



**Southwest Missouri
Council of Governments**

**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 27, 2010
Annual Breakfast Meeting
9:00 a.m.
Library Center
Springfield, MO**

Attendance

Members:

Ken Bacon
Billy Dryer
Lisa Bernet
Cindy Stephens
Todd Wiesenhan
Jeff Seifried
Allen Kunkel
Nancy Edson
Bill Marshall
Yolanda Lorge
Garrett Anderson
Dana Louderbaugh
Bill Monday
Cara Borneman
Ed Westerman

Guests/Partner Agencies:

Dorothy Knowles
Jim Weatherly
Valarie Robinson
Megan Hammer
Dawne Gardner
Stacey Burks
Steve McIntosh

Staff:

Jane Hood
Andy Thomason
Saundra Dane
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
Stacey MacDonald
Dan Watts

Open Meeting

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

Approval of October 27, 2010 Agenda

*Dana Loughderbaugh moved and Nancy Edson seconded to approve the October 27, 2010 agenda.
Motion Carried.*

Approval of August 25, 2010 Minutes

Bill Marshall moved and Billy Dryer seconded motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Legislative Reports

David Rauch, Senator Claire McCaskill's Office

Megan Hammer, a staffer for McCaskill's office, reported that the upcoming agenda for the senate is still up in air at this time.

Stacy Burks, Senator Kit Bond's Office

If you have something currently going on with Senator Bond's office you will receive a letter following the election with all of your information. After the election, if it is not something that can be done in a short time frame, you will be referred to Senator McCaskill's office or the incoming Senator's office. Ms. Burks reported that Senator Bond's last day is January 2, 2011 and that this is likely her last SMCOG meeting.

Steve McIntosh, Congressman Blunt's Office

The D.C. office will close December 17. Legislatively, the agenda is unknown at this time.

Business Meeting

Annual Report—Jane Hood

Ms. Hood distributed and discussed the annual report.

Transportation Report—Dan Watts

Mr. Watts reported that the TAC prioritized transportation needs at their last meeting and he was compiling the results. There are still a few prioritization tally sheets still out. Mr. Watts also reported that enhancement applications have been received for both District 8 and District 7 and that the scoring meetings for both districts are scheduled for November.

Homeland Security Regionalization Program—Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

There are three more projects to finish up for FY08 and it will be complete. FY09 items have been mostly purchased. FY10 contracts have been received. There is \$842,688 available for Homeland Security projects. There is \$35,112 for the M&A, which is an increase from 3% to 4%. FY10 started on August 1 this year instead of starting next spring. It's supposed to end July 31, 2011, but we have already been told that we can get an extension. The annual meeting was a success. All legislative representatives were in attendance.

EDA Program FY-11—Jane Hood

We will not have the EDA grant for next year, but we are continuing some of the workshops under the program. We will be completing the web site development that was started this year. All communities and counties that don't have a web presence are encouraged to contact us.

Other Business

The office of administration has asked the RPC's around the state to do a Regional Technology Planning Assessment. We are putting together a planning team for this. Dave Faucett is attending the first state meeting on broadband services. They are looking for areas of the state that have little access to

broadband technology. FEMA has approved the process for the Electric Coop Hazard Mitigation Plans. MACOG has taken on the task of organizing the planning process for this across the state.

Jeff Seifried moved to accept the Mobile Broadband Now recommendations and Allen Kunkel seconded. Cindy Stephens from OTC abstained. Motion carried.

Partner Agency Reports

Valerie Robinson, MoDNR

Ms. Robinson did not give a report, but asked for questions.

Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8

Ms. Gardner reported that they will hold a meeting for LPA training. This will cover the federal process for local public agencies. Enhancements for the urban area are open at this time. The Stone 13 project is on schedule.

Eric Kellstadt, MoDOT District 7

No report given.

Jim Weatherly, Missouri Career Center, Ozark Region

The mobile career center is still going well.

Jeff Seifried of OREP announced that they are undergoing a name change and will now be called the Springfield Regional Economic Partnership. Services are also going to be undergoing a change and a letter will be sent out in the next month to our communities.

Meeting Adjourned.

Cindy Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved