



Southwest Missouri  
Council of Governments

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**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 22, 2012  
9:00 a.m.  
Library Station, Frisco Room  
Springfield, MO**

**Attendance**

**Members:**

Cindy Stephens, OTC  
Garrett Anderson, Branson  
Nancy Edson, Rogersville  
Jim Strafuss, Taney County  
Larry McCormack, Marshfield  
Max Springer, Mt Vernon  
Chris Coulter, Greene County  
Howard Fisk, Transportation  
Mike Chipman, Forsyth  
Susie Knust, Webster County  
Dana Louderbaugh, Fair Grove  
Todd Wiesehan, Christian County  
Brian Bingle, Nixa  
Brian Daugherty, Mid-Mo Bank –Mt. Vernon  
Cy Murray, White River Coop

**Partners:**

Brian Weiler, SGF Airport – Guest Speaker  
Bill Cheek, MSU  
Candy Adams, SEMA  
James Combs, USDA-Rural Development  
Ronda Headland, MDC  
Steve McIntosh, Senator Blunt's Office  
David Rauch, Senator McCaskill's Office

**Guests:**

Bob Rubino., Guest

**Staff:**

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

**Open Meeting**

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

**Introductions and Announcements**—Chris Coulter

**Approval of August 22, 2012 Meeting Agenda**—Chris Coulter

*Mike Chipman motioned and Howard Fisk seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.*

**Approval of June 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes**—Christ Coulter

*Dana Louderbaugh motioned and Brian Bingle seconded to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.*

### **Guest Speaker—Brian Weiler**

Mr. Weiler is the executive director of the Springfield/Branson National Airport. He is the former director of the Multi-Modal division at MoDOT. Mr. Weiler provided an overview of activities at the Springfield/Branson National Airport. The airport has had about 150 million dollars invested over the past 10 years. The new terminal has been completed and operational for 3 years. A new runway was completed 1 year ago. The airport is classified as a small hub airport serving 4 major airlines. A total of 800,000 passengers are served yearly. Cargo is not a significant revenue source, but about 15 million pounds was transported last year. There will be upgrades to the general aviation terminal this year. About 2000 people, both directly and indirectly, consider the airport home for employment. The airport is also a Foreign Trade Zone since 1997. Twenty Three counties are now able to take advantage of this Trade Zone. This supports the goal of supporting local economic development. A study is currently being conducted to identify companies that utilize foreign trade zones and hope to identify 10-15 companies that can benefit from the Trade Zone.

### **Legislative Reports**

#### **Senator McCaskill's Office—David Rauch**

The Senate is on break right now for the traditional August break until after Labor Day. The Farm Bill will be taken up after the break. The house chose not to take up the Senate version of the bill. The food stamp program is the major sticking point with the bill. The Farm Bill also reauthorizes certain emergency/disaster funds that pertain to the drought so it is important that this gets passed. The federal budget is also set to be taken up. Fiscal year starts in October. There is a proposal to extend the budget 6 months. The Bush tax cuts expire and the mandatory cuts associated with the debt ceiling compromise are an issue.

#### **Senator Blunt's Office—Steve McIntosh**

The Senate passed a Farm Bill (five year authorization) but the House has not passed. It is important to farmers dealing with drought. The House and Senate both passed tax bills in July, however, neither went anywhere and will not be presented to the president. The House passed 7 of 15 appropriations bills but the Senate has passed none. A deal has been struck to have a continuing resolution until next March for the federal budget. Hopefully this deal stays together.

### **Business**

#### **Financial Report (June 2012)—Diane May**

In the packets, two documents were provided. Income statements were provided for June 2012 and July 2012. The income balance is \$1,392,833 with expenditures of \$1,272,478 with a net balance of \$120,355. There were several areas of overages in the salary expenses but several categories ran under budget. Actual expenditures through July were provided. The Temporary Accountant was for Saundra Dane to cover her time while training Lynda Jochims. The \$3,662.00 is the indirect transfer to MSU. The \$2353.00 goes to SMCOG accounts. The difference is retained by MSU for their expenses. The third page of the document shows the Homeland Security pass through, the fourth page shows without the pass-through.

*Nancy Edson motioned and Cindy Stephens seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.*

#### **FY2013 Operations Budget Amendment—Diane May**

The budget committee is comprised of Cindy Stephens, Brian Bingle and Alan Kunkle. The executive committee went over the draft budget last month. Anticipated revenues are listed on the second page starting July 1. All projects are scheduled to be completed in FY13 except the homeland security program that may run into the next year. Hazard Mitigation plans are scheduled to be completed in the next few months. The CDBG program is scheduled to be completed in March, but we are going to ask for

an extension to June. Various expenditures were detailed. Students have been reduced from last year. Salary increases have been discussed and while those are not definite, they have been programed into this budget. A new server and a student computer are also budgeted.

*Howard Fisk motioned and Dana Louderbaugh seconded to accept the 2012-2013 Operations Budget. Motion carried.*

#### **Resolution to Adopt the Final MoBroadband Strategic Plan**

Adoption of this plan will open the door to funding possibilities that come in the future regarding Broadband.

*Cy Murray motioned and Brian Bingle seconded to accept the FY13 SMCOG officers. Motion carried.*

#### **Authorize Application for FY13 State Development Grant for Missouri's Regional Planning Commissions—Diane May**

This is the annual grant that for the past three years has been \$4,550

*Cindy Stephens motioned and Nancy Edson seconded. Motion carried.*

#### **Transportation Report—Dan Watts**

The prioritization meeting was completed at the last TAC meeting. The public transit coordination plan is also under way. Sidewalk inventories are set to begin again this fall.

#### **Homeland Security Regionalization Program—Dorothy Wifforff-Sandgren**

FY09 is finished with final paperwork being turned in. There is still some money left in FY10. Roughly \$40,000 will be left over from reallocation and the group will meet to decide how to distribute this. The Bear-Cat purchased with FY 11 money is scheduled to arrive in September.

#### **Director's Report—Diane May**

We are contacting all the counties/communities for the CDBG planning grant to make sure that proposals on the table are what they need. Hazard Mitigation plans are wrapping up.

#### **Partner Agency Updates**

##### **USDA-Rural Development—James Combs**

All money allocated to the state has been spent. There is still money left in the Community Facility and Direct Loan Programs. Fiscal year ends September 30. It is not too late to apply for these programs.

##### **SEMA—Candy Adams**

SEMA is busy working with communities to help mitigate the drought disaster. There is a new program to dig new wells. Almost 5,000 people have applied. Conservation of water is highly important right now.

##### **Missouri Department of Conservation—Ronda Headland**

Private land services has provided a map showing areas that MDC has worked with private land owners. Farmers are being allowed to graze cattle on some MDC lands due to the draught.

#### **Adjourn**

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Cindy Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved