

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, September 23, 2013

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, September 23, 2013 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale	Ken Jaspering, City of Foley	Terry Martin, City of Elsberry
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg	MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale	Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton
Samantha Shelton, City of Hawk Point	Terry Stuck, City of Hawk Point	Fred Flake, City of Warrenton
Jerry Dyer, City of Warrenton	Erik Maninga, MoDOT	Andy Teschendorf, City of Moscow Mills
John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery Co.	Rich Daniels, Montgomery County	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County
Steven Deves, Montgomery City	Gene Galloway, Lincoln County	Dan Colbert, Lincoln County
Matt Bass, Lincoln County	Tanner Smith, Office of Cong. Luetkemeyer	Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Economic Dev.
Larry Tucker, Lincoln Co. Economic Dev.	Greg Howdysshell, Warrenton PD	Hubie Kluesner, Warren County
Dan Hampson, Warren County	Representative Bart Korman, Dist. 42	Arden Engelage, Warren County
Karen Girondo, Wright City	Brendan Fahey, Office of Senator McCaskill	Kevin Pirrung, Warren Co. R-III School Dist.
Ralph Hellebusch, Warren Co. Ambulance	Tim Flake, Warren Co. Ambulance	Allan White, Warren County resident
Jo Pilla, Warren County resident	Darryl Hicks, Warren County resident	Mary Gaither, Warren County resident
Donald Gaither, Warren Co. resident	Huey Rodenheaver, Warrenton resident	Harlan Schwendemann, Warrenton resident
Presley Knarr, Warrenton resident	Brett Stewart, Citizen	Ken Kurtz, Warrenton resident
Kent Hicks, Warrenton resident	Jim H., Citizen	Ray Balen, Citizen
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC	Steve Brune, BRPC	JoAnn Toerper, BRPC
Jane Cale, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC	Jay Gourley, BRPC
Wylie Howell, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC	

Note: *There were some additional people in attendance who did not notice the meeting sign-in sheet.*

Following lunch, Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order and introductions were made. State Representative Bart Korman, Brendan Fahey from U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's office, and Tanner Smith from Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's office each gave a brief legislative update and invited those present who had questions to visit with them following the meeting.

Business Transactions

- John Noltensmeyer made the motion to approve the agenda. Steven Deves seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.
- Ryan Poston made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2013 meeting. Rich Daniels seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- BRPC Interim Director Chuck Eichmeyer asked if there were any questions regarding the financial reports that had been included in the meeting packets of BRPC members. There were none. Rich Daniels made the motion to approve the reports. Steven Deves seconded the motion and the financial reports were approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Murray Bruer explained that a request for proposals had been sent out regarding the search for the BRPC Executive Director position. With no news to report at this time, the executive board will have an update at the December meeting.

Interim Director's Report

Interim Director Chuck Eichmeyer reported that BRPC is moving forward and is in a strong position. There has been much cooperation between the staff. Chuck also thanked the executive board, the BRPC member communities and the partner agencies for their help and support.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

2013 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Recommendations:

- Discussion of TAC process – Chuck Eichmeyer gave a description of the TAC and the process used in prioritizing the identified transportation needs within the Boonslick Region. This list of projects is then provided for MoDOT's consideration as they plan for future transportation investments in the region.
- Explanation of MoDOT cost share process – MoDOT District Engineer Erik Maninga explained the cost share process and funding. He answered questions from those in attendance.

Note: *At this time the Program Updates item was moved forward on the agenda because a specific time for public comments regarding the TAC recommendations had been set for 1:00. The following updates were given and then the New Business item was resumed.*

Program Updates

- *Transportation:* Eric Maninga reported on MoDOT projects including Highway 47 and Winfield. Next year work will begin on the shoulders in Lincoln County, also on Hopewell Hill and Lake Creek.
- *Community Anchor Institutions:* BRPC Cartographer Wiley Howell explained that BRPC staff members have been working to verify identified anchor institutions within the region. These points include schools, libraries, court houses, etc. Staff has

emailed surveys including the information which must be verified such as upload and download speeds. Wiley encouraged everyone to send those surveys back to BRPC. The information is important for emergency management situations.

- **604(b) On-Site Septic Mapping Program:** Wiley reported that the mapping for Warren County has been completed. Staff is in the process of working on Lincoln County now, and then will begin Montgomery County.
- **Revolving Loan Fund:** Chuck Eichmeyer gave a brief explanation of how this program works and informed the group that money is available for loans.
- **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.
 - The Wheels to Work program has been extremely successful with loans to seven individuals thus far. All loans are current and the participants are working. As loans are paid down we will continue to find other participants. Staff will review applicants for another car loan in the next few weeks. People's Bank donated \$1,000 to the program and an anonymous donor contributed \$2,000. We continue to partner with Righteous Rides of Moscow Mills for donated vehicles.
 - Many job orders have been posted.
 - A Quality of Labor Study has been started with the ECMODEV group for Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties. When completed, this will be shared with area economic developers.
 - Funding is available for eligible participants to update skills for our current workforce.
 - All available funding slots are filled for the Summer Parks Youth Corp program.

New Business (Continued)

- Public comments regarding transportation project WAR 5 (I-70 / new interchange west of Warrenton) – The TAC had rated this project as a medium priority. Last year it had been ranked as a high priority. The City of Warrenton had prepared a cost share application to submit to MoDOT. The project would not go to cost share with the medium ranking. The City of Warrenton had asked the TAC to amend its recommendations. The request was refused. The city then made the request of the BRPC Executive Board which reviewed the TAC's recommendations. The executive board recommended some changes in the ratings of projects in Montgomery County, but recommended that the full membership make the decision regarding the WAR 5 project since it was controversial.

Butch Hunter spoke for the public opposed to upgrading the rating of the project. He stated concern about the lack of information and felt the project should be put off and a study done. City of Warrenton Economic Developer Michelle Schlenther shared the reasons the city felt the project was necessary including reduced traffic congestion, safety, and potential for regional economic growth.

Following the comments, ballots were passed to voting BRPC members present. The first ballot was a choice between accepting the original recommendations as presented by the TAC or accepting the TAC's prioritization list with changes recommended by the BRPC Executive Board (Change in the ratings of three projects in Montgomery County and letting the general membership vote on the City of Warrenton's request to upgrade project WAR 5 from medium to high).

The general membership voted to accept the TAC's prioritization list with the BRPC Executive Board's recommended changes.

Since the membership had elected this option, a vote was taken regarding project WAR 5.

The general membership voted to keep project WAR 5 as a medium priority.

Chuck Eichmeyer explained that BRPC could offer a letter of support for the City of Warrenton's cost share application even though the membership had not designated the project as a high priority. Jerry Dyer made the motion that BRPC offer a letter of support for the City of Warrenton's cost share application. Mark Cross seconded the motion. The motion did not pass.

Next Meeting Date

The East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management Program annual meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2013. The BRPC annual meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2013.

Adjournment

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on: _____

Murray Bruer, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: _____
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