



**Southwest Missouri
Council of Governments**

**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 23, 2010
9:00 a.m.
Library Station, Frisco Room
Springfield, MO**

Attendance

Members:

John Rice
Julie Ruscha
Dana Louderbaugh
Ed Westerman
Ron Mersch
Gail Noggle
Chris Coulter
Kenneth Bacon
Garrett Anderson
Cindy Stephens
Bill Marshall
John Homer
Gerald "Jerry" Christensen
Howard Fisk
Dennis F. Wood
Mike Chipman
Ron Potter
Brian Bingle

Guests/Partner Agencies:

David Rauch
Eric Kellstadt
Julie Zibert
Bill Cheek
Jeff Seifried
Stacy Burks
Gary Tate
Tim Conklin
Frank Miller
Michele Garand
Jan Simmons

Staff:

Jane Hood
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
Diane May
Dan Watts

Open Meeting

Bill Marshall called the meeting to order. Introductions made.

Approval of June 23, 2010 Agenda

Cindy Stephens moved and Chris Coulter seconded to add Jan Simmons from the Community Betterment of Missouri to the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Mike Chipman moved and Dana Louderbaugh seconded the motion to approve the revised June 23, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of May 26, 2010 Minutes

Dana Louderbaugh moved and Cindy Stephens seconded motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Missouri Community Betterment Organization—Jan Simmons

The MCB works to improve the quality of life to communities through community development planning and implementation. The education fund is a non-profit organization made up of state and federal agencies, public utilities, businesses, organizations and individuals. They set the policies of the organization and develop and host the annual awards competition and plan and execute the annual meeting. MCB is a 501C3. MCB serves the entire state. Participation in the MCB shows that a community has a central position to work from and helps with obtaining grants related to community betterment. MCB is an inclusive process that invites all members of a community to be a part of the planning process. MCB highlights participation at their annual conference and in their awards program. They provide many frameworks for community planning and betterment including SWOT analysis and strategic planning; Ms. Simmons passed out multiple flyers and made her PowerPoint presentation available.

Legislative Reports

David Rauch, Senator Claire McCaskill's Office

Primary issue in the Senate right now is the Extender Bill. This a bill that combines many programs that need to be extended past their expiration dates. COBRA benefits, various tax credits, unemployment benefits among many others are part of this bill. The cost of this bill is \$120 billion. How to pay for the extender bill is the bulk of the debate involved. Mr. Rauch attended a meeting of the Hwy 65 coalition meeting. One of the questions raised at this meeting is how to pay for transportation funds. A representative of the Missouri Transportation Alliance was in attendance at this meeting. Senator McCaskill continues to support a cap on discretionary spending. On July 9th a ground breaking will be held for a table rock visitor center.

Stacy Burks, Senator Kit Bond's Office

The Senator continues to work on the Highway Bill; however, this will probably not be passed during the Senator's tenure. The last bill went through 20 extensions. Senate is in gridlock at this time over the Extender Bill. There is a call to pull partisan measures out of the bill in order to get this bill passed. A question was asked about EPA regulations on lead paint. Ms. Burks responded that the law is passed; however, EPA is not enforcing the regulation at this time. This law regulates how lead paint is removed from older homes.

Business Meeting

Election of Officers—Bill Marshall

Chair: Ken Bacon

Vice Chair: Nancy Edson

Secretary/Treasurer: Cindy Stephens

Howard Fisk moved and Jeff Seifried seconded to accept the nomination. Motion carried.

Appointment of Executive Committee

Dana Louderbaugh moved and Mike Chipman seconded to accept the members of the executive Committee.

Appointment/Re-appointment of the Non-Governmental Board Members

John Rice brought up that Mark Dixon has not been available or attending meetings for quite some time. No one has been able to contact Mr. Dixon. Ms. Diane May suggested that we send a letter to him asking him whether he wants to continue, but a replacement is needed. Cindy Stephens suggested that contacting the NAACP might be a good place to start for a replacement.

Dana Louderbaugh moved and Chris Coulter seconded to approve the non-governmental board members as presented. Motion Carried.

Re-appointment of TAC Members

Cindy Stephens moved and Chris Coulter seconded to approve the TAC members as presented. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

Approval of Proposed FY-2011 Budget—Diane May

Ms. May reported that some adjustments may have to be made when June is added. First page is budget to actual through May. This sheet includes all expenditures including the pass through funds. The second page includes all expenditures with the pass through funds removed. A few minor changes have been made since the May meeting. The anticipated revenues have changed from the May meeting; we have added the Rockaway Beach project. Anticipated expenditures have been lowered by approximately 2,000 dollars due to an item being double counted. We corrected that. Equipment repair and maintenance has been increased from 500 to 1,000 dollars due to the acquisition of the new copier. Salaries and wages have had no change in three years. David Faucett has been added to the salaries. Additionally there was an increase in the stipend for Graduate Assistance.

Howard Fisk moved and Dana Louderbaugh seconded to accept the FY 2011 budget. Motion carried.

Transportation Report—Dan Watts

Mr. Watts is currently working on updating the website with transportation needs and preparing for the upcoming transportation needs meeting. Staff is working on a low-water bridge inventory in Barry county. We are also working on a sidewalk inventory/needs process in Polk County. The work program has been presented to MoDOT for approval.

Homeland Security Regionalization Program

The expenses for 2008 are almost all submitted. All monies most likely will be spent. The 2009 funding is beginning. There are no handouts available yet, but we are in the process of getting purchase agreements. The tornado safe room in Buffalo is almost complete.

Economic Development Planning Program—Jane Hood

A Save the Date for the Elected Officials Training has been sent out. Richard Sheets from the Missouri Municipal League will be presenting again this year. The date is July 29th and will be held at the Chamber in Springfield. We expect a large turnout for this workshop. Non-elected officials are also encouraged to attend. We are also working on developing websites for communities in the region. Butterfield has expressed interest in developing a website. There is no price for the initial development and hosting/maintaining the site is a minimal cost.

Director's Report

MACOG Activities Update

We are looking into writing the hazard plans for the rural electric cooperatives. SMOG has five cooperatives in our area. One of those will be done by SCOCOG. This proposal has been sent to SEMA for approval.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates Status

We are waiting for word on the Webster County project. AMEC was formally doing the review work for SEMA but they did not get their contract reviewed. Polk, Dallas and Dade will have meetings in the next couple of weeks.

Water Quality 604B Grant Status Update

Surveys are ready to go via mail or email. We are asking a couple of communities to review the survey and let us know if it is understandable. The survey is in an Excel table and can be filled out online.

Other Business

Partner Agency Reports

Frank Miller, MoDOT District 8

There will be a ribbon cutting for the Highway 65 completion at Buffalo. The diverging diamond will be open July 10th at James River and National. New STIP is going to the Commission in July. Scoping projects have been added to the STIP in order to get better idea of the costs on larger corridor projects that were identified in the statewide investment process.

Eric Kellstadt, MoDOT District 7

No lettings until September. The BRO account balances are still available at this time.

Tim Conklin, Ozarks Transportation Organization

OTO is updating the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Six public input meetings have been completed throughout the region. OTO is also preparing the Transportation Improvement Plan and will go to the board in August. We continue to monitor the EPA regulations on Clean Air.

Gary Tate, Missouri Career Center, Ozark Region

We applied for some excess TANF money and that has been approved. Bill Smiley has been voted as new chairman of the board.

Meeting Adjourned.

Cindy Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved