Dan Colbert, Lincoln County
Stephanie Cole, City of Silex
Michael Padella, City of Old Monroe
Arden Engelage, Warren County
Julie Rodgers, City of Hawk Point
Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer
Steve Etcher, BRPC
Steve Brune, BRPC

Glen Winter, Village of Truxton
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County
Tom Batenhorst, MoDOT
Mark Cross, City of Troy
Jim Mitas, Cong. Akin's office
Chris McCormick, Village of Innsbrook
Matt Bass, Lincoln County
Steve Williams, City of Winfield
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg
Janet Baker, City of Silex
James Robnett, Jr., Mo DED
Dan Hamson, Warren County
Terry Stuck, City of Hawk Point
Bob Manzke, MoDOT
Jane Cale, BRPC

John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County
Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale
Jerad Noland, MoDOT
Erik Maninga, MoDOT
Chris Morrison, Cong. Akin's office
Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton
Andy Teschendorf, City of Moscow Mills
Brendan Fahey, Senator McCaskill's office
Jeff Thomson, Village of Innsbrook
Ed Schieffer, State Rep, Dist. 11
Hubert Kluesner, Warren County
Jeremy Ketterer, Cong. Luetkemeyer's office
Dan Engemann, Cong. Luetkemeyer's office
Bart Korman, State Rep., Dist. 99
JoAnn Toerper, BRPC

Chairman Jim Mayes called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer gave a brief legislative update and then invited questions from the group. Topics of conversation included the budget, transportation, flooding, bridges, the postal service and regulations.

Brendan Fahey from U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's office, Emily Romines from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's office, Jim Mitas from Congressman Akin's office, State Representative Bart Korman and State Representative Ed Schieffer were also in attendance to answer any questions. They invited the membership to contact them with any concerns.

Business Transactions

- Murray Bruer made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2011 meeting. Mark Cross seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- BRPC Executive Director Steve Etcher gave the financial report. Murray Bruer made the motion to approve the report. Ryan Poston seconded the motion and the financial report was approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Jim Mayes reported that the BRPC Executive Board held a work planning session on September 20, 2011. He invited those in attendance to let board members know if they have any issues, ideas or concerns they would like to have considered. Chairman Mayes indicated the executive board was pleased with BRPC services. The board discussed the opportunities and vulnerabilities facing the organization in the current economic and political environment.

Executive Director's Report

Steve Etcher spoke about the role of the regional planning commission as regional problem solvers. He reported that a review of the organization's insurance coverage is being done to make sure there are no overlaps or gaps in coverage. Insurance will go out for bid in October. The auditor has completed field work and will have a report ready for the BRPC Executive Board in October.

Program Updates

- *Hazard Mitigation:* The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved for some time. The plans for Lincoln and Warren Counties are now approved. The plans need to be adopted via resolution by the counties, cities and school districts in order to qualify for assistance should a disaster occur.
- *Workforce Development:* Functional Manager JoAnn Toerper reported that the Career Center, although seeing a decline from the high numbers of the last few years, continues to serve many customers. Several mini hiring sessions have been held at the facility. One of the biggest challenges faced is the number of job seekers who have only basic or no computer skills. JoAnn mentioned that the Career Center offers WorkKeys assessments for the National Career Readiness Certificate. The assessments measure skills critical to on-the-job success. The Certificate is issued by ACT and provides documentation of an employee's skills that can be accepted nationwide.
- *Homeland Security:* There will be a meeting October 12, 2011 in Eureka.

- *Solid Waste:* The Solid Waste District annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 1, 2011. A scrap tire collection was recently held in Montgomery County. Over 4,000 scrap tires were collected. A collection is scheduled for November 4th and 5th in Lincoln County at the Highway Department facility.
- *604(b):* BRPC recently completed a statewide wastewater assessment. A copy of the report is available on our website. The Department of Natural Resources is interested in working with BRPC to address the problems caused by individual septic systems. A revolving loan fund would provide low interest loans to connect private systems to public systems if they are close. The Boonslick Region would serve as a pilot.
- *Transportation:* The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was restructured 4 or 5 years ago. Each community with a population over 500 is allowed to appoint a representative, creating a 17 member committee. Since this reorganization, the TAC has had difficulty getting member engagement and establishing a quorum for meetings. At its work session on September 20th, the Executive Board discussed the issue and has proposed to restructure the TAC once again. The proposed structure would include appointees from each county representing nine disciplines, creating a 27 member committee. The chairman of the TAC would be a member of the BRPC Executive Board.

After discussion, it was decided that staff would send information to clarify the proposed restructuring to the BRPC membership, giving people time to review and think about the issue. A resolution will be presented at the annual meeting in December and a vote on the restructuring of the TAC to a discipline-based committee will be taken at that time.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

BRPC has begun work to apply for a federal sustainable communities and regional planning grant. It will involve working collaboratively with other regional planning commissions to coordinate and integrate existing plans.

Local Government Issues

- Mayor Murray Bruer shared that the City of Truesdale, in conjunction with the Missouri Rural Water Association, was sponsoring a prescription drug take back event. It will be held at Truesdale City Hall on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mayor Janet Baker of Silex reported that the relocation project was coming along.

Next Meeting Date

The next BRPC meeting will be the annual meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:00.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss John Noltensmeyer made the motion to adjourn. Rich Daniels seconded and the meeting was adjourned.