



**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

**Springfield-Greene County Library Center - Auditorium
4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO 65810**

Attendance :

Members:

Bob Senninger – Lawrence County
Barbara Holmes – Village of Diggins
Glenn Shaw – Everton
Sarah Buxton – Show Me Christian CO
Melissa Freeman - Marionville
Hank Smythe – Stone County
Becky Baltz - TREKK
Todd Wiesehan - Christian County
J. Howard Fisk – Fisk Transportation
Joel Hornickel - Branson
Cindy Stephens - OTC
Doris Rapp - Marionville
Gail Melgren – SW MO Water
Fred Schlegel- Olsson & Associates
Andrew Novinger – Anderson Engin.
Debra Hickey - Battlefield
Jerry Harman – Kimberling City
Chris Hopkins - Billings
Doris Rapp - Marionville
Sheila Wyatt – Taney County
Steve Seton - Hurley
Harriet Leenerts – Rockaway Beach
Russell Anderson – Rockaway Beach
Cindy Robbins - Nixa
Ed Westerman - Clever
Hollie Elliott – Dallas County
Cindy Robbins - Nixa
Dana Louderbaugh – Fair Grove

Cy Murray – White River Electric
Danny Perches – Springfield Chamber
Callie Linville – City Utilities
Cary Charles - OTC
John Benson – Marshfield
Steve Childers – Ozark
Chris Coulter – Greene County

Partners and Guests

Ronda Burnett – MO Dept Conservation
Alice Wingo - CFO
Beth Schaller - MoDOT
Alex Cobb – Senior Age
Andrew Schiller - MoDNR
Dan Wadlington – Senator Blunt’s Office
Yolanda Lorge – Grupo Latinoameri-
cano
MO Rep. Sonya Anderson
MO Rep. Craig Fisher
MO Rep. John Black

Staff:

Jane Hood
Megan Clark

Open Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Coulter

Introductions and Announcements— Chris Coulter

Approval of August 28, 2019 Meeting Agenda—Chris Coulter

Howard Fisk motioned and Cindy Stephens seconded to approve the Agenda for the August 28, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried.

Approval of June 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes— Chris Coulter

Dana Louderbaugh motioned and Gail Melgren seconded to approve the minutes for the June 26, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried.

Legislative Reports

Dan Wadlington – Senator Blunt’s Office

Congress is on vacation and will return after Labor Day. Senator Blunt has been visiting the area and met with lots of people.

MO Legislative Reports –

Representative Sonya Anderson

Bills that were passed that did not have an emergency clause are becoming law today, 8/28/19. The veto session will begin in a couple of weeks. The Governor vetoed six bills but she does not see them being overridden. The Governor did call a special session regarding the MO Supreme Court ruling on the Department of Revenue vehicle trade in tax credit.

Representative Craig Fishel –

Rep Fishel is Vice Chair of the Local Government Committee and offered to assist any local governments on issues. He and Senator Lincoln Hough will be carrying the hotel/motel lodging tax for Springfield and thinks there is interest in including other areas in the region. Let him know if communities are interested.

Representative John Black –

He was pleased to be invited to the SMCOG Board Meeting and this is his first meeting to attend. He will be supporting the hotel/motel tax.

Business Meeting

1. Approval of 2019-2020 Regional Transportation Priorities – Megan Clark

Handout of the Road & Bridge and Bike & Pedestrian Priorities for 2019-2020 that the TAC has approved were in the packets. In April/May Megan meets with all of the County Commissioners in the 10 county region to list their priority needs for their county. (The public in that county is invited to attend that meeting) The list of needs then go to the TAC where this regional priority list is determined and voted on. They are now asking the full Board for approval. It will then go the MoDOT District Prioritization process and then to MoDOT.

Ed Westerman motioned and John Benson seconded to approve the 2019-2020 Regional Transportation Priorities. Motion carried.

2. EDA Planning Grant Application FY2020 – Jane Hood

SMCOG is a federally designated Economic Development District. SMCOG applied for EDD in 1998. A CEDS is required for grant eligibility. SMCOG received the EDA Planning Grant from

1999 to the late 2000s. The CEDS was updated in 2016. SMCOG lost the grant due to concerns EDA had with the MOA structure between SMCOG and MSU. The MOA has been reviewed with EDA staff and MSU legal counsel. A new MOA has been developed and approved by EDA & MSU and the SMCOG Board voted to approve that MOA. SMCOG is now reapplying for the 3 year Planning Grant with has a 60/40 match requirement. Jane reviewed the project budget and work plan overview. We are asking for SMCOG Board approval.

