

## MINUTES

### JOINT MEETING OF THE OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, THE OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, THE OZARK FOOTHILLS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

DECEMBER 14, 2017  
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
7:00 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Vice Chairman Brian Polk.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion made by Rev. Greg Kirk and seconded by Mr. Darrell Dement, the Minutes of the August 2017 meeting and Financial Reports for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2017, were approved.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Pete Karnowski of Burns & McDonald and Missouri Science and Technology presented to the group regarding wood waste.

Mrs. Hannah Barnett, the Community Development Specialist of the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, presented to the group regarding the 2020 Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA). Members were encouraged to participate in the ten-year update. Assistance with the registration process (to be completed by 12/15/2017) was offered.

#### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Transportation Planning Coordinator Andrew Murphy informed the group that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) held a meeting on December 11, 2017, to execute a special project prioritization. The process-prompted by MODOT-was executed in response to a ten-year funding scenario proposed by the department. The lists were composed and delivered to MODOT in Sikeston on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REGION Q

Recycling Center Supervisor Jamie Lansford reported that the prices of all commodities are gradually dropping. A new forklift has been purchased and delivered to the recycling center.

## OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Director Felicity Ray reported upon the business incubator. All units are full at this time, with lease renewals for the 2018 Calendar Year to be executed December 2017.

The expansion effort has a completion date of April 13, 2017. The two metal buildings should be delivered before the end of the year. The incubator has available \$30,000 in 50% state income tax credits. All questions regarding the tax credits should be directed to Director Ray.

## OZARK FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (OFRCF)

Associate Director Matt Winters reported upon the status of the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation. The foundation awarded three grants during the past quarter in response to the outpouring of support following the region-wide 2017 catastrophic flooding event. The awards, made to each county's long-term recovery committee, were summarized as follows:

- Van Buren Youth and Community Center, \$5,215.98;
- Ripley County Caring Community Partnership, \$6,553.21; and,
- Butler County Community Resource Council, \$661.46.

## RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

Housing Coordinator Ilene Ward reported upon the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. The Ripley County Public Housing Agency currently has 351 vouchers filled. In addition, thirty-four VASH vouchers, dedicated specifically for homeless veterans, are also filled. Exactly 104 families remain upon the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program waiting list.

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator Carolyn Meeks reported that there were thirty-seven families participating in the FSS Program, seventeen families were participating in the Home Ownership Program.

## NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

Associate Director Matt Winters reported upon the grant awards received during the prior quarter. They were summarized as follows:

- Carter County, FY 2019 Federal Lands Access Program, County Road 201 Paving, \$247,888;
- City of Neelyville, DRA SEDAP, Wastewater Improvements, \$206,000;
- City of Piedmont, DRA SEDAP, Waterline Replacement, \$144,615;
- Ozark Family Resource Agency, MO DSS VOCA, Operational Support and Shelter Equipment, \$551,731;
- Carter County, MO DED CDBG, Debris Removal Match for FEMA Public Assistance Funding, \$39,200;
- Carter County, MDFB, Infrastructure Loan, \$150,000; and,
- Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation, Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Carter County Flood Recovery Coordinator, \$49,938.

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Director Ray reported that seventeen grant applications were submitted during the prior quarter. A summary of each proposal was provided to those in attendance as an attachment to *Resolution #292*. A motion was made by Mr. Vince Lampe and seconded by Mayor Ed Degaris authorizing submission of the proposals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ray reported that the FY 2017 Audit Reports are being finalized by Schultz, Durham, and Rap, PC, and should be available for review prior to the end of the year. The on-site audit work was conducted during August 2017.

Associate Director Matt Winters and Project Officer Samantha Rodgers reported upon the status of the Butler, Reynolds, and Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plans. The Reynolds County plan has been completed and accepted by FEMA. The first draft of the Wayne County plan is currently under review by FEMA, and the first draft of the Butler County plan is near completion.

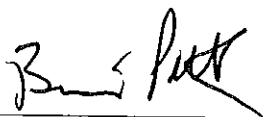
Director Ray acknowledged Project Officer Camille Donnell and Fiscal Officer Mike Watkins for ten years of service. Gifts of appreciation and recognition were provided to both.

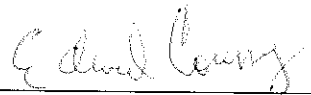
Vice-Chairman Brian Polk presented the Melvin Brinkley Public Service Award to Kent and Sharon Bowman of Wayne County. The Bowman's humbly accepted the award and photos were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Rev. Greg Kirk and seconded by Mr. Darrell Dement, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

  
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Brian Polk, Vice-Chairman      3-8-18  
Date Approved

  
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Edward Coursey, Secretary      3/20/18  
Date Approved

## ATTENDANCE

### COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Diamond  
Edward Coursey  
Russell French  
Margaret Carter  
Mildred Coursey

Rev. Gregory Kirk  
Angela Smith  
Ed DeGaris  
Joe Loyd

Wayne Gibbs  
Margaret Carter  
Vince Lampe  
Darrell Dement

### COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT IN A ATTENDANCE

Kevin Bynum  
Glen Sedrick  
Donald Black  
Wayne Ogden  
Rick Julius  
William Kirkpatrick

Gary Conway Jr.  
Stanley Barton  
Paul Wood  
William Kennon  
Terry Cooper  
Carroll Rainwater

Angela Clyburn  
Mike Hoerner  
Gene Oakley  
Sr. Anne Francioni  
Paul Johnson

### GUESTS

Pete Karnowski  
Christy Mercer  
Lisa Lansford  
Clifford Smith  
Mary Anderson  
Ronnie Pritchett  
Kent Bowman  
Sharron Sargent

Pam Kirk  
Tosha Roberts  
Gene Bilbrey  
Betty Bilbrey  
Gene Bilbrey  
Susan Pritchett  
Sharon Bowman  
Eddie Williams

Ronda Polk  
Gloria Dement  
Dennis Avery  
Kyle Aubuchon  
Sarah French  
Georgia Woods  
Becky Gibbs

### STAFF

Jamie Lansford  
Camille Donnell  
Mike Watkins  
Keona Ferguson

Matt Winters  
Andrew Murphy  
Samantha Rodgers  
Hannah Barnett

Felicity Ray  
Eugene Shanor  
Carolyn Meeks  
John Anderson