



**Southwest Missouri
Council of Governments**

**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 1, 2010
9:00 a.m.
Library Station, Frisco Room
Springfield, MO**

Attendance

Members:

Ken Bacon
Allen Kunkle
Billy Dryer
Garrett Anderson
Bill Marshall
Ron Mersch
Dana Louderbaugh
Bill Monday
Brian Daugherty
Dennis Wood
Ron Potter
Lisa Bernet
LaRue Lemons

Guests/Partner Agencies:

Jeff Seifried
Steve McIntosh
Stacy Burks
Dawne Gardner
Bill Downing
Bill Cheek
Skip Schailer

Staff:

Jane Hood
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
Diane May
Dave Faucett
Dan Watts

Open Meeting

Ken Bacon called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of December 1, 2010 Agenda

Bill Monday moved and Dana Louderbaugh seconded to approve the December 1, 2010 agenda. Motion Carried.

Approval of October 27, 2010 Minutes

Dana Louderbaugh moved and Billy Dryer seconded motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker

Jim Blackburn presented MoDOT's Winter Operations changes to the group.

Legislative Reports

David Rauch, Senator Claire McCaskill's Office

No Report given

Stacy Burks, Senator Kit Bond's Office

Ms Burks reported that we are no closer to a tax extension. Bipartisanship is needed. The Senator is likely to push for an omnibus bill that would benefit the state of Missouri. Working on the Stark Treaty, the Senator is against this treaty. Harry Reid wants an immigration bill. Seven democrats are against the bill and leading democrats are trying to swing them. Senator Bond's office will close to the public on December 10th as he retires from the US Senate.

Steve McIntosh, Congressman Blunt's Office

The Senate is driving the train right now. There is not much on the agenda for the house this week. December 28th is the last day for the local office. Call Jane Hood if you need to reach Mr. McIntosh.

Business Meeting

Financial Report—Diane May

For the quarter ending in September we show that expenses were lower than the actual budget. We have been trying to keep costs down as much as possible. The second page shows the months without the pass through money from homeland security. We are behind on the receipt of revenues, but that will pick up. We have been working with the Dean to come up with a plan to deal with the loss of the EDA grant. The school is working on providing assistance to the center. We have been working on separating the SMOG budget from the CRPM budget to provide a clearer picture of what SMOG would look like as a standalone agency.

Bill Monday moved and Dana Louderbaugh seconded to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Transportation Report—Dan Watts

Mr. Watts presented the prioritized transportation needs to the board. The needs will be presented to MoDOT and used as recommendations for the development of the STIP. Enhancement applications have been scored for both District 7 and District 8.

Homeland Security Regionalization Program—Dorothy Witorff-Sandgren

Three items are still in the process of being purchased with FY2008 funds: Remaining items for animal trailer, a web EOC for DMAC, and repeater trailers that are weather proofed and covered. FY2009 is almost complete. We have the bids in on the fourth repeater trailer. The repeater trailer and the mobile canteen went over budget. FY10 money will be determined after the meeting on the 18th. Money will come off the top to cover sustainment costs. They are trying to get back onto the fiscal year budgets. We will be doing FY09 and FY10 at the same time in order to get caught up. Compliance training will be occurring at least once a year.

Director's Report—Diane May

MACOG Activities Update

MACOG held their professional development retreat in October. There are activities going on at the state level that will affect our budgets next year. There are different funds out there from the different state agencies for local entities that the state is trying to expend. The CDBG has some unexpended funds and they took public comment to determine how to spend them. It has been determined that they will be used for buy-outs but also for specific planning for hazard mitigation. RPC's will be given priority for these planning funds.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates Status

FEMA will have the same reviewer for each plan. SEMA has said that they will not send up individual plans until at least one plan is approved by FEMA from each region.

Water Quality 604B Grant Status Update

We have most surveys completed but we are still waiting on a few. This program is for communities that are 5,000 in population or less.

Other Business

None

Partner Agency Reports

Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8

We have selected enhancement applications for both rural and urban. On the urban side we have 9 new projects. There are 8 new projects on the rural side. December 9th is the local public agency workshop that will go over changes in the way local programs will be administered.

Ronda Headland, Department of Conservation

Ms. Headland discussed MoDOT planting native species and combating invasive plant species. Black bears have been migrating into Missouri. We are going to do an inventory of the population. Missouri is working on reintroducing Elk. In Shannon County there is a location where Elk will be stocked, starting with about 30 animals.

Meeting Adjourned.

Cindy Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved