

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, June 24, 2019

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, June 24, 2019 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Tim Arbeiter, Broadband office/DED	Hubert Kluesner, Warren County	Guy Gevers, City of Warrenton
Gary Adams, City of Bellflower	Chris Watson, City of Truesdale	MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale
Dan Hampson, Warren County	Joe Gildehaus, Warren County	Dan Rowden, City of Wright City
Samantha Shelton, City of Hawk Point	Steve Deves, City of Montgomery City	Rich Daniels, Montgomery County
Joe Kaimann, Lincoln County	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	Jennifer Meyer, office of Senator Blunt
Jeff Porter, State Representative	Carla Ayala, Village of Innsbrook	Jeff Thomsen, Village of Innsbrook
Eli McDonald, Lake Sherwood	Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Economic Development	John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County
Bryan Spencer, State Representative	Sam Saffa, office of Senator Hawley	Patrick Flannigan, City of Moscow Mills
Erik Maninga, MoDOT	Jim Schuchmann, City of Wright City	Matt Bass, Lincoln County
Mike Mueller, Lincoln County		
Christa Montgomery, office of Congressman Luetkemeyer		
Chad Eggen, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC	Cory Schmitt, BRPC
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC	
Jane Cale, BRPC	JoAnn Toerper, BRPC	

Hubert Kluesner called the meeting to order. Following the pledge of allegiance, Introductions were made. Sam Saffa from the office of Senator Josh Hawley and Christa Montgomery from the office of Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer each provided a brief legislative update for the BRPC membership.

MoDOT District Engineer Erik Maninga reported that the Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program is available for review and comments through July 5, 2019.

Business

- Rich Daniels made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Deves seconded the motion. Agenda approved.
- Ryan Poston made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2019 general membership meeting. Rich Daniels seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- A financial report was presented by Executive Director Chad Eggen (copy attached). He explained that the budget was tight. Chairman Kluesner shared that the BRPC Executive Board had discussed the possibility of raising membership dues, which had not been raised in years. Steven Deves made a motion to increase the BRPC membership dues by ten cents per capita. Chris Watson seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation with one dissenting vote.

Guest Presenters

- Department of Economic Development Director of Broadband Development Tim Arbeiter gave a presentation about the importance of expanding Missouri Broadband. He discussed trends, the number of Missourians without access to broadband, economic benefits to businesses, farmers, and homeowners, and strategies which will be implemented to increase broadband access, and a broadband grant program. Mr. Arbeiter welcomed questions and shared his contact information.
- Representative Jeff Porter spoke with the BRPC membership, discussing the importance of staying on top of issues that impact local governments for which he is a big proponent. One issue he feels strongly about is the need to fund the repair of area bridges. Representative Porter also believes that tolling should not be an option.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Chad Eggen reported that surveys will be coming out to acquire information about Internet providers and speed. Partnerships – such as the Missouri Extension reaching out to John Deere – have been established to determine access and need in rural areas.

Work Program Updates

The following updates were provided

- BRPC is an IdentoGO location and provides fingerprinting services for those needing background checks. Since August 2018, staff have fingerprinted 3,277 people.
- Workforce Development – Contracts have been renewed for Youth and Adult programs. There is a decrease in funding amounts.
- The 5 year update to the region's Community Economic Development Strategy has been completed by staff and approved by the BRPC Executive Board.

- Hazard Mitigation – Planner Krishna Kunapareddy shared that a meeting was held in New Florence to begin working on the 5 year update to the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A second meeting will be held in May or June. This plan must be in place for eligibility for grant funds.
- MoRides – Mobility Manager Cory Schmitt reported that the MoRides website received 114,000 visits. Staff coordinated 130 rides, with a 62% rate of success. 16% of the calls came from the Boonslick region. Efforts continue to rebrand the program and educate residents about how to use the website.
- Transportation – The regional transportation plan, as well as the regional needs list identified by the Transportation Advisory Committee, have been approved.
- Census 2020 – Planner Krishna Kunapareddy reported that staff assisted with the review and update of the address list for Census 2020. This was due in early June.
- Revolving Loan Fund – Funding is available for business loans.
- Solid Waste Management District Administration – Staff continue to provide education, recently visiting the Gasconade R-I School District to provide presentations about recycling to summer school students. The school serves students from Franklin, Montgomery and Warren counties.

Local Government Projects

The following updates were given by local officials:

- City of Hawk Point Clerk Samantha Shelton reported that the city is finishing a sewer project.
- City of Moscow Mills Mayor Patrick Flannigan shared that the city is also working on a sewer project which should be finished at the end of the year.
- City of Bellflower Alderman Gary Adams spoke about working with DNR regarding the city’s lagoon.
- Montgomery City Clerk/Administrator Steven Deves shared that the city is working on a downtown revitalization plan and that a few new businesses are coming.
- Village of Innsbrook Chairman Jeff Thomsen said that options to relocate the Village office down the road are being considered.
- City of Truesdale Mayor Chris Watson shared that a National Night Out will be hosted by the Truesdale Police Department on August 6 at Bruer Park. There will be entertainment for families to enjoy. The city has been working on the second phase of its park project.
- City of Warrenton Public Works Director Guy Gevers reported that work has begun for Rural King.
- City of Wright City Mayor Dan Rowden shared that the community will have a Fourth of July celebration with a fireworks display on Saturday, June 29. Also, design is starting for road work projects and a new 62 acre park.
- Eli McDonald from Lake Sherwood reported that work was just finished on a sewer project and a dredging project for the lake is being completed.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2019.

Adjournment

With no other business, Dan Rowden made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Joe Gildehaus and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on: _____

Hubert Kluesner, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: _____
Jane Cale, BRPC Office Manager