

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Full Council Meeting – Monday, September 23, 2019

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, September 23, 2019 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Hubert Kluesner, Warren County	Denise Derks, MO DED - CDBG	Emmett Morris, U.S. Census Bureau
Michael Amantea, U.S. Census Bureau	Mark Cross, City of Troy	Dan Rowden, City of Wright City
Jennifer Meyer, Office of U.S. Senator Blunt	Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Economic Dev.	Gary Adams, City of Bellflower
Carla Ayala, Village of Innsbrook	Lindsey Alexander, Office of Senator Riddle	Erik Maninga, MoDOT
Eli McDonald, Lake Sherwood	Neil Fick, City of Warrenton	Steve Besemer, SEMA
Karen Gironde, City of Wright City	Jim Schuchmann, City of Wright City	Dan Hampson, Warren County
Joe Gildehaus, Warren County	John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County
Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg	Mike Mueller, Lincoln County	Matt Bass, Lincoln County
Joe Kaimann, Lincoln County	Dave Lange, City of Marthasville	Ben Gruender, Office of U.S. Senator Hawley
Sam Saffa, Office of U.S. Senator Hawley	Georgia Scarbrough, City of Middletown	Patrick Flannigan, City of Moscow Mills
Christa Montgomery, Office of Congressman Luetkemeyer		
Chad Eggen, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC	Cory Schmitt, BRPC
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC	Drew Struttman, BRPC
Jane Cale, BRPC	JoAnn Toerper, BRPC	

Hubert Kluesner called the meeting to order. Following the pledge of allegiance, Introductions were made. Jennifer Meyer from the office of U.S. Senator Roy Blunt, Lindsey Alexander from the office of Missouri Senator Jeanie Riddle, Sam Saffa from the office of U.S. Senator Josh Hawley, and Christa Montgomery from the office of Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer were in attendance and available to provide legislative updates for the BRPC membership.

MoDOT District Engineer Erik Maninga reported that MoDOT received an INFRA grant of approximately 80 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Transportation. This funding will be used to facilitate the construction of a new I-70 bridge at Rocheport and lanes at Minneola Hill. In addition, the Missouri State Legislature appropriated 50 million dollars to repair or replace 45 bridges in 2020. Erik thanked legislators, saying the funding was a big help. It will also free dollars for some of these projects that were already in the Statewide Transportation Planning Program to be used for additional projects.

Business

- David Lange made a motion to approve the agenda. Dan Rowden seconded the motion. Agenda approved.
- Dan Hampson mad a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2019 general membership meeting. Dan Rowden seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- A financial report was presented by Executive Director Chad Eggen (copy attached). He shared that the BRPC building had a lightning strike, so a claim was made to replace technical items that had been damaged. This resulted in an extra amount to pay the deductible on the insurance policy. Also, the MO Rides program showed a greater percent of its budget spent at this time due to development and launch of its new website and marketing materials.

Guest Presenters

- Mr. Michael Amantea and Mr. Emmett Morris from the U.S. Census Bureau presented information about the upcoming 2020 Census and the importance of a complete count. They shared that data determine decisions and dollars. The Census is important for self-governance and democracy, because the count determines the number of representatives a state will have and the number in the Electoral College. Also, funding for things such as grants and disaster relief are based on head count. The state already has a Complete Count Committee, and this is an important step for communities. A Complete Count Committee can educate residents about the importance of participating in the Census and also help identify hard-to-count populations. The Census Bureau will train these committees.

Following the presentation, BRPC Chairman Hubert Kluesner shared that members have expressed interest in Boonslick Regional Planning Commission taking the lead as the Complete Count Committee for our region. This would include staff, members of the BRPC Executive Board, and any general members who would like to assist. Sherry Meyer made a motion that BRPC serve as the Complete Count Committee for the Boonslick region. Ryan Poston seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

- Denise Derks from the Missouri Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant program spoke to the BRPC membership about CDBG disaster funding. This funding may be used for projects that address streets and drainage, but not housing or relocation. BRPC will have more information as it becomes available.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Chad Eggen pointed out that information is available from the National Association of Development Organizations and two pages were included in the meeting packets. He mentioned that BRPC Planner Krishna Kunapareddy serves on the National Council of Peers for Rural Planning Organizations of America. Director Eggen also shared that since BRPC became an IdahoGo site (August 2018), staff members have served 4,099 customers by fingerprinting for background checks.

Work Program Updates

The following updates were provided

- Workforce Development – Missouri Job Center Functional Leader Janet Hickey reported that outreach continues in the communities of Troy, Silex, Winfield, and Montgomery City. As a result, 6 youth have been enrolled in the Youth program. The job center saw 240 visitors during the month of August, and numbers have increased recently due to the GM strike. Janet also reported that several hiring events are scheduled, SkillUP funding is available, and staff will receive training in October.
- Hazard Mitigation – Planner Krishna Kunapareddy shared that a draft of the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan is completed
- Transportation – Krishna asked that the counties email a list of their transportation needs so that these can be prioritized at the November BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.
- Homeland Security – Planner Drew Struttmann reported that funding is available in Region C (which includes Lincoln and Montgomery counties), including \$53,000 that is available for Moswin radios.
- MO Rides – Mobility Manager Cory Schmitt reported that the MO Rides website has been updated with a new look that is cleaner and simpler.
- Revolving Loan Fund – Funding is available for business loans.
- Solid Waste Management District Administration – The East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District – Region I annual meeting will take place November 19, 2019.

Local Government Projects

The following updates were given by local officials:

- City of Moscow Mills Mayor Patrick Flannigan shared that the city is working on a sewer project and looking at completion by the end of October. A volunteer group has been put together to prepare for the city's Bicentennial celebration.
- City of Jonesburg Clerk Sherry Meyer reported that the city is working on a wastewater project and that two new businesses are coming to the community.
- City of Middletown Alderwoman Georgia Scarbrough reported that the City is in the middle of its demolition project, and that they have hired an engineer and are working on a preliminary report for a wastewater project.
- City of Marthasville Mayor David Lange shared that the city has completed its sewer project, is in talks with AT&T regarding a cell tower, and is wrapping up a TAP grant sidewalk project.
- City of Wright City Mayor Dan Rowden reported that the city is still working with BRPC on its plan update. The city is also working on a master street study and is working with an engineer on the master plan design of a new city park.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is the BRPC annual meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 and will be held in Lincoln County.

Adjournment

With no other business, David Lange 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