



*Enhancing the quality of our communities through regional cooperation*

**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 23, 2017  
9:00 a.m.**

**Library Station, Frisco Room  
2535 N. Kansas Expressway, Springfield, MO 65803**

**Attendance :**

**Members:**

Chris Coulter – Greene County  
Cy Murray – White River Electric  
Cherry Warren – Barry County  
Dana Louderbaugh – City of Fair Grove  
Mark Maples – Stone County  
J. Howard Fisk – Fisk Transportation  
Randy Owens – Webster County  
Chris Hopkins, City of Billings  
Steve Bodenhamer- City of Strafford  
Steve Childers- City of Ozark  
Dennis Pyle- City of Monett  
John Benson,-City of Marshfield  
Ed Westerman- City of Clever  
Hank Smythe- Stone County  
Dennis Wood- Stone County  
Todd Wiesehan - Christian County  
Amanda Bybee - TREKK  
Bill Monday- O'Bannon Bank  
Holli Elliott- Dallas County  
Brian Daugherty-Mid-MO Bank (Lawrence)  
Tina Horn, City of Walnut Grove  
Jerry Harman, City of Kimberling City  
Stan Whitehurst, Webster County  
John Forrester- Allgeier, Martin, & Assoc.  
Cindy Stephens- OTC  
Max Springer – City of Mt. Vernon  
Carl Carlson, Olsson Associates  
Angela Leist – City of Forsyth  
Jonas Arjes – Taney County Partnership  
Gail Melgren – Tri-States Water

**Partners and Guests:**

Joelle Cannon – Senator Blunt's Office  
Jeremy Pruett – Congressman Long's Office  
Alice Wingo - CFO  
Frank Miller – MoDOT  
Freddy Vasquez - MoDOT  
Alex Cobb – Senior Age MO  
Mark Hultgren – USDA-RD  
Sonya Anderson – MO State Rep 131  
Curtis Trent – MO State Rep 133

**Staff:**

Jason Ray  
Jane Hood  
Simon Nogin  
Megan Clark  
Bailey DeJonge, Intern

## **Open Meeting**

### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Coulter**

### **Introductions and Announcements— Chris Coulter**

#### **Approval of August 23, 2017 Meeting Agenda—Chris Coulter**

*Dana Louderbaugh motioned and Dennis Pyle seconded to approve the agenda for the August 23, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.*

#### **Approval of June 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes— Chris Coulter**

*Dana Louderbaugh motioned and Ed Westerman seconded to approve the minutes for the June 28, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.*

## **Legislative Reports**

(See Partner Updates. Legislative Staff arrived late to meeting due to prior commitments.)

## **Business Meeting**

### **Appointment of TAC Alternates for FY2018**

Hand out provided with TAC Alternate names.

*Cindy Stephens motioned and Howard Fisk seconded to approve the TAC Alternate members for FY2018.*

### **Approval of Regional Transportation Needs Identified by the TAC**

Hand out provided. Megan Clark explained the process and how MoDOT will use this list of prioritized needs.

*Max Springer motioned and Todd Wiesehan seconded to approve the Regional Transportation Needs as Identified by the TAC.*

### **Program/Project Reports -**

#### **Transportation Planning/Programs – Megan Clark**

Still in the process of updating our Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan and received contract from MoDOT. It is required to be looked at every 5 years.

The Transportation Needs list is on the SMCOG website, SMCOG.org.

We have a new Traffic Counter that we can use for communities in need of traffic counts. Contact us.

#### **Homeland Security – Jason Ray for Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren**

FY15 will be completed by the end of the month. FY16 is in good shape. FY17 we were short \$71,000 in total projects. Homeland Security is working with us to determine what to do with the left over money, whether they might reopen a grant round or look into other options. Dorothy will send out an email to everyone on the RHSOC. Also, there will be a compliance workshop on 8/31/17

#### **Grant Writing and Administration - Jason Ray**

Public comment period for the Environmental Review for Fair Grove Senior Center (CDBG)

Ingles Memorial Center in Buffalo has been approved for NAP Tax Credits. Working on a CDBG grant.

We submitted a \$54,000 grant application to the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development for a Regional Community Facilities inventory and long range plan for our region. Should find out additional information in September.

We have submitted a preliminary proposal to Missouri Foundation for Health and have been invited to apply for \$50,000 funding to do a Regional Health Care Access Study which ideally would go hand in hand with the USDA RD Community Facilities inventory.

We have just signed contracts to do Comprehensive Plans with the City of Walnut Grove and the City of Buffalo.

The On-Site Waste Water Program has been discontinued by DNR. Current applications will be processed but no new applications can be accepted.

We submitted NOI's for flood mitigation assistance funding for Taney County and the Village of Bull Creek.

### **Hazard Mitigation Plans- Jason Ray**

We have 5 Hazard Mitigation Plans under way and a 6<sup>th</sup> one under contract.

Lawrence, Stone, Taney, Polk, Dallas. Waiting for signatures from Dade.

Very important for your jurisdictions to participate in the hazard mitigation planning process. If they do not participate they cannot apply for Federal Flood Mitigation Assistance Funding or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

### **Partner Updates**

State Representative Sonya Anderson (R-131) and State Representative Curtis Trent (R-133) gave brief updates on what's going on in the Missouri House. Transportation, Budget, Veto Session, funding for in home Health Care etc. were discussed.

Mark Hultgren – USDA-RD

Working on several projects for this fiscal year. Not sure what their budget will look like next year.

Frank Miller – MoDOT

MoDOT 21 Century Task Force meeting will be held today at the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The rebuilding of Highway 65 continues on time.

Joelle Cannon – Senator Blunt's Office

Senate is in recess. When they return, will be looking at tax reform. When infrastructure comes up, please have ready your list of ready projects.

Jeremy Pruett – Congressman Long's Office

August recess now. Working on funding for the Finley River Bridge in Ozark and the Corp of Engineers regarding Table Rock Lake.

### **Member Announcements**

Tina Horn announced Walnut Grove is having their Possum Trot Days on 9/9/17.

Gail Melgren from Tri-States Water Coalition spoke on her organization and shared information on their upcoming conference, Tri-State Water Resource Coalition 10/19/17 at the Darr Agricultural Center.

### **Adjourn**

*Dennis Wood motioned and Howard Fisk seconded. Motion Carried.*

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Todd Wiesehan, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved