



**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021  
9:00 a.m.  
Oasis Conference Center**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Chris Coulter- Greene County  
Bob Dixon – Greene County  
Chris Couer – Greene County  
Melissa Mau – Ash Grove  
Diana Simpson – Ash Grove  
Jacob Marler – Ash Grove  
Cindy Stephens – OTC  
Callie Linville – City Utilities  
Sherry Coker – OTC  
Cary Charles - OTC  
Todd Wiesehan – Christian County  
Joan Doss – Christian County  
Jerry Harman – Kimberling City  
Joel Hornickel – Branson  
Stan Whitehurst – Webster County  
Randy Owens – Webster County  
Dana Louderbaugh – Fair Grove  
Duane Lavery – GRO Marshfield  
Devin Fisher – White River Elec. Coop  
Kathy Smith – N-Form Architecture  
Sam Rost – Marshfield  
Hank Smythe – Stone County  
Stephen Short – Fair Grove  
Lindsay Reichart – Paragon Architecture  
Toby Stevenson - Springfield  
Chris Hopkins – Billings

Bob Senninger – Lawrence County  
Gail Noggle – Bolivar  
Steve Childers – Ozark  
Megan Bischof – Ozark  
Alex Woodson – SGF Chamber  
Shawn Barry – Toth Associates  
Randy Owens – Webster County  
Stan Whitehurst – Webster County  
Jon Holmes – Aurora  
Betty Baun -- Aurora  
Steve Seaton – Hurley  
Neil Brady – Bartlett West  
Elaine Logbry – Fair Play  
Tina Didreckson – Crane  
Max Springer – Mt Vernon  
**Partners and Guests:**  
Mike Ussery – Sen. Longs’s Office  
Erin Engelmeyer – Sen. Hawley’s Office  
Frank Miller – MoDot  
Christa Atchison – MoDED  
Laura Laramore – Mo Higher Ed  
Zeke Hall – MoDot  
Stacy Burks – Red Cross  
Ron Seyl – MoDED  
Pamela Duitsman – MO Extension  
Dennis Wiggins – Ozark Reg Career Center  
Alice Wingo – CFO  
Drew Cannon – Congrswmn Hartzler’s Off.

Ronda Burnett – MDC  
Andy Schiller – MO DNR  
Alex Woodson – Springfield CoC  
Sonya Anderson – Sen. Blunt’s Office  
Brandon Alexander - MO STO  
Mark Hultgren – USDA/RD  
Ashley Venshie – USDA/RD  
Kayla Taylor – Senior Age  
Alex Cobb – Senior Age  
Theresa Sampaio – Mo DED

**Staff:**  
Jason Ray  
Jane Hood  
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren  
Aishwarya Shrestha  
Lexi Mason  
Courtney Pinkham  
Chris Kempke  
Avery Knese

### **Open Meeting**

Introductions and Announcements— Chris Coulter

Approval of June 23, 2021 Meeting Agenda—Chris Coulter

*Max Springer motioned and Jerry Harman seconded to approve the revised Agenda for the June 23, 2021 meeting. Motion Carried.*

Approval of May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes— Chris Coulter

*Steve Childers motioned and Dana Louderbaugh seconded to approve the Minutes for the May 26, 2021 meeting. Motion Carried.*

### **Legislative Reports**

Sonya Anderson – Senator Blunt’s Office

Working on Community Bridges Act, will work with Rural and Off System bridges.

Erin Engelmeyer – Senator Hawley’s Office

Working on Pro Law Enforcement package. Stated that the SBA/ Restaurant funds still have not been released and that they need to get this moving forward.

Drew Cannon - Congresswoman Hartzler’s Office

Advises that communities should wait until all Rescue Act Funds are released and all guidance has been announced prior to spending any of the funds.

### **Guest Speaker Brandon Alexander, MO State Treasurer’s Office**

Update on American Rescue Plan Act. The funding will be going to State, County and City levels. State money will come 5 days after request, (MO has not requested yet). Counties and cities will receive funds 10 days after. State has 30 days to distribute funds down to county and city level, max of 120 days. Federal level is requiring DUNs/SAMs and accurate vendor registration. Will also need to have 2020 budget.

Q/A

Why is Missouri waiting? Missouri is waiting to apply until they have more clarity on how funds can be used.

Will the funds be released at all at once? Money from State to county/city will be released in two phases, at least 1 year apart. Reporting will go to US Treasury.

Can funds accrue interest? Yes, funds can be put in an interest-bearing account. Interest accrued can be used to replace loss in revenue.

### **Business Meeting**

#### 1. 2021-22 Non-Governmental Representatives

*Dana Louderbaugh motioned, and Gail Noggle seconded approval of the 2021-22 Non-Governmental Representatives.*

*Motion carried.*

#### 2. 2021-22 Executive Committee and Officers

*Dana Louderbaugh motioned, and Steve Childers seconded approval of the 2021-22 Executive Committee and Officers.*

*Motion carried.*

#### 3. 2021-22 TAC Appointments

*Cindy Stephens motioned, and Todd Wiesehan seconded approval of the 2021-22 TAC Appointments.*

*Motion carried.*

#### 4. 2021-22 CEDs Appointments

*Sam Rost motioned, and Steve Childers seconded approval of the 2021-22 CEDS Committee Appointments.*

*Motion carried.*

#### 5. 2021-22 Budget

*Cindy Stephens motioned, and Sam Rost seconded approval of the 2021-22 Budget.*

*Motion carried.*

The August 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be in person at location to be announced.

### **Partner Updates**

**USDA Rural Development – Mark Hultgren**

Continue to work out of their homes. Offices remain closed. Leave a voicemail and they will return your call. Still money left at the national level. Bruce Hively will be retiring by the end of the year. Ashley will be replacing him.

**MO Dept of Transportation – Zeke Hall**

Summer construction projects have started. Please slow down in construction zones! All MoDOT projects are on the website under SW region.

**MO Dept of Conservation (MDC) – Ronda Burnett**

Self-Guided tours of civic/industrial places that use native plants for landscaping in Springfield, they are hoping to expand this program next year.

**Ozark Region Workforce Development Board – Dennis Wiggins**

Held a drive through vaccine clinic. Bring back Wednesday work events, looking at partnering with other regions to help offset decrease in funding.

**Mo DED – Theresa Sampaio**

CDBG-CB Covid 19 cycle is now open, info is on website. They also have a YouTube video going over this information.

**SeniorAge – Alex Cobb**

Senior community centers are open and will start serving hot meals next month. Gov. Parson launched a hotline for seniors to call and sign up for vaccines, which was ran by SeniorAge. They received approval for being a hub site for Americorp Vista program.

**Community Foundation of the Ozarks – Alice Wingo**

Ribbon cutting for new park. She announced the Fair Grove was the 53<sup>rd</sup> associate location, also that Fair Grove received a \$30,000 matching grant from MFH. GRO program is accepting applications.

**Member Updates**

Sherry with OTC Workforce announced that they have 3 summer programs at no cost. Dana Louderbaugh with Fair Grove announced they are putting in a splash pad in park, as well as a shaded seating area.

**Adjourn**

*Dana Louderbaugh motioned, and Sam Rost seconded. Motion Carried.*

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Todd Wiesehan, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approve