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2017 BRPC Annual Meeting



Boonslick Regional Planning Commission held its annual meeting on December 6, 2017. Guest presenter for the evening was Missouri Humanities Council Executive Director Steve Belko.

More pictures from the annual meeting inside.

Dr. Belko spoke about the different thoughts on the correct pronunciation of "Missouri". As most people know, this is debated in many circles today. Dr. Belko, who has published numerous award -winning articles on various subjects of 19th century American history, informed the group that this same debate has been going on for many years. He shared humorous stories from news articles, writings, and other accounts where individuals have had strong opinions on the pronunciation since the 1800's. People attribute these differences in thought to a variety of things: generational, rural/urban, Kansas City area/St. Louis area, and not being from Missouri – but being an "outsider". In the end, perhaps it is best to deem both pronunciations as being correct!



Dr. Steve Belko



Chad Eggen

BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen gave a report on the projects which the organization has been involved with for the past year. He also shared that BRPC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018. Several activities are being planned which will take place throughout the year, culminating with the annual meeting next December.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Warren County officials for making it possible for this year's annual meeting to be held in the Warren County Administration Building. A special thanks to Warren County Emergency Management Director Mike Daniels for his help in setting up for the event!

Trivia: Who is credited with the idea of naming the organization Boonslick Regional Planning Commission? Look for the answer in the next BRPC newsletter!

Director's Update



Another year has come to a close. As in the past, we remember all the activities that Boonslick Regional Planning Commission was involved with during 2017 and thank all those who attended our annual meeting December 6.

For the upcoming year, however, we will celebrate more than just a new year and projects for communities. We will take a walk back in time throughout the year to remember the last 5 decades worth of work as BRPC turns 50 in 2018!

In each newsletter, we will have trivia items about BRPC and the hundreds of projects we have worked on, as well as stories and tidbits about anniversary celebrations. Look for a list of planned activities to attend in the next newsletter, and join us as we celebrate 50 years of service to the communities and citizens of the Boonslick Region.

BRPC is here to serve you. If your community is interested in grant funding or if you have questions about potential projects and would like a staff member to attend your meeting, then please don't hesitate to contact me at

ceggen@boonslick.org.

The next BRPC TAC meeting is February 15 and the general membership meeting is March 26.

Happy Holidays!

... More Pictures from the BRPC Annual Meeting

Pictures were removed to enable posting online.

If you would like a copy with pictures, please contact BRPC.

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East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District Annual Meeting



Laura Schellenberg

this position since.

The East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District – Region I held its annual meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Laura Schellenberg from Nutoys Leisure Products, Inc. was the guest presenter for the meeting. An employee for Nutoys for II years, Laura represents Landscape Structures Playground Equipment. The company has practices in place in order to honor the environment and be proactive in recycling and reusing. As part of its sustainability programs, the company calculates the carbon footprint of each playsystem based

on the energy used during the manufacturing of the equipment. Landscape Structures has partnered with American Forests to plant over 350,000 trees to directly offset the carbon diox-

ide produced in the manufacturing of each of its playsystems and skateparks through the Global ReLeaf program.

Also at the meeting, Region I Advisory Committee member Pam Gildehaus reported on the e-cycle events the City of Washington held in April and October of 2017. City of Truesdale Clerk

MaryLou Rainwater provided an update on the city's drug take-back program.





During the holiday season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. In this spirit we say, simply and sincerely, Thank You Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Boonslick Regional Planning Commission

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission employee Dennis James will be retiring at the end of 2017. Dennis came to BRPC in 2011 to work temporarily in the Job Center resource room. The Job Center was extremely busy at this time, due to the recession, and extra help was needed to deal with the volume of customers. Dennis helped people register on the state of Missouri's Division of Workforce Development job search site. He assisted job seekers in their search for employment and also with creating resumes. In 2013, Dennis was asked to return for another temporary position. At this

time his responsibility was to specifically help individuals who were receiving extended unemployment benefits. In 2015, the Job Center had an opening for a Workforce Specialist for the WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker programs. Dennis was hired and has filled

With Dennis's upcoming departure, BRPC has hired Elisabeth (Elise) Daniels to be the new Workforce Specialist. Elise holds a Master of Business Administration and has over 20 years' experience in the field of resource development. She has shared that she has a passion for work that positively impacts people's lives. Elise's first day at BRPC was December 11. She is training at this point, then will begin working with Job Center customers and those enrolled in the Adult & Dislocated Worker programs. We welcome Elise

and extend our thanks and best wishes to Dennis in his retirement!

Goodbye and Welcome...



Dennis James



Elise Daniels

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2018 Meeting Dates

BRPC General Membership

- March 26, Noon
- June 25, Noon
- September 24, noon

BRPC Annual Meeting (Tentative)

• December 5, 5:30 p.m.

BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee

- February 15, 11:00 a.m.
- May 17, 11:00 a.m.
- August 16, 11:00 a.m.
- November 15, 11:00 a.m.

Region I Solid Waste Management District Annual Meeting

November 13, Noon

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS!

Bring your wrapping paper, boxes, lights and artificial trees to the East Central Missouri Recycling Center after the holidays.

24448 South Highway 47, Warrenton, Missouri Open Tuesday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon



Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

December

- **6** BRPC annual meeting, Warren County Administration Building, 5:30 p.m.
- Kelly Services hiring event for Bodine Aluminum, Job Center, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 14 Missouri Dept. of Corrections Hiring Event, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 20 Community Agencies in Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 BRPC closed in observance of Christmas Day
- 31 Region I Solid Waste Management District grant applications due

January

- I BRPC closed in observance of New Year's Day
- 15 BRPC closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 17 Community Agencies in Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Public Transit Human Service Transportation Coordination meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- Missouri Dept. of Corrections Hiring Event, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Job Center Workshop Calendar

The Missouri Job Center in Warrenton offers free workshops for job seekers each month. Please contact us at (636) 456-9467.

