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Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 25, 2014
9:00 a.m.
Library Station, Frisco Room
2535 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO 65806

Attendance

Members:
Allen Kunkel, MSU
Cindy Stephens, OTC
Dennis Wood, Stone County
Brian Bingle, Nixa
Dana Louderbaugh, Fair Grove
Garrett Anderson, Branson
David Watson, Marshfield
Stan Whitehurst, Webster County
Nancy Edson, Rogersville
Chris Hopkins, Billings
Mike Randall, Aurora
Ed Westerman, Clever
Julie Ruscha, Verona
Steve Bodenhamer, Strafford
J. Everett Mitchell, Willard
Angela Leist, Forsyth
Gail Noggle, Republic
Chris Berndt, SMESO
Lisa Bernet, Bernet Investments
Cy Murray, White River Valley Electric

Partners:
Jered Taylor, Congressman Billy Long's Office
Stacy Burks, Senator Blunt's Office
Steve McIntosh, Senator Blunt's Office
Mark Hultgren, USDA Rural Development
David Rauch, Senator McCaskill's Office
Beth Schaller, MoDOT

Staff:
Diane May
Jane Hood
Dan Watts
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

Guest:
Francine Pratt, Pratt Consultants

Open Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance—Brian Bingle

Introductions and Announcements—Brian Bingle

Approval of March 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes— Brian Bingle

Allen Kunkel motioned and Dana Louderbaugh seconded to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Approval of June 25, 2014 Meeting Agenda— Brian Bingle

Cindy Stephens motioned and Dana Louderbaugh seconded to approve the agenda for the June 25, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Legislative Reports

Senator McCaskill's Office—David Rauch

Mr. Rauch reported that David Stokely has been hired to replace Gail Melgren as District Director. Current events include the situation in Iraq, the on-going VA controversy, Missouri transportation sales tax vote and federal transportation funding issues. Senator McCaskill hosted a roundtable regarding the sexual assaults on college campuses and recently chaired a subcommittee hearing on consumer protection where Dr. Oz testified regarding diet pills. Mr. Rauch referred us to Senator McCaskill's website achieves where weekly interviews with her are made available.

Senator Blunt's Office—Stacy Burks

Ms. Burks noted that Senator Blunt will be in the state in the coming week for the holiday recess. Senator Blunt recently introduced the Protecting Water & Property Rights Act of 2014. Ms. Burks stated that legislation is not being voted on at this time due to the upcoming elections. She also noted that the Northern long eared bat is being considered for endangered species list and comments can be made on this issue. A decision on the Hobby Lobby case is expected soon.

Congressman Long's Office—Jered Taylor

Mr. Taylor reported that the House passed the defense appropriations bill. Congressman Long voted in favor of the North American Energy Infrastructure Act that encourages domestic pipelines to be approved in a different way, speeding up the process. The house is in the process of passing appropriation bills but the Senate will be delaying any action at this time.

Congresswoman Hartzler's Office—Cole Karr
Not in attendance, no report.

Business

Financial Report (January through May 2014)—Diane May

Diane May reported that as of the end of May, $5,290.57 was the net income for the fiscal year. She noted that we still have a net loss from prior years and we are not making any significant progress in reducing it.

Approval of January through May 2014 Financial Reports— Brian Bingle

Nancy Edson motioned and Gail Noggle seconded to approve the financial reports for January through May, 2014. Motion Carried.

Approval of Appointment of Nominating Committee and Budget Committee— Brian Bingle

Nominating Committee is Dana Louderbaugh, Stan Whitehurst and Chris Berndt.

Budget Committee is Garrett Anderson, Nancy Edson, and Brian Daugherty.

Allen Kunkel motioned and Ed Westerman seconded to approve the appointments to the nominating committee and budget committee. Motion Carried.

Action Requested to approve moving election of officers and approval of operations budget 2015 to the August 27, 2014 meeting. — Brian Bingle

Angela Leist motioned and David Watson seconded to approve the moving of the election of officers and approval of the operations budget to the August 27th meeting. Motion Carried.

Jane Hood introduced Francine Pratt, who will be doing our strategic planning session with us today.

Diane May noted that a project status summary is included in the packet. Also, our Accountant, Lynda Jochims will be leaving our office on July 3rd. Dorothy will be filling in after she leaves.

Francine Pratt conducted our strategic planning work session.

Our next meeting will be held on August 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the Library Station Frisco Room.

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Cindy Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer Date Approved