

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, December 9, 2015**

The membership of the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission held its annual meeting Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 700 South Street, Truesdale, Missouri with the following individuals present:

Murray Bruer, City of Truesdale
Jan Wyatt, MECO Engineering
Dennis Stith, Shafer, Kline & Warren
Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton
Floyd Weeks, City of High Hill
Ray Rainwater
John Burroughs, City of New Florence
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County
Donna Hampson
Karen Girondo, City of Wright City
Elsa Smith, City of Truesdale
Dee Vogler
Kluesner, Warren County
Steven Deves, Montgomery City
Julie Porter

Jan Bruer
Jane Rushfor, MECO Engineering
Larry Graham, Shafer, Kline & Warren
Jim McNichols, Office of Cong Luetkemeyer
Joan Weeks, City of High Hill
Erik Maninga, MoDOT
John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County
Vonnice Poston
Representative Bart Korman
Shalene Blackwood, City of Truesdale
Don Smith
Tom Stevener, Village of Innsbrook
Alic Kluesner
Karen Deves
Rich Daniels, Montgomery County

Bill Dees, MECO Engineering
Jennifer Hoskins, Office of Senator Blunt
Bill Severns, Shafer, Kline & Warren
Fred Vahle, Region I SWMD
MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale
Tom Batenhorst, MoDOT
Glenda Noltensmeyer
Dan Hampson, Warren County
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg
Lance Blackwood, City of Truesdale
Robert Vogler, Village of Innsbrook
Jeff Thomsen, Village of Innsbrook Hubert
State Senator Jeanie Riddle
Jeff Porter, Montgomery City
Don King, Village of McKittrick

Chad Eggen, BRPC
Jane Cale, BRPC
Mark Cunningham, BRPC
Chris Walch, BRPC
Dennis James, BRPC
Justin Myers, BRPC

Steve Brune, BRPC
JoAnn Toerper, BRPC
Lisa Devenport, BRPC
Jill Williams, BRPC
Maureen Loucks, BRPC

Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC
Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC
Deana Dothage, BRPC
Cindy Schwada, BRPC
Heather Schmidt, BRPC

Call to Order

Chairman Murray Bruer called the meeting to order. He introduced the members of the BRPC Executive Board and thanked them for the extra time they have devoted to the organization with the search for a new executive director. Chairman Bruer also recognized the BRPC staff and expressed appreciation for their work through the transition.

Introductions were made. MoDOT Area Engineer Erik Maninga gave a brief update on transportation. The transportation bill was passed so there will be more funding; however, this will not address the transportation issues in the State of Missouri. State Senator Jeanie Riddle, Representative Bart Korman, and Jim McNichols from the office of Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer gave brief legislative updates. They encouraged those in attendance to contact them with any questions or concerns.

Guest Presenter

The guest presenter for the evening was Mr. Bill Severns. A former professional baseball player and author of the book "Keepers of the Sandlot", he currently works as a client liaison for Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc.

Mr. Severns used stories from his life as a child who wanted to play baseball, his career as an athlete, and his experiences coaching little league to convey several messages to those in the audience. He spoke about the importance of getting rid of what is holding you back, the fact that you can't do anything if you are afraid and the realization that even when you are batting .300 you are failing 70% of the time.

Mr. Severns shared life lessons he has learned and wove stories into a message of how important it is to support each other and work together as communities. He used several examples of how geese work together in flight. For example, he noted that by flying in formation, the flock adds approximately 70% more flying range than if each bird flew alone. When we have a sense of community and focus, we can help each other to achieve our goals.

Business Meeting

- Approval of agenda – Ryan Poston made a motion to approve the agenda. Steven Deves seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- Approval of minutes – Ryan Poston made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2014 annual meeting. Jeff Porter seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

BRPC Annual Report

Prior to presenting the annual report, BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen asked for a moment of silence to honor Mr. David Rice. Mr. Rice had served as the mayor for the City of Silex and had passed away at the end of November.

Executive Director Eggen then updated the membership on the organization’s activities for 2015. He shared information about community and economic development projects, transportation projects, workforce development activities, solid waste management, homeland security and other projects and assistance with which Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is involved. He provided the new deadlines for community development block grant applications and encouraged the membership to contact staff members with any needs in their communities. Director Eggen stressed that BRPC is here for member communities, and that he and the rest of the staff look forward to working with them in the coming year.

Adjourn

With no other business to conduct, Steven Deves made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Rich Daniels. Meeting adjourned.

Approved on _____

Chairman _____