

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Full Council Meeting – Monday, September 22, 2014**

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, September 22, 2014 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Ed Schieffer, Representative 41 <sup>st</sup> District	Patrick Kearus, Guest	Hubert Kluesner, Warren County
Arden Engelage, Warren County	Dan Hampson, Warren County	Terry Martin, City of Elsberry
Roger Mauzy, Sr., Warren County	Rich Daniels, Montgomery County	Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County	Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton
Karen Girondo, Wright City	Tim Schmidt, Warren County Record	Erik Maninga, MoDOT
Larry Tucker, Lincoln County	Julie Rodgers, Lincoln County	Kalani Sexton, City of Bellflower
Jeanie Martin, City of Bellflower	Mark Cross, City of Troy	Dan Colbert, Lincoln County
Matt Bass, Lincoln County	Brendan Fahey, Senator McCaskill's office	Eugene Galloway, Lincoln County
Bart Korman, Representative 42 <sup>nd</sup> District	Mike Sutherland, BRPC	Steve Brune, BRPC
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC	Jay Gourley, BRPC
Deana Dothage, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC	Jane Clae, BRPC

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

**Business Transactions**

- John Noltensmeyer made a motion to approve the agenda. Hubert Kluesner seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.
- Rich Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014 meeting. Dan Hampson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- Ryan Poston made a motion to approve the financial reports. Karen Girondo seconded the motion and the financial reports were approved.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Murray Bruer reported that Vice-Chairman Hubert Kluesner would be contacting one individual from Lincoln County and one from Montgomery County to serve on a nominating committee with him. This committee will put together a slate of officers for the BRPC Executive Board. The general membership will vote on this at the organization's annual meeting in December. Chairman Bruer also reported that he and Montgomery County Commissioner John Noltensmeyer will begin reviewing the BRPC bylaws.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Mike Sutherland reported the following:

- Mike attended the NADO annual training conference in August. It proved to be a great learning opportunity. He was invited to be the moderator for one of the conference break-out sessions dealing with being a new executive director.
- Mike attended a CDBG training along with BRPC Assistant Director Steve Brune
- Newly hired BRPC Mobility Coordinator Deana Dothage has been busy meeting with local government officials. If she has not met with your community yet, she will be contacting you soon.
- BRPC has begun putting together a newsletter in an effort to keep the membership informed of the organization's activities. Mike welcomed the membership's input.
- The next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff is working on the Montgomery Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- The BRPC Executive Board has decided to meet on each of the months when there is not a general membership meeting.
- BRPC has been awarded a USDA Rural Development grant to study the feasibility of establishing a food hub in the region. It will involve identifying and linking producers and markets and determining if there are barriers to accessing markets.
- Mike attended and testified at a Joint Committee on Solid Waste hearing headed by Senator Wallingford. There may be some changes to the Solid Waste Management Program; however, it may not be a complete overhaul.
- News has been circulating regarding the potential of a future port in Lincoln County. A couple of years ago, BRPC worked on a commodity movement study. One of the conclusions of this study was that a port would make sense in our region. Should this idea move forward it will be a long-term project.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **Program Updates**

- *Transportation:* MoDOT Engineer Erik Maninga discussed the 161 bridge closure. A routine inspection had shown that one pier had lost 50% of its steel. MoDOT is trying to look at repairing that column. The best case scenario will be that a short term fix will enable the bridge to be opened by the end of October. MoDOT is trying to maintain infrastructure. The TIGER grants will help offset some costs. Erik shared that it is more important than ever for the TAC to meet with the limitations on funding. It is essential to prioritize the funds we have. The TAC will also be able to discuss the idea of a port in Lincoln County.
- *Community Development:* BRPC Assistant Director Steve Brune reported that the CertainTeed project is moving forward with the water and sewer lines being about 50% complete. Work will next begin on the rail spur. Another project BRPC is now working on is the rebuilding of Cherry Blossom Way in the City of Troy. The City of Hawk Point water project has also been progressing. Work has been done on the water lines and the water tower will be painted soon.
- *Workforce Development:*
  - Work is progressing on forming a committee to lead Warren County's efforts to be designated as a Certified Work Ready Community. An important goal is to have a quality workforce which is extremely important for economic development.
  - Funding is available for on-the-job-training.
  - Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper and Youth Consultant Cindy Schwada are currently attending a Youth Symposium.
- *Solid Waste Management Program:* The East Central Missouri Recycling Center continues to assist with the recovery of recyclable materials with over 900 tons collected since opening. The annual meeting for the Region I SWMD will be on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- *On-Site Septic RLF:* BRPC Program Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer discussed this statewide loan program which has provided \$1 million in funding to repair or replace private sewer systems. He encouraged those present to make sure local health officials are aware of the program. We are currently waiting to see if a grant element to the program will be approved.
- *Neighborhood Stabilization Project:* Nineteen houses were purchased in four communities within the BRPC region. All of the houses in Warrenton have been sold. There is one left in Truesdale, one in Elsberry and three in Troy. These communities are able to use the funds generated for any project which is CDBG eligible.

## **Funding Opportunities**

Grants for alternative transportation projects are available that require a 20% match. The Division of Energy has a loan program for projects that will result in energy savings.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The BRPC annual meeting will be on December 4, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Truesdale.

## **Local Government Issues**

Chairman Bruer brought up a topic concerning EPA's draft rules on "Waters of the United States". There is concern among many municipalities that all water, including that in ditches, would be considered as belonging to the federal government. Several in attendance expressed the opinion that this proposal would be extremely invasive and may have far-reaching implications. A group of individuals planned to attend a meeting with Senator Roy Blunt to discuss the issue.

## **Adjournment**

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

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Murray Bruer, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

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