



Southwest Missouri
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Board of Directors Meeting Notice

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Library Station, Frisco Room

2535 N. Kansas Expressway, Springfield, MO 65803

Attendance

Members:

Max Springer, Mt. Vernon
J. Everett Mitchell, Willard
Steve Bodenhamer, Strafford
Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Sam Rost, Marshfield
Dennis Wood, Stone County
Allen Kunkel, MSU
Mike Randall, Aurora
Cindy Stephens, OTC
Stan Whitehurst, Webster County
Steve Childers, Ozark
Howard Fisk, Fisk Transportation
Nancy Edson, Rogersville
Chris Hopkins, Billings
Joel Hornickel, Branson
Ed Westerman, Clever
Sydney Allen, Bolivar

Partners and Guests:

Steve McIntosh, Senator Blunt's Office
Dan Wadlington, Senator Blunt's Office
David Stokely, Senator McCaskill's Office
Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Long's Office
Sara Fields, OTO
Andrew Seiler, MoDOT
Justin Coyan, Springfield Chamber
Mary Ann Rojas, Career Center, Ozark Region

Staff:

Diane May
Jane Hood
Dave Faucett
Jason Ray
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
Brandon Jenson, Intern

Open Business Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance—Steve Childers

Introductions and Announcements—Steve Childers

Approval of May 25, 2016 Meeting Agenda— Steve Childers

Howard Fisk motioned and Cindy Stephens seconded to approve the agenda for the May 25, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Approval of March 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes— Steve Childers

Cindy Stephens had 3 corrections. Mary Ann Rojas, Pete Barclay and Cindy Stephens were all in attendance at the March 23rd meeting and were not listed as attending. Corrections made. Allen Kunkel

motioned and Steve Bodenhamer seconded to approve the minutes with corrections from the March 23, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Guest Speaker: Mary Ann Rojas - Director, Missouri Career Center, Ozark Region – Mary Ann gave an overview of the Ozark Workforce Development Board and how they function with the State of Missouri, the Career Center and the programs that are available. Howard Fisk also mentioned the OTO Ride Share System which is available, online and free.

Legislative Reports

Senator Blunt's Office – Steve McIntosh & Dan Wadlington

Committee work is being done at the present. Next week the Appropriations Sub Committee that Senator Blunt chairs, is doing the mark up on HHS and Education Appropriations. Senator's Blunt, McCaskill, and Congressman Smith are sponsoring a bill to make a portion of St. Genevieve a National Park. It is the oldest city in Missouri and the oldest city West of the Mississippi. Senator Blunt is active on legislation regarding Opioid drug abuse. Senator Blunt called for the resignation of the VA Secretary.

Senator McCaskill's Office – David Stokely

Senator McCaskill sets on the Armed Services Committee and continues to work on the sexual assault of military personnel. Amendment has been put in. A Grant Symposium has been scheduled for 6/1/16 in Columbia, MO sponsored by Senator McCaskill. SMOG staff have sent out information on this event. There will be 25 entities there to showcase their grant opportunities available.

Congressman Long's Office – Jeremy Pruett

Congressman Long is working on the committees that he is on which include, Energy & Commerce Committees and Sub Committees are Telecom, Health Care and Energy. Discussion of broadband for rural committees was held.

Business

Executive Committee Report – Steve Childers

Current agreement with MSU has been updated with MSU and their attorney. The updates have been shared with EDA in hopes of getting the EDA Planning Grant reinstated. Waiting to hear back from EDA.

Associate Membership amounts were changed from 3 levels to 2 levels. For Profit entities will be \$500 and Non-Profit will be \$250. Jane asked that if any members know of potential prospects to please let her know and she will schedule a meeting with them.

Howard Fisk asked if membership fees are being looked for increases. Diane explained that will be looked at later. With her retirement, there are other changes that will be coming first.

Nominating Committee – Steve Childers

Mr. Childers asked for any volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Stan Whitehurst volunteered. No one else volunteered so Steve Childers said that staff should attempt to find others that would volunteer.

2017-2022 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – Jason Ray

Jason Ray shared that the Draft STIP is on MoDOT's website and they are taking public comment until 6/10/16. Southwest District looks good. Andrew Seiler then reviewed the draft STIP. There are more funds available than what was originally thought. Bridge heavy in 2017.

Howard Frisk asked what the penalty is for those that cross over weigh limited bridges that are over the limit. Law enforcement does not seem to know. Discussion held.

Financial Report – Diane May

Diane reviewed the February, March & April Financial Report. Then Howard Fisk made a motion to table discussion on raising fees. Nancy Edson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Howard Fisk then made a motion to accept the February, March & April Financial Report. Cindy Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Program/Project Reports

Jason reported there is a 2014 needs list in the packet by County for the STIP. It is time to update. He has sent it out electronically and will be meeting with counties. Andrew Seiler mentioned that the MoDOT Cost Share Program for intersections should be available again on a 50/50 basis. Transportation Alternative Program should be available this fall which is an 80/20 match. (sidewalks)

As part of the Supplemental Disaster Resiliency Program, we have been approved to update the low water crossing inventory for 3 of our counties, Dade, Polk and Dallas and to assist in updating them with more in depth data.

Missouri Livable Streets Workshop flyer in packet. It will be 6/16/16 at the E-Factory. Partnership with Trailnet out of St. Louis. They have received funding from Dept of Health and Senior Services. Lunch provided and free to attend.

Southwest Missouri Local Government Briefings is sent out every two weeks. If you do not receive and would like to be on the list, please let us know.

Updating CEDS. Survey sent out. County wide meetings will be held soon.

Homeland Security information is available on printouts.

Grant application submitted for Fair Grove Senior Center. Marshfield Senior Center has broken ground.

Barry County Hazard Mitigation Plan is being worked on. Christian County has been submitted.

Supplemental Disaster Resiliency Plan is in process.

On-Site Waste Water is available. Brochures are not ready. We will be marketing this program.

Other Business

Sara Fields would like information from communities on how the EPA’s extension of their Waters of the US has affected.

Partner Updates

Sara Fields – Ozarks Transportation Organization

OTO is updating their long range plans and have set aside money for some large projects. Several are being planned.

Member Announcements- None

Adjourn

Howard Fisk motioned and Nancy Edson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Nancy Edson, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved