

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Full Council Meeting – Thursday, June 23, 2022**

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, June 23, 2022 at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Patrick Flannigan, City of Moscow Mills  
Gary Adams, City of Bellflower  
Dena Saak, City of Wellsville  
Joe Gildehaus, Warren County  
Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.  
Doug Lensing, Montgomery County  
Jeffrey Niemeyer, MoDOT  
Chad Eggen, BRPC  
Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC  
Jane Cale, BRPC

Samantha Shelton, City of Hawk Point  
Jeff Porter, State Representative #42  
Jim Schuchmann, Wright City  
Michelle Heiliger, Wright City  
Donna West, Village of Innsbrook  
Megan Nutt, City of New Florence  
Brandie Walters, City of Warrenton  
Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC  
Kathy Bingham, BRPC

Matt Flake, Warren County  
David Lange, City of Marthasville  
Sam Saffa, U.S. Senator Josh Hawley  
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County  
Dave Teeter, Montgomery County  
David Ingle, City of New Florence  
Jeff Thomsen, Village of Innsbrook  
Christine Zika, BRPC  
Linda Buschman, BRPC

BRPC Chairman Ryan Poston called the meeting to order followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Poston suggested that the agenda be amended to have introductions and legislative reports follow items on which votes would be taken because some people attending indicated they might need to leave early.

**Agenda, Minutes & Financial Report**

- Joe Gildehaus made a motion to approve the suggested amended agenda. Gary Adams seconded the motion. Agenda approved.
- Gary Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting. David Lange seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen gave the financial report which included the FY2023 proposed budget. Director Eggen reported that the budget is conservative. Next year the organization will begin working on the DNR Watershed Plan which will be a 3-year project. There will be an increase in MoDOT funding for transportation planning and there has been an increase to the maximum level in state funding for planning. BRPC's contracts for workforce development programs have been renewed. Though the Northeast Workforce Development Board will merge with the Northwest, BRPC will still serve as a subcontractor for this area. The organization will add some small business development activities and there will be additional funding for homeland security. The main expense for the organization is for staff. At its June 9, 2022 meeting, the BRPC Executive Board voted to recommend approval of the organization's budget for FY23 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) to the BRPC full council. David Lange made a motion to approve the financial report and proposed FY2023 budget. Gary Adams seconded and the motion was approved.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Ryan Poston shared that the BRPC Executive Board has been meeting in various places in the region. The board held its June work session and meeting at Bethel Hills in Marthasville. Chairman Poston mentioned that many board members had not been aware of Bethel Hills and were impressed by the facility. He invited members to let the board know if they had a site at which they would like the board to meet and be able to see. At this time Executive Board member Joe Gildehaus mentioned that BRPC would be inviting the emergency management administrators from each county to membership meetings to give them a better idea of the kinds of grants that may be available.

**Approval of Title VI Plan**

Director Eggen reported that funding requirements stipulate that the organization's Title VI Plan be updated every 3 years. BRPC held a public hearing to gather any comments about the plan. No comments were received. BRPC MO Rides Program Administrator Kathy Bingham serves as the Title VI coordinator and trainer for new staff. Gary Adams made a motion to approve BRPC's updated Title VI Plan. David Lange seconded and the motion was approved.

**Introductions/Legislative Update**

Introductions were made at this time. Samuel Saffa from U.S. Senator Josh Hawley's office provided an update for the membership, briefly discussing gun legislation, inflation, and energy prices.

**2022 Legislative Session Recap**

State Representative Jeff Porter provided the following recap:

- After much work the Congressional Districts were redrawn for the state of Missouri. Representative Porter discussed some of the changes for the Boonslick region.
- There is still a wait for information on infrastructure and there may be some vetoes.
- Representative Porter discussed several bills and shared his support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

### **Boonslick Services and Assistance**

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission provides a wide variety of services and assistance for member communities. These include grant writing/administration, delivery of workforce programs, transportation planning, community planning, revolving loan funds for businesses, hazard mitigation planning, solid waste management planning and operation of the East Central Missouri Recycling Center, Homeland Security, mapping, traffic counts, and more. Staff made several posters showcasing some of the projects in the region. BRPC Planner Krishna Kunapareddy gave a brief overview of some of the organization's projects and services and encouraged member communities to contact BRPC with any need they might have.

### **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Update**

MoDOT Area Engineer Jeffrey Niemeyer gave a brief update regarding projects in the area. MoDOT started the paving project on Highway 61 North, as well as Highway 79 from Winfield to Old Monroe. They will push back work in Warren County until July or August. Bids came in over what was estimated for the New Florence overpass.

### **Work Program Updates**

- **Workforce Development** – BRPC staff has been attending meetings in Hannibal as we transition from working with the NEMO Workforce Development Board due to reorganization. Job Center staff will continue to provide outreach in Lincoln County at the Economic Development office, and also work to reach people through social media.
- **MO Rides Transportation Program** – Program Administrator Kathy Bingham reported that MO Rides has received over 686 calls year-to-date, and the website has had over 20,000 hits. BRPC is serving as part of a statewide taskforce to look at funding transportation needs.
- **Transportation** – BRPC continues to partner with MoDOT to provide transportation planning services in the region. A speed trailer is available for member communities to use to identify streets where speed may be a safety issue.
- **Revolving Loan Fund** – BRPC has provided business loans in the amount of \$662,000 to date. Recent loans include Maw Maw's Cupboard in Warrenton, Dairy Mart in Wellsville, Polecats Tree Service in Wright City, Yardbirds in Montgomery City, and Ozark Upholstery in Rhineland. There are two potential projects in Montgomery County. One involves the expansion of a current business which will bring 20 jobs. The other is a business moving to Montgomery County which would involve \$7 million in capital investment and bring 40 jobs.
- **Solid Waste Management Program** – Things are going well at the East Central Missouri Recycling Center. Funding is available through the Missouri DNR Scrap Tire grants. Applications are due July 15, 2022.
- **RPC Advantage** – Director Eggen shared that new information will be coming about this program and reminded members that BRPC staff is available for grant writing and to help with projects.
- **Homeland Security** – BRPC helps manage this program for Region C, working with first responders. Grant funding is available to assist communities in addressing needs.

### **Membership Updates**

- City of Wright City – The city is working on a 62-acre park and the access justification report for the Stracks Church interchange.
- City of Warrenton – The Highway 47 project is wrapping up. The city continues work to expand wastewater treatment capability. The sidewalk project along Veterans Memorial should start this year.
- Village of Innsbrook – The village is proceeding with the project to build a new Village Hall.
- City of Wellsville - The city is working on a grant for streets and will be submitting an application through the MoDOT Transportation Alternatives Program for sidewalks. The city is also starting work to secure funding for a storm shelter.
- City of Marthasville – The city will finish its deep well project early next week. They will be looking at a system to monitor wells. The city will be announcing that Scenic Regional Library will have a branch in Marthasville and the city is working on purchasing ground.
- City of Bellflower – The city continues to look for funding to address issues.
- City of New Florence – The city is continuing with engineering regarding wastewater.
- City of Moscow Mills – The city is contracting for water lines for the new fire house. A new well is in progress and the city should go out for bid in 60 days.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next BRPC general membership meeting will be September 26, 2022.

### **Adjournment**

David Lange made a motion to adjourn. Gary Adams seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Ryan Poston, BRPC Chairman