Cindy Stephens motioned and Howard Fisk seconded the approval of the EDA Planning Grant Application for FY2020. Motion carried.

3. Program/Project Reports – Megan Clark & Jane Hood

The Staff Program Reports were handed out in the Board packets and were reviewed.

-EDA has published its Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity for eligible grantees in communities. Seven of our 10 counties are eligible. We will sharing more information as we receive it.

-Transportation Planning – MoDOT STIP was approved by the Transportation Commission over the summer. You can view that STIP on the MoDOT website. They also have a Road & Bridge document online. A reminder that the Governor’s cost share program is available and the deadline to MoDOT is this 8/30/19. You will need a letter or recommendation from SMCOG. The Highway Commission’s September meeting will be in Bolivar. Megan will be presenting to them on how SMCOG works with MoDOT and our communities.

-Hazard Mitigation Planning - We have started the Christian and Webster County updates. If you are in those counties, please make sure you have submitted your questionnaires and information to Megan.

-Grant Writing & Administration – The buyouts are moving along. Those will probably be completed ahead of schedule.

CDBG Emergency Grant for Seymour was submitted.

We submitted two grants to MACOG for some disaster supplemental funding. One is for Stone County to do an economic development study. The other is to assist the city of Cassville in looking at acquiring National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) status. We will be holding an NFIP workshop in the region.

The Engles Senior Center is returning their CDBG funding. There were issues with the historical building in getting it worked out with SHPO and other things so they have just moved to another building that will require less work.

-Homeland Security – Dorothy’s update is in the report.

- Economic Development – Scoping out projects that we might be able to do if we receive the EDA Planning Grant funds again.

-Comprehensive Planning – Willard was completed and adopted. The Strafford plan is underway and the Billings plan will be started in September.

-Housing – Several attended the Housing Forum that we conducted on 6/26/19. Brandon has found some creative funding solutions that might be able to fund a regional housing study. We cannot apply until we have an idea of how many communities would potentially be interested in participating. There might be a cost to the local jurisdiction. We don’t know until we know how large the scope is and the funding we can find. If you are interested in participating, let Megan or Jane know ASAP by next week. We need to know what your issues are with housing.

-MACOG has chosen SMCOG update the logo and branding for MACOG.

Partner Updates

MoDNR – Andy Schiller

Another regional office for department of energy is being added to DNR. Does not affect SMCOG counties. There may be assistance with energy upgrades for communities and schools, etc. Contact Andy for additional information.

MO Dept. of Transportation – Beth Schaller

The State wide Commissioners meeting will be held in Bolivar on 9/6/19 at Southwest Baptist University Campus. The Highway 65 Rebuild will begin this Friday, 8/30/19 with North bound 65 being closed from Highway 60 (James River Freeway) to Sunshine. It will be closed 9-10 days. Also working on several bridges on I-44 between Halltown and Joplin. Right now working around the Mt. Vernon area which should be completed by mid-December. Work on the other bridges near Halltown and Joplin will begin in March of 2020 and should finish by the end of the year. MoDOT had a well-attended public meeting last week in Rogersville on the proposed interchange at Highway 60 and 125. Two proposals have gone out.

Missouri Dept. of Conservation – Ronda Burnett

Ronda discussed problems and remedies that the Bradford Pear tree is causing across the state.

Community Foundation of the Ozarks – Alice Wingo

Dallas County Community Foundation has an open grant round application due 9/15/19.

Finley River Community Foundation (Christian County) capped at \$8000. Applications due 10/1/19. These are smaller grants that can be used to supplement other programs.

Springfield - Greene County Diversity Inclusion Program capped at \$20,000, those applications due 10/4/19.

Aurora Area Community Foundation capped at \$10,000 and must affect health &/or substance abuse of children and young adults up to age 24. Applications due 10/31/19.

Springfield Collective Impact Grant to address red flag issues in Springfield capped at \$30,000 due 11/15/19.

Cooper Grant round opening 11/7/19 for organizations outside Springfield. Capped at 20,000 due 2/7/20.

These can be accessed through the CFO website under Grants.

The upcoming CFO conference on 11/8/19 with the morning keynote speaker, Ben Winchester of University of Minnesota Extension. He will speak on Reframing the Rural Narrative. The afternoon keynote Andrew McCray author of “Total Town Makeover.” There is no fee to attend but you need to register for the event on CFO website. CFOzarks.org

Member Announcements

Each member gave a short update on happenings in their communities.

Adjourn

Danny Perches motioned and Dana Louderbaugh seconded. Motion Carried.

Todd Wiesehan, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved