

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, September 28, 2015

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, September 28, 2015 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Murray A. Bruer, City of Truesdale
Paige Hazlett, City of Foley
Zach Monroe, Office of Senator Riddle
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County
Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton
Erik Maninga, MoDOT
Adell Jonas, City of New Florence
Tim Schmidt, Warren County Record
Jennifer Hoskins, Office of Senator Blunt
David Lange, City of Marthasville
Representative Bart Korman
Deana Dothage, BRPC
Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC
Jane Cale, BRPC

Mary Lou Rainwater, City of Truesdale
John Burroughs, City of New Florence
Rich Daniels, Montgomery County
John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County
Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.
Kalani Sexton, City of Bellflower
Carla Heggemann, Village of Innsbrook
Eugene Galloway, Lincoln County
Matt Bass, Lincoln County
Dan Hampson, Warren County
Brendan Fahey, Office of Senator McCaskill
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC
Kim Meyer, BRPC

Keith Vertrees, City of Foley
State Senator Jeanie Riddle
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg
Hubert Kluesner, Warren County
Larry Tucker, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.
Jeanie Martin, City of Bellflower
Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill
Dan Colbert, Lincoln County
Karen Gironde, Wright City
Christa Montgomery, Office of Cong. Luetkemeyer
Chad Eggen, BRPC
Steve Brune, BRPC
JoAnn Toerper, BRPC

Following lunch, Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order. Christa Montgomery from U.S. Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer's office, Jennifer Hoskins from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's office, Brendan Fahey from Senator Claire McCaskill's office, State Representative Bart Korman and State Senator Jeanie Riddle each gave a brief legislative update.

Business Transactions

- Rich Daniels made a motion to approve the agenda. Hubert Kluesner seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.
- Keith Vertrees made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2015 meeting. Ryan Poston seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- John Noltensmeyer made a motion to approve the financial report. Rich Daniels seconded the motion and the financial report was approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Bruer suggested that it is important for the membership to keep attention on the issue of I-70 becoming a toll road. He reminded people to contact their congressman with their opinions.

Executive Director's Report

BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen shared that he has been continuing to visit members and partners of the organization. He mentioned that staff is working on putting together a brochure which will provide an overview of BRPC's programs and services. Chad mentioned the sample GIS reports which were on display and encouraged those who are interested in mapping projects to contact BRPC. The Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will take place on November 12, 2015. A completed list of projects on which to vote should be available. The BRPC annual meeting will take place on December 10, 2015. An audit of the organization was recently completed and went well. The BRPC newsletter will come out this week. The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Project has been completed and updates will be made to the plans for Lincoln and Warren counties at the end of the year.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Program Updates

- *Transportation:* BRPC Senior Planner Krishna Kunapareddy reported that a final list of identified needs will be available at the next TAC meeting on November 12, 2015. The list will then be sent to MoDOT.
- *Revolving Loan Fund:* BRPC Assistant Director Steve Brune reported that a loan for \$75,000 has been approved. \$200,000 is still available to lend. Steve encouraged those present to let their economic development staff know of this opportunity.
- *Solid Waste Management Program:* Planner Chuck Eichmeyer informed everyone that the East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District annual meeting will be held at the BRPC office on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.
- *Community Development:* BRPC Project Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer reported on the following:
 - *CertainTeed* – The project is moving right along. The rail spur into the facility is on track and should be up and running the first of next year. The Missouri Job Center hosted two hiring events for CertainTeed in July and August. The company has hired 20 individuals thus far.

- Bodine Aluminum – The project is well underway.
 - Truxton – The firehouse is under construction.
 - Highway 19 Overpass – Changes have begun and the project is due to be completed in August 2016.
 - Warren County Road Counts – This project is close to being completed.
 - Montgomery City Mapping – This project is 99% complete and we are in the process of reviewing. The communities of High Hill, Elberry and Hawk Point have expressed interest in similar projects.
- *MO Rides:* BRPC Mobility Coordinator Deana Dothage shared that she continues to get good feedback and hear great things about the program. She has received over 800 calls since starting. With more publicity planned, it will probably result in more calls. The court system is also supportive of the program. Deana mentioned that the Eastern Missouri Transportation Coordinating Council meeting will be held in Montgomery County on October 6, 2015. She also reported that she would be attending a transportation summit in St. Charles County on September 29 and has had requests to attend or present at several transportation conferences around the state. Deana mentioned that the MoRides Program had received the NADO Innovation Award and the goal is to make it a statewide program. She is working with other regional planning commissions and reaching out to senior centers, school districts and service agencies.
 - *Workforce Development:* Missouri Job Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper reported the following:
 - The Workforce Development site, jobs.mo.gov, has a new face and career centers are now referred to as job centers.
 - The new Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act will center on collaboration between education, economic development and workforce.
 - The summer youth programs still have room for youth to participate.
 - The Job Center hosted hiring events for CertainTeed. Over 250 people attended the event in July.
 - *DNR On-Site Revolving Loan:* There will be a grant component to this program. We are waiting for final approval. Thus far, 13 applications have been made with 5 yet to be approved.
 - *Neighborhood Stabilization:* Communities are beginning their re-use plans with funds from the program. The City of Warrenton will be making improvements to Hickory Lick Road. The City of Truesdale has one house left to sell and that closing should be the last of September. The City of Troy has 2 houses left, with a contract on one. The City of Elsberry has one house left to sell.
 - *Regional Homeland Security Oversight:* The annual meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2015 in Eureka.
 - *Wheels-to-Work:* - Money is available for 2 to 3 loans. This program has helped individuals overcome transportation barriers.

Funding Opportunities

New Community Development Block Grant applications will most likely be due in March.

Other

MoDOT Engineer Erik Maninga shared news that unexpected funding will provide \$210 million in the state, with \$17.8 million for the Northeast District. The State of Missouri will be able to match federal funding in 2016. The additional funding will allow for the scoping of some additional projects in Lincoln and Montgomery counties. MoDOT is working with the BRPC TAC.

Next Meeting Date

The next BRPC general membership meeting will be the annual meeting on December 10, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Truesdale, Missouri.

Adjournment

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

Approved on: _____

Murray Bruer, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: _____

Jane Cale, BRPC Office Manager