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BRPC Bulletin

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## BRPC Annual Meeting

Gathering on December 1, 2021, Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) held its annual meeting. Everyone enjoyed fellowship, a great meal, and Christmas music. We hope you enjoy the photos below showing the group participating in a “creative” rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. BRPC Chairman Ryan Poston welcomed everyone and provided a moment for staff to introduce themselves and explain their roles in the organization. Executive Director Chad Eggen provided a brief overview of programs and upcoming funding opportunities. Please contact staff if your community has a need.



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## Director's Update

Time keeps on ticking...and another year comes to an end while a new one begins. As we shared with all of you who attended our Annual Meeting, we wanted to take time to say thank you for your continued support in 2021 and tell you that we appreciate you, your commitment, and participation in this organization.



Some of the projects that we have been working on include the Missouri Job Center and workforce development, Montgomery County planning, GIS mapping, Warren County TEAM, Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan, MO Rides and mobility management, transportation needs, comprehensive plans and economic development planning, Revolving Loan Funds, Missouri River Country, Homeland Security, and the East Central Missouri Recycling Center.

We continue to look for ways to bring employers, local organizations, and residents of the region together for jobs, work experiences, training, incentives, and opportunities. If you have interest or needs in any of these areas, or if you would like traffic counts or the speed trailer, contact us by phone, email, or in person at the office.

As a reminder, there are several rounds of grant funding prospects coming up for infrastructure, parks, trails, long term recovery, and housing demolition. Stay tuned for more information on ARPA funding for Broadband, Water, and Wastewater.

Each community has a staff member assigned to it as a community liaison. We'll be in touch with you and available to talk about projects, needs, financing, grants, and opportunities for your local communities. If you need someone to attend a meeting, then please don't hesitate to contact me at [ceggen@boonslick.org](mailto:ceggen@boonslick.org).

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events: the next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will be on February 17 and the March General Membership meeting will be held in person on March 28.

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## BRPC Hires New Planner—Welcome Linda Buschman



Linda J. Buschman joined the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) staff on December 1, 2021 as a planner. In this role, one of her main responsibilities will be working with the Region C Homeland Security Oversight Committee.

Linda comes to BRPC after retiring as Executive Director of Turning Point Advocacy Services. She has more than 27 years of experience in non-profit management and leadership; and has been involved with development and fundraising, grant writing and grants management, marketing and public relations, strategic planning, and executive leadership. Her career has allowed her to advance the mission of multiple non-profit organizations in the St. Louis region including Missouri Baptist Children's Home, BCI, the Innsbrook Institute, and The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri.

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### *Linda Buschman*

Linda holds undergraduate degrees in Music and English, and a graduate degree in Business Administration. When asked what brought her to BRPC she responded, "While I am retired from full-time non-profit work, I knew I still wanted to work and hopefully provide some guidance and direction to organizations within our region to further their efforts. We have lived in Warren County for 22 years and have watched as the community has grown. I'm excited to join the BRPC team and be a part of continuing to make our community and our region even stronger."

BRPC is excited about the skills and experience Linda will bring to the organization and its membership. She can be reached at [lbuschman@boonslick.org](mailto:lbuschman@boonslick.org) or by calling (636) 456-3473.

## Moscow Mills to Get New Warning Sirens

Working with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission and the State Emergency Management Agency, the City of Moscow Mills submitted a grant application for three new outdoor warning sirens. The city received the grant award in the amount of \$96,671.25 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and will provide a 25% required local match for the project.



Faced with two old sirens that had required costly repairs on multiple occasions and the need for an additional siren to provide coverage to the city's area of growth, officials made the decision to apply for the funding. The new sirens will provide residents with warnings regarding tornadoes, flooding, winter advisories, and disaster notifications. The city has selected Outdoor Warning Consultants as the vendor, and the installation is expected to be completed in the summer of 2022.

## Region I SWMD Holds Annual Meeting

The East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District-Region I, administered by Boonslick Regional Planning Commission, held its annual meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. The guest presenter for the event (via Zoom videoconference) was Jeffrey Brown of BrandBuilders LLC.



Organics make up 30% of the waste stream. Mr. Brown spoke about the importance of diverting this material from landfills and shared information about how his company has worked with several communities in the St. Louis area to promote organics waste collection. He had sent an example of a composter that can be used to convert kitchen and garden waste into "black soil". This compost can then be used in growing healthy plants.

Mr. Brown shared his website which contains educational videos and his contact information should any local governments be interested in working with his company on establishing an organics waste collection program in their community.

District Planner Chad Eggen highlighted some of the activities of the Region I SWMD including the following:

- The East Central Missouri Recycling Center has diverted more than 3,050 tons of material since opening.
- Improvements, including new fencing and storage containers were made at the recycling center. Chad thanked Warren County for their assistance with installation of these improvements.
- An educational display was placed at the recycling center during the week of Earth Day.
- Staff sent out information and placed a link on the District's website to pharmaceutical take-back and safe disposal locations in Missouri.
- Through newsletters, word of mouth, and information on the website, staff helped to market the Missouri DNR free pesticide collection which was held in Marthasville on September 25, 2021. It was a successful event with 82 participants and 12,419 lbs. of material collected. C.J. Plassmeyer, who works with the DNR Pesticide Collection Program shared, "The collection was very successful with the most participants ever at any one event. Thanks for all your help spreading the word for this event."
- The Region I SWMD FY2023 grant call will be going out, with applications due December 31, 2021.



If you have any questions about Region I SWMD activities, please feel free to contact Planner Chad Eggen at [ceggen@boonslick.org](mailto:ceggen@boonslick.org) or by calling (636) 456-3473.



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## Calendar of Events - Contact BRPC for More Information

### January

- 17 BRPC closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 19 Community Agency Partnership meeting (virtual), 9:30 a.m.

### February

- 11 BRPC closed in observance of Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Warren County Team meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 15 Region I SWMD Executive Board meeting, BRPC, 11:30 a.m.
- 16 Community Agency Partnership meeting (virtual), 9:30 a.m.
- 17 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 21 BRPC closed in observance of Presidents' Day

### March

- 16 Community Agency Partnership meeting (virtual), 9:30 a.m.
- 28 BRPC General Membership meeting, 12:00 p.m. Location to be determined.