

RREC Advisory Board Meeting

Note: Meeting was held at the Rolla City Council Chambers, Rolla, MO
March 21, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

Attending voting members: Candace Connell, Wayne Parry, Keith Strassner, Jeff Davis, Stevie Kearse, Lou Magdits, Ben Tipton, Ed Clayton and Mike Woessner.

Absent voting members: Shad Becker, Dusty Cruise, Robert Teresso and Randy Verkamp.

Guests: County Commissioner Gary Hicks, Council person Sue Eudaly, John Butz Rolla City Administrator and John Petersen City of Rolla.

Call to order: President Wayne Parry called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
Ed Clayton was recognized as our newest board member from PCRMC

President Parry asked the board members to review the February minutes which had been sent electronically prior to this meeting. A **motion was made by Strassner and seconded by Candace Connell to approve the minutes as presented. A voice vote on the motion showed nine ayes, zero nays, four absent. Motion carried.**

Financial Reports: Treasurer Ben Tipton reviewed the financial reports which were included in the packet. After a brief discussion a **motion was made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Jeff Davis to approve the financial reports as presented. A voice vote on the motion showed nine ayes, zero nays, four absent. Motion carried.**

New Business:

- Progress 63 Coalition: Director Lorey initiated a recent meeting with Bonnie Prigge with MRPC, Preston Kramer with MODOT, and Randy Allen, Jeff City Chamber of Commerce regarding needed improvements to Hwy 63. As a result Progress 63 Coalition was established RREC's April meeting will be a luncheon meeting at Oak Meadow County Club and our speaker from the Missouri Transportation Alliance. Director Lorey will also introduce the Progress 63 Coalition. Our lunch will be sponsored by the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce, Phelps County Bank and the Maries County Bank.

Old Business:

- 1st Quarter activity update: The packet included a handout from Missouri Partnership and the RREC Project and New Prospects Report. (See the handouts) Missouri Partnership is the point of contact for companies expressing an interest in locating to Missouri. Many of RREC's project/prospects come in via the Partnership's business and development efforts.
- The activity report noted Director Lorey has worked on 13 project/prospects since the start of 2014.
- According to a phone conversation with the company last week, even though parameters of the project have once again been modified, Rolla is still a strong candidate for Project Topaz,
- After requesting they consider gaining control of the Cantex building in order to make it more marketable, Director Lorey is mediating with RCDC and Cantex. As a first step, the mayor and RCDC board president Matt Williams signed a letter asking the company to consider the financial benefits of donating the building to the 501(c)(3).

- Jeff Davis reported on The Public House expansion in St. James; the microbrewery will begin brewing and bottling for distribution. They are collaborating with St. James Winery.

Presentation: Capitol Update by Sarah Barfield Graff, District Office Dir. for Senator Roy Blunt.

Ms. Graff updated the group on some of the bills sponsored by Sen. Blunt. The bill S1957, “Partnership to Build America” act, is a public private partnership to rebuild dams, transportation and infrastructure. 35 % of funds come from public, private partnership with no more than 10% from private. She also commented on the Revitalization of American Manufacturing and the recent testimony from Dr. Terry Brewer.

Questions were entertained from the audience before the presentations was concluded.

President Perry asked for any further business. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Ben Tipton, Secretary/Treasurer

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