

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, September 26, 2016

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, September 26, 2016 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Glen Winter, Village of Truxton	Mike Clynych, City of Moscow Mills	Rich Daniels, Montgomery County
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County	Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale
Erik Maninga, MoDOT	Hubert Kluesner, Warren County	Dan Hampson, Warren County
Steve Wilch, City of Elsberry	Roger Mauzy, Sr., Warren County	Mary Lou Rainwater, City of Truesdale
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg	Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.	State Representative Bart Korman
Carla Heggemann, Village of Innsbrook	Bonnie Harper, East-West Gateway COG	Karen Gironde, City of Wright City
Eugene Galloway, Lincoln County	Matt Bass, Lincoln County	Dan Colbert, Lincoln County
Emily Romines, Office of Senator Blunt	Brendan Fahey, Office of Senator McCaskill	Christa Montgomery, Office of Cong. Leutkemeyer
Ross Henson, Premier Civil Engineering	Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill	Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton
State Representative Bryan Spencer	Chad Eggen, BRPC	Deana Dothage, BRPC
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC
JoAnn Toerper, BRPC	Jane Cale, BRPC	

Following lunch, Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and introductions were made. State Representative Bart Korman, State Representative Bryan Spencer, Christa Montgomery from the office of U.S. Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer, Brendan Fahey from the office of Senator Claire McCaskill, and Emily Romines from the office of Senator Roy Blunt each gave a brief legislative update.

Business Transactions

- Dan Hampson made a motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Poston seconded the motion. Agenda approved.
- Hubert Kluesner made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2016 meeting. Roger Mauzy seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Murray Bruer discussed the issue of Interstate 70 becoming a toll road. He attended a conversation regarding the topic and mentioned that Representative Bart Korman, who served on the panel, did a good job. Chairman Bruer reported that a survey that was done showed close to 40% of individuals are in favor of the highway becoming a toll road.

Financial Report

Executive Director Chad Eggen reported that Boonslick Regional Planning Commission has purchased a new accounting software program. Due to the change, the usual financial reports that are presented at the general membership meetings were not available at this time. Operating budgets showing projected revenues and expenses and cash on hand were included in the meeting packets. John Noltensmeier made a motion to approve this information as the financial report. Roger Mauzy seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

- Membership dues invoices were sent out. Director Eggen encouraged anyone with questions to contact him.
- BRPC has been working with Southeast Missouri State on an entrepreneurial assessment. Several interviews were conducted and the project is in the final stage. The report should be printed this week.
- BRPC staff has been working on the Hazard Mitigation Plans for Lincoln and Montgomery counties.
- Work continues on the Disaster Recovery Jobs Program flood cleanup in Lincoln and Montgomery counties. This program has been extended through September of next year.
- Staff has been working on the closeout of several Community Development Block Grant projects including Highway 19 overpass, Truxton Firehouse, CertainTeed and Bodine Aluminum.
- The organization is looking at potential wastewater projects in several member communities.
- BRPC assisted a couple of its member communities with applications for the Missouri cost share program
- Work is being done to solidify the designation of each county in the region as a Certified Work Ready Community.

Transportation Update – MoDOT Staff

MoDOT Area Engineer Erik Maninga shared information about the following programs.

- Transportation Alternatives Program – This is a federally funded program with a call for projects beginning September 1, 2016. The deadline for submission of applications is November 1, 2016. A competitive program with approximately \$400,000 available in the Northeast District of Missouri, these projects require a 20% match. Trail facilities, sidewalks, lighting and safety improvements are examples of eligible projects.
- Missouri Moves Cost Share Program. MoDOT received 101 applications for this program from across the state requesting \$71 million in funds. Budget restrictions were announced, however, that cut \$20 million from the program. As a result, MoDOT is suspending action in the program.

Our Missouri Waters Presentation – East-West Gateway

The Missouri Department of Natural Development (DNR) has begun an initiative called *Our Missouri Waters* to improve the way we protect and preserve our watersheds. East-West Gateway Council of Governments Community Development Sustainability Planner Bonnie Harper was a guest presenter who provided information about this initiative. The program entails taking a more holistic view of streams and waters and getting input from local communities – those who live, work and play in these watersheds. There are 66 watersheds across the state and DNR has established a set of priority watersheds to focus on each year until all have been evaluated. East-West Gateway has partnered with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission to look at the Lower Missouri River Watershed since part of this area lies within the Boonslick region. Ms. Harper shared that the first steps include gathering background information on the watershed, collecting local comments/concerns, setting up meetings to identify priorities and putting together the next steps recommended by stakeholders. East West Gateway and BRPC will begin the stakeholder engagement process in the fall of 2016/spring 2017. A watershed advisory committee may be established as a separate entity if there is not an already existing organization. DNR will use the information collected in the evaluation of watersheds to help with their planning processes. Ms. Harper provided a draft of the work that has been done on the Meramec River Watershed as an example for those in attendance.

Program Updates

- *Missouri River Country* – BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen has been working with a group on a regional approach to promote and brand the area. A logo has been created and a website will highlight events in local communities. The group would like to be able to accept donations through the Boonslick COG 501C3 and to form a standing committee through BRPC. At its September 19, 2016 meeting, the BRPC Executive Board voted to recommend this to the general membership. Dan Hampson made a motion to proceed with the BRPC Executive Board's recommendation. Roger Mauzy seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- *Workforce Development* – BRPC Business Outreach Coordinator JoAnn Toerper provided an update regarding the status of each county's pursuit of Certified Work Ready Community certification.
- *On-site Wastewater* – BRPC continues as administrator for the statewide grant/loan program
- *RHSOC-Region C* – BRPC serves as the administrative body for Region C. Entities in the region have purchased equipment including radios, mass care trailers, and generators. Staff is assisting with a resiliency plan, which will include a list of deployable assets available in the event of an emergency.
- *Revolving Loan Fund* – A \$150,000 business loan was finalized this week.
- *Solid Waste Management* – BRPC will be hiring a new manager for the East Central Missouri Recycling Center. The District's annual meeting will be November 15, 2016 with EPC Vice President Dave Beal serving as guest presenter.
- *Wheels to Work* – Provides loans for used vehicles to enable individuals to have transportation to work.
- *MoRides* – BRPC Mobility Coordinator Deanna Dothage provided an update about the program's new ADA website and the volunteer driver program she is working to put in place.

Local Government Issues

- City of Moscow Mills Mayor Mike Clynch reported the purchase of a building for a new City Hall. The city is seeing growth with over 100 housing permits this year.
- Village of Truxton Alderman Glen Winter reported about a plugged culvert that causes water to run over the road and also a pothole on the highway.
- Montgomery County Associate Commissioner Rich Daniels took a moment to discuss the struggles small towns face. He gave an example of the City of Wellsville's older buildings and the efforts to provide adequate police protection.
- City of High Hill Mayor Floyd Weeks commended the State for doing a great job on projects such as the Hopewell Hill realignment and the Highway 19 overpass. Mr. Weeks expressed that these projects made a positive difference.

Next Meeting Date

The next BRPC general membership meeting will be the organization's annual meeting on December 7, 2016.

Adjournment

With no other business, Ryan Poston made a motion to adjourn. Rich Daniels seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved on: _____

Hubert Kluesner, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: _____
Jane Cale, BRPC Office Manager