

**BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Full Council Meeting – Monday, March 27, 2023**

The general membership of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission met Monday, March 27, 2023, at the BRPC office, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri at 12:00 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Matt Flake, Warren County	Kelli Clodfelter, Warren Co. Pathfinders	David Ingle, City of New Florence
Joe Kaimann, Lincoln County	Matt Bass, Lincoln County	Mike Mueller, Lincoln County
Patrick Flannigan, City of Moscow Mills	Morgan Corder, Office of Senator Schmitt	Joe Gildehaus, Warren County
Jim Schuchmann, City of Wright City	David Lange, City of Marthasville	Larry Corder, City of Warrenton
Brandie Walters, City of Warrenton	Gary Adams, City of Bellflower	Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.
Ben Gruender, Office of Senator Hawley	Doug Lensing, Montgomery County	Ryan Poston, Montgomery County
Michelle Heiliger, City of Wright City	Dave Teeter, Montgomery County	Christa Montgomery, Office of Cong. Luetkemeyer
Teresa Lee, BRPC	Dawn Mowery, BRPC	Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC
Kathy Bingham, BRPC	Linda Buschman, BRPC	Chris Walch, BRPC
Ashley Shelby, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC	Jane Cale, BRPC

BRPC Chairman Ryan Poston called the meeting to order followed by the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

**Agenda, Minutes & Financial Report**

- David Lange made a motion to approve the agenda. David Ingle seconded the motion. Agenda approved.
- David Lange made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2022, general membership meeting. David Ingle seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- BRPC Fiscal Officer Kim Meyer gave the financial report and provided information regarding revenues and expenditures, a balance sheet, and account balances for the organization. She invited those in attendance to let her know if they had any questions. Mike Mueller made a motion to approve the financial report. Dave Teeter seconded, and the motion was approved.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Ryan Poston shared that the BRPC Executive Board has been working through issues and thanked the staff.

**Guest Presenter**

Warren County Pathfinders (formerly Warren County Handicapped Services) Executive Director Kelli Clodfelter was the guest presenter for the meeting. Pathfinders serves individuals who have developmental disabilities. It began as a day care in a small house. The organization had a growing need for more space in order to provide additional programs and serve more people. Kelli reached out to BRPC and explained the need. BRPC staff wrote and submitted a Community Development Block Grant application, securing funding in the amount of \$500,000 for construction of a new facility. Warren County sponsored the project. Kelli shared that the process was difficult at times and that they could not have done it without BRPC.

The new facility allowed Pathfinders to grow and become more visible. They are able to provide day programs and camps for many more individuals in the area. Kelli explained that these services are extremely valuable for not only the program participants, but also the families. One important thing is that the services allow parents the opportunity to work, helping families be more successful. Kelli would like to see continued growth for Pathfinders, including a respite house, a behavioral center, and eventually an integrated child care center.

Kelli thanked BRPC for the work done on the project, sharing that BRPC staff handled all the work so Pathfinders staff could stay focused on their mission.

**Work Program Updates**

Land & Water Conservation Fund grants – The City of Elsberry park project is in progress. The City of Warrenton proposed project is in the application stage and has gone through the first screening.

- The Village of Rhineland has been awarded Community Development Block Grant funding for a long-term recovery project which will improve streets and drainage.
- BRPC Planner Linda Buschman is working on comprehensive plans for the communities of Truesdale and Moscow Mills.
- BRPC has been working with the Department of Economic Development Office of Broadband Development. A meeting was hosted last fall to gather community input. A second meeting will be held in mid to late May, perhaps in Troy.
- Affordable Connectivity is a program through FCC which helps eligible households with internet costs. Recently, BRPC was awarded a grant to educate communities about the program and get people signed up so they can take advantage of it.
- BRPC Project Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer reported that the City of Jonesburg wastewater project is finishing up. A small demolition project to take down 5 houses in the City of Elsberry will be starting. Also, Elsberry has new funding through ARPA for a wastewater project.

- BRPC Workforce Development Director Dawn Mowery reported that the Job Center is offering workshops, including a resume workshop for high school students. The staff continues to work with local businesses. Program enrollment is growing, with several individuals receiving training.
- BRPC MO Rides Program Administrator Kathy Bingham shared that MO Rides received 350 calls and the website has had 12,000 hits this year. She continues to get word out about the statewide program.
- BRPC Executive Director Teresa Lee introduced Ashley Shelby who is the organization's new planner who will be working with transportation programs. Teresa reported that MoDOT is looking at revising the timeline for unfunded needs that were a high priority. New funding will be spent on projects which have increased in price due to inflation. Information about TAP grants for things such as sidewalks and trails will come out in July.
- BRPC can help communities with traffic counts and has a speed trailer available for use.
- BRPC Planner Linda Buschman discussed the Revolving Loan Fund. Loans are available which provide gap financing to area businesses. The maximum amount of funding is \$150,000. This is not "free" money. Interested businesses must complete a loan application.
- Solid Waste Management – East Central Missouri Recycling Center Manager Chris Walch reported that the facility has been cleaned up and everything is going well. We continue to get products. There have been a couple of changes. The recycling center no longer takes 3-7 plastics or alkaline batteries.
- BRPC Planner Linda Buschman shared information about the Homeland Security program which BRPC oversees. Missouri was the first state after 9-11 to have the program in place and it's in its 18<sup>th</sup> year. Our region serves 7 counties, including Lincoln and Warren. Entities work together and can provide a combined response in the event of an act of terrorism or natural disaster with both people and equipment. Grants should be opening in mid to late April.

### **Legislative Reports**

Morgan Corder from the office of Senator Schmitt, Ben Gruender from Senator Hawley's office, and Christa Montgomery from Congressman Luetkemeyer's office were in attendance to provide updates.

### **Membership Updates**

- Montgomery County – Work is being done to rehab the Courthouse.
- City of Bellflower – The city is working with BRPC on an emergency siren grant.
- City of Moscow Mills – The city has worked on water projects and has a new fire station.
- City of Marthasville – The city has closed out a demolition project which took care of 7 houses. They are accepting bids for the demolition of an old water tower.
- Wright City – Earth was moved on a park project. The city is pursuing grants. There are challenges with the road to the new high school. AFG made a \$2 million donation to the high school for the football field. The city's First Friday events will kick off on May 5.
- Village of Rhineland – The village is working on a park project.
- New Florence – The I-70 overpass rehab project will be going on in the next 18 months. Water meters have been changed out for the town. Next the city will work on gas. Hopefully, wastewater treatment work will get started this fall.
- Warren County – The county is looking at transportation issues in the area. Costs for projects has increased.
- City of Warrenton – Work will be done on the downtown area to address ADA compliance. The city-wide yard sale will take place on May 6. A cleanup will be done for the community on May 13.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be the BRPC general membership meeting in June.

### **Adjournment**

Patrick Flannigan made a motion to adjourn. Gary Adams seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Ryan Poston, BRPC Chairman**