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**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments**

**Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December, 1, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**MO Job Center, 2900 E. Sunshine St., Springfield, MO**

**Attendance:**

**Members**:

Chris Coulter- Greene County

Anna Evans – Show Me Christian Co

Andy Novinger – Anderson Engineering

Cindy Stephens – OTC

Becky Baltz – TREKK Design

Cary Charles – OTC

Howard Fisk – Fisk Transportation

Todd Wiesehan – Christian County

Hollie Elliott – Dallas Co Economic Dev

Crystal Warren – Fair Grove

Dane Seiler – CJW Transportation

Joel Hornickel – Branson

Stan Whitehurst – Webster County

Randy Owens – Webster County

Dana Louderbaugh – Fair Grove

John Forrester – Allgeier, Martin

Callie Linville – City Utilities

Jared Rasmussen – Olsson

Sam Rost – Marshfield

Hank Smythe – Stone County

Stephen Short – Fair Grove

Lindsay Reichart – Paragon Architecture

Ken McClure – Springfield

Duane Lavery - GroMarshfield

Grant Selvey – Lawrence County

Jacob Marler – Ash Grove

Allen Kunkel - MSU

Brendan Griesemer - Springfield

Cindy Robbins – Nixa

Jake Phillips - Branson

Jon Holmes - Aurora

Bob Senninger – Lawrence County

Jason Haymes – Mt. Vernon

Mark Maples – Stone County

Jay Wynn – CJW Transportation Consultants

Nancy Edson – Esterly, Schneider

Neil Brady – Bartlett & West

Steve Schultz – Bartlett & West

Shawn Barry – Toth & Assoc

Jennifer Wilson – N-FORM

Jerany Jackson – Great River Engineering

Jerry Harman – Kimberling City

Joe Kelly – Mt. Vernon

John Montgomery – Ozark Greenways

Kathy Smith – N-FORM

Max Springer – Mt. Vernon

Matt Miller – Toth & Assoc.

Ralph Phillips – Christian County

Tim Selvey – Lawrence County

Steve Seaton – Hurley

Tina Didreckson – Crane

Tyler Barnes – Toth & Assoc

Wayne Blades – Stone County

Robin Rees – Oak Star Bank

Steve Childers – Ozark

David Roush – Billings

Gail Noggle – Econ Development Alliance

Rick Davis – Pleasant Hope

**Partners and Guests**:

Erin Engelmeyer – Sen. Hawley’s Office

Steve Campbell - MoDOT

Jeremy Pruett – Congressman Long’s Office

Mike Ussery – Congressman Long’s Office

Stacy Reese – MoDot

Stacy Burks – Red Cross

Natasha Longpine - OTO

Ron Seyl – MoDED

Sara Fields - OTO

Alex Cobb - SeniorAge

Andy Schiller – MO DNR

Drew Cannon – Congresswoman Vicki Hartzler

Mary Rajek - MoDED

Sonya Anderson – Sen. Blunt’s Office

Rob Hunt - MoDNR

Theresa Sampaio – Mo DED

Ronda Burnett – MDC

**Staff:**

Jason Ray

Jane Hood

Avery Knese

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

Aishwarya Shrestha

Thomas Cunningham

Lexi Mason

Courtney Pinkham

Hanna Schinstock

Ryan Smith

**Introductions** – Todd Wiesehan

**Guest Speaker** – Senator Roy Blunt

**Open Business Meeting**

Call to Order – Todd Wiesehan

Approval of December 1, 2021 Meeting Agenda—Todd Wiesehan

Todd announced that the Agenda would need to be amended. Jason Ray shared that Item # 4 would need to go to # 5 and #4 would need be replaced with the Approval of a Transfer between SMCOG bank accounts for EDA Partnership Planning Program.

*Howard Fisk motioned to approve making those changes including moving the Guest Speaker to the top of the Agenda. Seconded by Cindy Stephens. Motion Carried*.

Approval of October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes— Todd Wiesehan

*Stan Whitehurst motioned, and Howard Fisk seconded to approve the Minutes for the October 27, 2021 meeting. Motion Carried.*

**Legislative Reports**

**-Dan Wadlington** -Senator Blunt’s Office

No updates since Senator Blunt updated us as our Guest Speaker.

