



**Southwest Missouri  
Council of Governments**

**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, June 24, 2009  
9:00 a.m.  
Library Station, Frisco Room  
Springfield, MO**

**Members:**

Chris Coulter-Greene County  
Cindy Stephens – OTC  
Robert Walster – Lawrence County  
Ed Westerman – Clever  
Gail Noggle-Republic  
Nancy Edson-Rogersville  
Brian Bingle-Nixa  
John Homer - Pleasant Hope  
Raeanne Presley-Branson  
Ken Miller—Strafford  
Bill Marshall- Dade County  
Chris Coulter – Greene County  
Howard Fisk-Fisk Limo  
Garrett Anderson-Branson E.D.

**Guests:**

Dawne Gardner – MoDOT  
Eric Kellstadt – MoDOT  
Steve McIntosh – Congressman Blunt  
Stacey Burks-Senator Kit Bond’s Office  
Jeff Seifried – OREP  
Rhonda Headland – MDC  
Chris Berndt-SMESO  
Natasha Longpine – OTO  
Tim Conklin – OTO  
David Rauch – Senator McCaskill

**Staff:**

Anita Davis  
Jane Hood  
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

**Open Meeting**

Chris Coulter called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

**Approval of June 24, 2009 Agenda**

*?? moved and ?? seconded the motion to approve the June 24, 2009 meeting agenda. Motion carried.*

**Approval of May 27, 2009 Minutes**

*?? moved and ?? seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.*

## **Legislative/Partner Agency Reports:**

**Stacy Burks, Senator Bond's Office:** (Do not have report due to malfunction of tape recorder).

### **Steve McIntosh, Congressman Blunt's Office**

Transportation is a major issue in each county. Financing is a major issue. Health Care reform may be falling apart this year. Congressman Blunt led the task force on health care reform this year. The question of how to lower health care is being addressed. The House takes up the Homeland Security Bill. Defense authorization act

### **David Rauch, Senator McCaskill's Office**

Appropriations process is starting. Highway discussion on the House side is looking at a \$500 million package with \$50 million going to high speed rail. This is a long way from resolution. \$3.65 billion has been identified for sewer, drinking water etc. Would be a 119% increase over '09 funding. Health Care and Cap and Trade are the big issues facing Congress right now. Senator McCaskill is chairman on contracting oversight. SEMA is hosting meetings throughout the area on disaster declarations.

### **Valerie Robinson, MoDNR**

There is a big transition at the agency. This is moving slowly. New budget starts in July. DNR hopes to continue the Ombudsman Program. There is a renewed emphasis on working at the lakes with inspections and working on water quality. There is discussion occurring about septic tanks.

### **Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8**

Diverging diamond is now open at Kansas Expressway and I44 interchange. Some work remains but will be completed by July 7<sup>th</sup> for the official opening. This is the first one in the U.S. This project design saved considerable money versus a traditional design fix. ARRA projects are moving ahead on schedule.

### **Eric Kellstadt, MoDOT District 7**

Slow time of year for lettings for District 7. Route 60 project should start construction by mid-July.

### **Tim Conklin, Ozark Transportation Organization:**

STP urban funding recipients are making their deadlines. OTO is working with City Utilities on a working group for transit lines and whether they can be modified to increase efficiencies. OTO is working with MoDOT on ride-share issues.

### **Ronda Headland, Missouri Department of Conservation:**

National Wetlands plan is currently being updated. Last plan in Missouri was completed in 1989. Missouri is often the model for wetland management. Fishery personnel are working on national fish habitat partnership initiatives. Hopefully this will result in increased federal funding.

## **Business**

### **Financial Report, Jane Hood**

Financial report for the end of the year is not out at this time. We will have something more to report at the next meeting.

### **FY-2010 Executive Committee Nominations, Jane Hood**

Per the Bi-Laws, officers need to be elected in the month of June.

Chair: Bill Marshall

Vice Chair: Chris Coulter

Secretary Treasurer: Cindy Stephens

Past Chair: Billy Dryer

Members: Dana Louderbaugh

Nancy Edson

Jeff Seifried

*Howard Fisk moved and Brian Bingle seconded the motion to approve the FY-2010 Executive Committee. Motion Carried.*

### **Transportation Program: Jane Hood**

Dan Watts couldn't be here due to an illness. We received word from MoDOT central office that the Transportation Work Program has been accepted.

### **Homeland Security Update, Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren**

Copy of the procurement status is available for 2007. We have received an extension due to the end of the year having troubles getting requisitions through. Most of the expenses are obligated with a balance of around \$40,000. For 2008 we have the paperwork and everything signed we are now waiting for an account number. We will be purchasing more items but it will be for a less amount. The 2009 money has been approved for Missouri. We are receiving \$11,272,000. The October RHSOC meeting is now going to be a large event that will be held at the fairgrounds. Purchased equipment will be showcased. It will be an all day event.

### **Economic Development/Interim Director Report, Jane Hood**

Public Officials/Elected Officials workshop training is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 at the library center. Richard Sheets from the Missouri Municipal League will be speaking. This is training for anyone involved with municipal government. We are partnering with MU Extension. A date has been set for August the 18<sup>th</sup> for a workshop on economic development. Know Your Region will be the topic. Sharon Gulick with the University of Missouri will be putting this program together.

### **Interim Director's Report**

The next MACOG meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup> at Whiteman Airforce Base. We are trying to determine from SEMA, the status of the proposed Dade County Hazard Mitigation contract. We hope to have that information soon. We are working on updating the Lawrence and Webster County plans at this time. Drafts of these plans are due September 30, 2009. We also have the contracts for Barry and Christian counties. Diane's husband Fred passed away last week. She will be back in the office in the next couple of weeks. The MSU Community Caravan went to Aurora and Cassville last week. There is a Wind Power Expo on July 7<sup>th</sup> in Neosho, MO. Next meeting is August 26<sup>th</sup>. Executive board meeting July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Member Announcements**

Howard Fisk announced that the Aviation Board discussed the problems that can be encountered with the swine flu. There is a need for regional action plans to deal with this virus.

### **Adjourn**

*Howard Fisk moved and John Homer seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried.*