

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, December 7, 2020**

The membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission held its annual meeting Monday, December 7, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the desire to meet with appropriate social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held at the Warren County R-III High School Commons, 803 Pinckney Road, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present either in person or via Zoom:

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| Rich Daniels, Montgomery County | Dave Teeter, Montgomery County | Steven Deves, Montgomery City |
| Ryan Poston, Montgomery County | John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County | Doug Lensing, Montgomery County |
| Samuel Saffa, Office of Senator Hawley | Chris Watson, City of Truesdale | MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale |
| Patrick Flannigan, City of Moscow Mills | Dan Rowden, City of Wright City | Kathleen Trentmann, City of New Haven |
| Dan Hampson, Warren County | Matt Flake, Warren County | Joe Gildehaus, Warren County |
| David Lange, City of Marthasville | Eli McDonald, Lake Sherwood Estates | Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg |
| Fred Vahle, Region I SWMD Exec. Board | Stephanie Norton, Region I Exec. Board | Jodi Schneider, City of Troy |
| Gary Adams, City of Bellflower | Carla Ayala, Village of Innsbrook | Lon Little, Region I Exec. Board |
| Julie Ingoli, Region I Advisory Com. | Carolyn See, City of Wellsville | Erik Maninga, MoDOT |
| Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev. | Steve Besemer, SEMA | Jennifer Meyer, Office of Senator Blunt |

Hosei Maruyama, St. Louis Cardinals Facility Director – Guest Presenter

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| Chad Eggen, BRPC | Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC | Jane Cale, BRPC |
| Janet Hickey, BRPC | JoAnn Toerper, BRPC | Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC |
| Cindy Schwada, BRPC | Debbie Haverkamp, BRPC | Angie Scott, BRPC |
| Julie Prouhet, BRPC | Kim Meyer, BRPC | Christine Zika, BRPC |

Guest Speaker

Guest presenter for the meeting was St. Louis Cardinals Facility Director Hosei Maruyama. Mr. Maruyama's topic was the St. Louis Cardinals *4 A Greener Game* program through which the organization works to divert waste from landfills. He joined the Cardinals in 2004, and shared that he had moved from California where recycling was the norm. Shocked to find that not always the case in St. Louis, he often took items such as cardboard and aluminum to a drop-off spot himself.

In 2008, the Cardinals established *4 A Greener Game*. They started small, applied for grants to obtain some bins, and recycled using volunteers to collect and sort. The first year they diverted about 15% of waste generated at Busch Stadium. The program has since grown. In 2009, the Cardinals switched to LED lighting and in 2011 solar panels were installed to save energy. The organization promotes renewable energy. To save water, low flow plumbing fixtures were installed, and staff systematically clean the stadium, alternately hosing down areas and focusing on the areas in need of this cleaning.

Education is an important pillar of the *4 A Greener Game* program. A "Green Team" was established which consists of volunteers who attend ballgames and help in recycling efforts. Volunteers might be school, church, or business groups. They bring bags directly to fans to make it as easy as possible to recycle. The Cardinals began hosting a free e-waste event each year, giving participants vouchers for tickets to games. They emphasize the importance of "the 3 R's" – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Additional efforts to expand *4 A Greener Game* continue. Compost was added as an item to divert from the waste stream. To improve efficiency, the organization did a waste audit to identify waste of value that could be separated. In 2015, they received a grant to recycle aluminum. They began donating leftover food to food pantries and changed their processes to reduce waste by reducing the amount of food prepared.

The St. Louis Cardinals set a goal of diverting 40% of waste from the solid waste stream. They have reached and exceeded that goal, now at 41%. They see sustainability as a journey and would like to continue to grow.

Call to Order

Following the Region I Solid Waste Management District annual meeting, BRPC Vice Chairman Steven Deves called the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission annual meeting to order. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and had a moment of silence in honor of veterans and the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

MoDOT District Engineer Erik Maninga was attending via Zoom and gave a quick update. He reported that there was one ongoing project on I-70 and minor touchups on the Cuivre River Bridges on Highway 61. Samuel Saffa from the office of Senator Josh Hawley reported that it is hoped there will be a release of a COVID-19 relief package including direct payments and unemployment assistance. He also shared that Senator Hawley had signed a letter of support for the Trump administration's withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.

Business Meeting

- *Approval of agenda* – John Noltensmeyer made a motion to approve the agenda. David Lange seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- *Approval of minutes* – Dan Hampson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2019 annual meeting. Joe Gildehaus seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Election of Officers

Montgomery County Associate Commissioner John Noltensmeyer from the nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates for consideration to serve on the BRPC Executive Board:

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| Chairman: | Ryan Poston |
| Vice-chairman: | Steven Deves |
| Secretary | Chris Watson |
| Treasurer | Mike Mueller |
| Member | Patrick Flannigan |
| Member | Joe Gildehaus |

With no other nominations from the floor, Rich Daniels made a motion for nominations to cease. Dan Hampson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. Dan Hampson then made a motion that the slate of officers presented be elected to serve on the BRPC Executive Board. Rich Daniels seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Report of Activities

BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen took a moment to recognize several elected officials whose terms of service had ended or were about to end. This included: Warren County Associate Commissioner Hubert Kluesner (who also served for several years as BRPC Chairman), Warren County Associate Commissioner Dan Hampson, Montgomery County Associate Commissioner John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County Associate Commissioner Rich Daniels, City of Troy Mayor Mark Cross (who also served on the BRPC Executive Board), City of Elsberry Mayor Steven Wilch, and City of Hawk Point Mayor Robert Henebry. Director Eggen thanked all of these individuals for the many years they dedicated to representing their communities. BRPC has certificates of appreciation for each of them which he will deliver in person.

Director Eggen then thanked the BRPC staff for their work in assisting member communities in the Boonslick Region and provided a brief update of programs. BRPC had submitted an application and received funding through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This included \$1 million in funding for a Revolving Loan Fund for businesses. BRPC Economic Development Specialist Christine Zika reported (via Zoom) about the 3 projects related to the EDA CARES Act funding on which she will be working. They include the following:

- Missouri River Country – This area has seen decreased tourism due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Efforts will be made to increase the profile of the region with the hopes of increased foot traffic and local revenue.
- Assistance with economic development - Helping existing businesses address needs and grow; identifying additional business opportunities, creating a database of things the region has/needs to have.
- CARES Act RLF – Creation of a loan committee to work with businesses specifically affected by COVID-19. The application form is being updated and will be able to be filled out online.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the BRPC general membership is scheduled for March 29, 2021.

Adjourn

With no other business to conduct, Rich Daniels made a motion to adjourn. David Lange seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on _____

Ryan Poston, Chairman