

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, September 25, 2017

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, September 25, 2017 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Rich Daniels, Montgomery County	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	Roger Mauzy, Warren County
Georgia Scarbrough, City of Middletown	John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County	Dan Hampson, Warren County
MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale	Chris Watson, City of Truesdale	Steve Besemer, State Emergency Mngmt. Agency
Carla Ayala, Village of Innsbrook	Dan Colbert, Lincoln County	Mike Mueller, Lincoln County
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg	Erik Maninga, MoDOT	Mary Beth Wolf, Office of Senator Blunt
Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton	Karen Girondo, Wright City	Mike Clynych, City of Moscow Mills
Matt Bass, Lincoln County	Hubert Kluesner, Warren County	Christa Montgomery, Office of Cong. Luetkemeyer
Mark Cross, City of Troy	Beth Ebbesmeyer, Office of Rep. Korman	Bart Korman, State Representative
Brendan Fahey, Office of Senator McCaskill	Chad Eggen, BRPC	Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC
Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC	Kelly Anders, BRPC
Janet Hickey, BRPC	Jane Cale, BRPC	

Following lunch, Chairman Hubert Kluesner called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence in honor of BRPC Chairman and City of Truesdale Mayor Murray Bruer who passed away on July 1. Introductions were then made. Christa Montgomery from the office of Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer and State Representative Bart Korman were available to provide legislative updates. Missouri Department of Transportation District Engineer Erik Maninga also provided an update. MoDOT launched a survey to get public opinion about transportation priorities. The survey will be open until October 11. The groundbreaking for the Warrenton I-70 interchange will be at 5:30 tomorrow (September 26). On October 20, MoDOT will challenge drivers with the Buckle Up Phone Down initiative.

Business

- Dan Hampson made a motion to approve the agenda. Roger Mauzy seconded the motion. Agenda approved.
- Upon review of the minutes from the June 2017 meeting, it was noted that a date needed to be corrected. Ryan Poston made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrected date. John Noltensmeyer seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- A financial report was presented by Executive Director Chad Eggen. 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 Kluesner mentioned that in an effort to give earlier notice for meetings, the schedule for 2018 has already been laid out.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Eggen shared the following:

- Thanks was expressed to representatives from the offices of Senator Blunt and Senator McCaskill who were present for a dialogue on tax reform.
- We are still waiting for announcements on CDBG awards.
- Transportation TIGER grants are again available.
- The BRPC Annual meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2017. This year it will be held at the Warren County Administration Building.
- BRPC's 50th anniversary will take place in 2018. If anyone is interested in volunteering for a committee, please let staff know. Several activities are planned culminating with the annual meeting next year.

Dialogue on Tax Reform

Mary Beth Wolf from the office of Senator Blunt and Brendan Fahey from the office of Senator McCaskill led a dialogue on tax reform. Mary Beth shared that they would like to get more feedback from people on anything they would like to see. She mentioned both reducing taxes and simplifying the tax code. One goal is to provide significant tax relief for middle class workers and families. There is also a need to address corporate tax rates which are higher than most. Brendan stressed that they would like to find common ground with President Trump and that they look forward to working together as they look at the issue through the lens of working families. He mentioned that Senator McCaskill is on a financing committee. Time was left for questions and comments which included the following:

- Concern about capital gains taxes. When people get ready to retire, 40% is not something they want to see.
- Opinion expressed that they would like to see the tax code simplified and tax rates lower.
- Opinion expressed that we need to get rid of the earned income tax credit.
- Question about charitable giving and effect on taxes.
- Opinion expressed that Internet purchases need to be taxed. Mom & Pop stores have to pay taxes.

The Marketplace Fairness Act was discussed which has bi-partisan support. Some of those present expressed frustration that people will go to brick and mortar stores, try on items, take pictures, and then order from the Internet. With around 46% of sales being Internet - trending to exceed 50%, reform should be negotiated.

Mary Beth and Brendan shared with the membership that they would be available to continue the conversation and encouraged people to email them with further comments or questions.

Work Program Updates

- BRPC Mobility Manager Kelly Anders gave an update on the MO RIDES program. Staff is doing referrals. The brochure is being updated and some marketing tools have been acquired. Work is being done to update the website.
- Missouri Job Center Functional Leader Janet Hickey reported that staff is working with a new system that had been updated in June. They will be visiting employers. With unemployment rates being low, staff has reached out to help area residents, particularly those who have transportation barriers which make it difficult for them to come to the Job Center in Warrenton. Staff has visited Reach Church in Montgomery County and will be in Lincoln County at the Troy Chamber of Commerce office On October 10 from noon to 3:00. Plans are to look at doing something similar in Elsberry or Winfield. There will be a job fair in Troy on October 26 from 11:00 to 3:00.
- BRPC staff has been working with the cities of High Hill, Wright City, and Winfield on projects.
- The Region I Solid Waste Management District has been providing educational outreach in the four counties it serves. Staff has visited several schools, as well as the Scenic Regional Library, and will continue to provide information about recycling. All schools are welcome to contact BRPC if they would like someone to visit.
- There are funds available for businesses through the Revolving Loan Fund program.
- The On-site Septic Grant/Loan program is ending. There are still issues, so staff will have conversations to see if there is another program that might be able to address them.

Steve Bessemer with the State Emergency Management System was present at the meeting. His role is as a liaison to work with local communities and assist with responding to disasters, funding questions, and training. He invited the membership to contact him if they had questions.

Local Government Updates

- City of Moscow Mills - Mayor Mike Clynych shared that the city was working on a wastewater grant application and information about a new pharmacy and Dollar General store in the community.
- City of Troy – Mayor Mark Cross shared that the city is finishing a sidewalk project through a MoDOT TAP grant. Work on Cherry Street is moving ahead. An \$800,000 economic development project for improvements to Mennemeyer Road for Witte will bring jobs. The city is working on redoing the sewer plant and closing the old.
- City of Jonesburg – Clerk Sherry Meyer reported that the city is working on redoing the wastewater system.
- City of Middletown – Alderperson Georgia Scarbrough said that the city would like to work on a demolition project to get rid of dilapidated houses. They are also interested in a project that would help with wastewater improvements.
- Village of Innsbrook – Clerk Carla Ayala reported that the Innsbrook Cooperation is expanding 1800 acres on the other side of Stracks Church Road.
- City of Truesdale – Mayor Chris Watson and Clerk MaryLou Rainwater mentioned a project on Smith Street. They also shared information about Railroad Days which will take place October 14 -15. (Flyer attached)
- City of Warrenton – Michelle Schlenther shared that the city's Fall Festival was very successful with a good turnout. Over 100 cars were in the car show. She reminded everyone of the groundbreaking for the new interchange which will take place on September 26.
- City of Wright City - Economic Developer Karen Girondo reported that the city is working with BRPC on an updated comprehensive plan. She stated that many new homes are being built and they are seeing unbelievable growth which is creating infrastructure challenges. The city is looking for innovative ways to make updates.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be the BRPC annual meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

Adjournment

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

Approved on: _____

Hubert Kluesner, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: _____
Jane Cale, BRPC Office Manager