



**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Meyer Alumni Center Conference Room**

**ATTENDEES:** Cindy Stephens, Duane Lavery, Todd Wiesehan, Steve Childers, Allen Kunkel, Jerry Harman and Chris Coulter  
Staff: Jason Ray, Jane Hood, and Courtney Pinkham

**Open Meeting** – Cindy Stephens

**1. Approval of April 9, 2024, Agenda** - Cindy Stephens

Jason asked to change Item 3 from Bank Transfers to Approval of RLF Resolution.

*Motion made by Allen Kunkel and seconded by Chris Coulter to approve the April 9, 2024, Amended Agenda. Motion carried.*

**2. Approval of March 12, 2024, Minutes** – Cindy Stephens

*Motion made by Chris Coulter and seconded by Duane Lavery to approve the March 12, 2024, Minutes. Motion carried.*

**3. RLF Resolution** – Included in the meeting packet. Jason Ray

*Jason explained the RLF committee approved the Kobe Club application for RLF funds. This is the Resolution required from the Executive Committee. Motion made by Allen Kunkel and seconded by Jerry Harman to approve the RLF Resolution. Motion carried.*

**4. Approval Marionville Comprehensive Plan Agreement** – Included in the meeting packet.

Jason Ray

*Motion made by Steve Childers and seconded by Allen Kunkel to approve the Marionville Comprehensive Plan Agreement. Motion carried.*

**5. Approval Greene County Housing Study Contract** – Included in the meeting packet. Jason

Ray

*Received 5 or 6 proposals. Some were very large companies. Motion made by Todd Wiesehan and seconded by Steve Childers to Approve Greene County Housing Study Contract. Chris Coulter abstained. Motion carried.*

**6. Approval Bolivar LMI Survey Contract**– Included in the meeting packet. Jason Ray Duane Lavery asked to amend the contract period start date from March 20, 2041, to March 20, 2024.

*Motion made by Duane Lavery and seconded by Steve Childers to Approve the amended Bolivar LMI Survey Contract. Motion carried.*

**7. 2024 – 2025 Non-Governmental Board Positions** – Included in the meeting packet. Jason Ray

Jason discussed this was the appropriate time to review and make any changes. Jason would like to see a representative for housing. The group discussed that it would be best for Non-Governmental Representatives be the entity, and then they send a representative of their choice, instead of appointing an individual. Jason is going to review and ensure that we can make this change. Steve Childers mentioned adding someone involved in housing, and Jason suggested OACAC. Allen Kunkel recommended having CPO involved. Cindy recommended the International Institute and the Multicultural Business Association.

**8. Program/Project Updates** –Jason Ray

-Jason stated that the last time we met he had been told that our move to campus was set to be 12/13/2024. Jason has since spoken to the Architect and they are behind by 6 months, so they are looking for a temporary space. Jason suggested extending the Levy-Wolf building, but he received no response. Chris mentioned they would have space in their space in the Cox North Tower.

-We closed on our first RLF today. We had an issue with Great Southern Bank when we tried to get automatic payments set up for borrower. Our funds have been labeled as public funds, but they have not been handled as such, which means they need to add extra securities. Jason is working out with them the correct definition of public funds and if that applies to us. We have other applicants we are working with.

-We have some significant projects with the Branson area from the second round of CDBG disaster recovery funds DR4317: 6 affordable housing projects, Two projects with Elevate Branson, one for the public infrastructure and one for the housing. We are waiting for the Branson City Council to pass 16 resolutions for this.

-Missouri Tech Corporation Regional Node Planning Grant project wrapping up. We will be sharing our findings on 4/19 at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

-Still working on several comprehensive plans.

-Show Me Christian County asked us to help on a CDBG project with an EDA component.

**9. Other Business**

**10. Adjourn**