

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2017

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

State Representative Bryan Spencer	Brett Colton, Office of Rep. Spencer	Hubert Kluesner, Warren County
Mike Clynych, City of Moscow Mills	Erik Maninga, MoDOT	Rich Daniels, Montgomery County
John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County	Dan Colbert, Lincoln County	Matt Bass, Lincoln County
Mike Mueller, Lincoln County	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	Roger Mauzy, Sr., Warren County
Michelle Schlenther, City of Warrenton	Dan Hampson, Warren County	Adell Jonas, City of New Florence
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg	Beth Ebbesmeyer, Office of Rep. Korman	State Representative Bart Korman
Christa Montgomery, Office of Cong. Luetkemeyer	Brendan Fahey, Office of Senator McCaskill	Chad Eggen, BRPC
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC	Jane Cale, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC
Kim Meyer, BRPC	Kelly Anders, BRPC	

Following lunch, Chairman Hubert Kluesner called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Christa Montgomery from the office of Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer and Brendan Fahey from the office of U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill each gave a brief legislative update.

Business Items

- Rich Daniels made a motion to approve the agenda. John Noltensmeyer seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- Ryan Poston made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2017 meeting. Roger Mauzy seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- A financial report was presented by Executive Director Chad Eggen. Dan Hampson made a motion to approve the financial report. Roger Mauzy seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Kluesner informed the group that City of Truesdale Mayor Murray Bruer has been facing some health issues and asked that all keep him in their thoughts. He also reminded everyone that the City of Marthasville would be having a celebration this week as part of the recognition of the city's 200 anniversary.

Guest Speakers

Guest speakers for the meeting were Representative Bart Korman and Representative Bryan Spencer. They gave a presentation recap of the legislative session, discussed pertinent issues related to the Boonslick region, and provided an overview of what is expected in Missouri moving forward.

Representative Korman shared that the budget was the primary focus for this session. He also discussed several bills that had been passed. HB93 provides a boost to the state's small businesses, including many in rural areas, by expanding eligibility for Missouri Works workforce training benefits. Small businesses that don't meet all of the program's criteria may pool together with businesses that do in order to receive benefits. Representative Korman provided an end of session report for those in attendance which contained information about a number of additional House and Senate bills.

Representative Bryan Spencer spoke about how the State of Missouri has been declining in businesses and population for the last 30 years. The Missouri Chamber of Commerce has indicated the belief that it should be a main focus of government to make Missouri more business friendly. Priorities include infrastructure, tax reform, and a trained workforce. With that in mind, Representative Spencer spoke about the need for more opportunities for technical training in Lincoln, Montgomery, Warren and western St. Charles counties. Several area employers have indicated they have jobs available for skilled individuals. Representative Spencer has been working with Representative Randy Pietzman to address this issue and begin discussion about the possibility of a new technical school and/or satellite programs in the area to teach these important skills. They have scheduled a meeting at 10:00 on June 22 at the Powell Library in Troy, Missouri with key stakeholders including local government officials, businesses, and educators.

Both representatives welcomed questions from the BRPC membership. During discussion on putting together a transportation task force, members who indicated interest were instructed to send letters to the Speaker of the House or the Senate Pro Tem.

Missouri Department of Transportation Area Engineer Erik Maninga reported the following:

- The deck replacement on Highway 61 in Lincoln County will begin next Monday.
- The Route H Bridge replacement will result in closures during construction.
- The Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission will be meeting in Clarksville on June 29.
- There will be lane restrictions on Highway 47 for the next several weeks.

Executive Director's Report / Program Updates

BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen gave the following program updates:

- MORIDES – Chad introduced Kelly Anders who has been hired as the new Mobility Manager. Kelly told the group that she will be visiting their communities and looks forward to meeting everyone. Chad mentioned that the Federal Transit Administration recently performed an audit of the program which went well.
- The BRPC Executive Board approved the organization's FY2018 budget at its work session on June 8, 2017.
- Job Center – The workforce development contracts have been approved.
- 2700 Miles of Art – We will get more information about this program soon. The focus will be at the county level and a book will contain stories for each county. It will link with the Missouri River Country project.
- Our Missouri Waters – There will be a meeting July 12 in Washington.
- On-site Septic Grant/Loan Program – 48 applications totaling \$720,000 have been received. Several projects are in construction. Staff is working with Missouri Department of Natural Resources to grant an extension due to the increased interest in the program.
- East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District – BRPC Project Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer explained how the District wanted to reach out and do something for outlying communities. This is being done by providing recycling education programs for school systems. Chuck has visited several schools to date and reported that he was encouraged by the students' awareness of and interest in recycling. He also gave a presentation for the Scenic Regional Library's recycling program. Staff from the East Central Missouri Recycling Center have been visiting the library to collect items for recycling brought in by children participating in the program. Chad reported that staff will be conducting interviews for the recycling center manager position soon.
- Revolving Loan Fund – Funds are available to provide gap financing. Recently, Righteous Rides received a loan for the purchase of a building in Truesdale. Righteous Rides plans to ramp up its business and go national.
- Transportation – The cost-share program is available which requires a 50% match. Marthasville and Warrenton have indicated interest in submitting applications.
- GIS Mapping Projects – Projects are being done for the City of High Hill and Montgomery County.

Local Government Issues

Chairman Kluesner invited those representing communities to share information if they would like to do so. Individuals representing the City of New Florence, City of Moscow Mills, City of Marthasville, City of Jonesburg, and City of Warrenton provided information and updates.

Next Meeting Date

The next BRPC general membership meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017

Adjournment

With no other business, David Lange made a motion to adjourn. Roger Mauzy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved on: _____

Hubert Kluesner, BRPC Chairman

Prepared by: _____
Jane Cale, BRPC Office Manager