**-Erin Engelmeyer –** Senator Hawley’s Office

The Senate is debating this week the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Looking at 25 different amendments. Senator has an amendment to the House version which changes the Draft to include women. Senator Hawley’s amendment would make the Draft optional for women to serve.

-**Jeremy Pruett** – Congressman Long’s Office

Last year the congressman co-sponsored Bills HR4227 & HR4229 that would make it illegal for broadband companies to falsify their broadband maps and the Broadband Deployment Accuracy & Technological Availability Act. Both were passed last April.

**-Drew Cannon –** Congresswoman Vicki Hartzler’s Office

Government funding and debt ceiling will both expire on 12/3/21. There is a bill that would allow ARPA funds to be spent on transportation projects. It would allow up to 30% or $10million whichever is greater. That may end up in the Continuing Resolution (CR).

**Business**

1. Approval of Wayne Blades to replace Mark Maples on the Executive Committee – Jason Ray

Stone County Presiding Commissioner Mark Maples has resigned from the Executive Committee and it has been recommended that he replaced by Stone County Commissioner Wayne Blades.

*Jerry Harmon motioned and Sam Rost seconded to Approve Wayne Blades to replace Mark Maples on the Executive Committee. Motion carried.*

2. Approval of RLF Service Agreement with City of Springfield, MO – Jason Ray

SMCOG received two proposals to provide loan services, process loan applications, issue credit memos, and make recommendations to our loan review committee. Those were from the City of Springfield and New Growth, a community development corporation located in Clinton, MO. They were similar, however, the City of Springfield’s portfolio looks similar to what the EDA loans would look like where as the New Growth is more micro loans. The cost was almost identical between the two organizations and Springfield is here as New Growth is 1 ½ hours away. Therefore, SMCOG staff is recommending the Springfield RLF Agreement which was in the packet that was handed out.

*Sam Rost motioned and Howard Fisk seconded to Approve an RLF Service Agreement with City of Springfield, MO. Motion carried.*

3. Approval to Engage Kutak Rock LLP for Legal Representation and Review of RLF Application and Loan Documents – Jason Ray

Kutak Rock would review the loan application and documents and provide legal memo of certification which is required by EDA. They estimate the review would cost no more than $4000.

Tracy Slagle motioned and Howard Fisk seconded. Howard then aked if the City of Springfield approves of Kutak Rock. Jason said that has not been discussed with the City and the Kutak Rock attorney who specializes in this is in their Kansas City office. Howard said he would feel more comfortable using a firm that the city has experience with and one that is local. Discussion held and others agreed to have Jason check with the City of Springfield to see if they have a list of firms they work with.

*Tracy Slagle withdrew the motion. Jonas Arjes made a motion to table the motion to the next meeting and Howard Fisk seconded the motion. Motion carried with Howard Fisk abstaining.*

4. Approval of a Transfer between SMCOG General bank account and EDA Partnership Planning Program bank account – Jason Ray

The Executive Committee approved a transfer from SMCOG/EDA Partnership Planning checking account to the SMCOG General checking account at Great Southern. The amount that was approved was the wrong amount of $35,593.66. This was 100% of expenses for April thru June and EDA only covers 70% of expenses.

The request is to transfer the correct amount of $24, 915.56 (70%) from the SMCOG/EDA Partnership checking account to the SMCOG General checking account.

*Stan Whitehurst motioned and Sam Rost seconded to Transfer $24,915.56 from the SMCOG/EDA Partnership checking account to the SMCOG/General checking account. Motion carried.*

5. Program Updates – Jason Ray

Program Update Report was emailed out prior to meeting. Staff reviewed the updates.

**Partner Updates**

**-MO Dept of Transportation** – Steve Campbell

**-Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO)** – Sara Fields

**-MO Dept of Natural Resources –** Andy Schiller & Rob Hunt

**–MO Dept of Conservation** – Ronda Burnett

**-MO Dept of Economic Development –** Theresa Sampaio & Mary Rajek

**-SeniorAge-** Alex Cobb

**-American Red Cross** – Stacy Burks

**Adjourn**

*Steve Childers motioned, and Hank Smythe seconded. Motion Carried.*

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Todd Wiesehan, Secretary/Treasurer Date Approve