

## 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**

**MARCH 8, 2018  
CARTER COUNTY NUTRITION CENTER  
#16 BALL PARK ROAD  
VAN BUREN, MISSOURI 63965  
7:00 PM**

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Chairman Gene Oakley.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion made by Commissioner Vince Lampe and seconded by Commissioner Donald Black the Minutes of the December 2018 meeting for the quarter ending December 31, 2017, were approved. Director Felicity Ray notified the group that financial statements for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2017, will be available for approval at the June 14, 2018 meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Rickie Maples and Ms. Tammie Hale of Ozark Vitality presented to the group regarding the Carter County Flood Recovery Campaign.

### TRANSPORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Transportation Planning Coordinator Andrew Murphy informed the group that due to absence his duties were temporarily assumed by Ms. Samantha Rodgers. The annual Ag Expo presentation was overseen by Ms. Rodgers and Director Ray. The next scheduled Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting will be held April 12, 2018, location to be determined.

Mr. Murphy presented the Draft Public Transit Human Service Transportation Plan to commission members. A hard copy can be found on the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission's website.

### SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REGION Q

Recycling Center Supervisor Jamie Lansford reported that the prices of all commodities are stable. There were 58 hours of community service completed in the previous month. The Williamsville and Poplar Bluff fall community clean-ups were a success. Communities are encouraged to contact the offices of Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission or the Recycling Center to schedule community clean-ups.

## OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Director Ray reported upon the Business Incubator expansion effort. The exterior portion of the building has been completed and interior work has begun. The expansion effort has a completion date of April 15, 2018. There will be four spaces for lease at a price of \$2.05 per square foot per year.

## OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Associate Director Matt Winters reported upon the status of the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation. The foundation has partnered with the Missouri Foundation for Health to award five grants of \$10,000 per year for a three-year period. Five organizations will each receive \$30,000 over the three-year project period for a total of \$150,000 invested by the foundations to improve the quality of life within the region.

## RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

Housing Coordinator Niki Harp reported upon the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. The Ripley County Public Housing Agency currently has 352 of 356 regular vouchers filled. In addition, thirty-three of thirty-four VASH vouchers, dedicated specifically for homeless veterans, are also filled. Exactly seventy-eight families remain upon the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program waiting list. The waiting list is currently closed with a scheduled opening date of May 1, 2018.

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator Carolyn Meeks reported that there are thirty-four families participating in the FSS Program, with sixteen families participating in the Home Ownership Program.

Director Ray introduced a *Civil Rights Certification* and *PHA Certification of Compliance* as required for the Ripley County PHA's Annual Plan and funding. A motion to adopt the certifications was made by Commissioner Vince Lampe and seconded by Commissioner Brian Polk; the Annual Plan was approved.

## NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

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

- Ripley County Public Housing Agency, US HUD, Family Self-Sufficiency Program, \$36,946;
- Wayne County Nutrition Center, NAP Tax Credits, \$67,025; and,
- Carter County, MO DED, CDBG, Courthouse Flood Damage Remediation, \$21,573.75.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Director Ray reported that twenty-three grant applications were submitted during the prior quarter. A summary of each proposal was provided to those in attendance as an attachment to *Resolution #293*. A motion was made by Mr. Russell French and seconded by Mr. Paul Johnson authorizing submission of the proposals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No state legislators were in attendance to provide a legislative update as The Missouri General Assembly Session remained lately ongoing.

The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission must consider, adopt and maintain the Title VI Civil Rights Plan due to the receipt of funding from the Federal Highways Administration. A hard copy of the draft plan was made available for review. A final version will be presented for consideration during June 2018.

All communities were encouraged by the Commission to request inclusion within newly designated Opportunity Zones. The beginning of March 2018 was the deadline for inclusion requests to the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The Department will select census tracts for nomination to the U.S. Treasury

Associate Director Winters reported on the Federal Government vs. Volkswagen settlement which determined the Volkswagen company violated the Clean Air Act from 2009-2016. Missouri is expected to receive a portion of the settlement amounting to \$41,000,000. The funds will be distributed to eligible municipalities by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to aid in reducing emissions by repairing or replacing equipment.

Director Ray presented the current Executive Committee membership slate. All officers are eligible to retain their current positions for two additional years. The slate will be presented during the June 2018 agenda for consideration and approval.

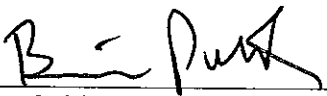
GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Ray reported upon current staff changes. Associate Director Matt Winters will no longer be with the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission effective March 15, 2018. Hannah Barnett was offered and accepted a position during January 2018 with the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. Fiscal Officer, Mike Watkins will be retiring May 1<sup>st</sup>, and, a new employee, Michael Bailey, started at the Recycling Center during the previous quarter.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

  
Gene Oakley, Chairman

6-14-18  
Date Approved

  
Edward Coursey, Secretary Date Approved

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Gene Oakley  
Angela Smith  
Rev. Gregory Kirk  
Vince Lampe

Donald Black  
Paul Johnson  
Russell French

Darrell Dement  
Wayne Gibbs  
Brian Polk

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ed Degaris  
Kim Diamond  
Kevin Bynum  
Glen Sedrick  
Wayne Ogden  
Rick Julius  
Mike Hoerner

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

Angela Clyburn  
William Kirkpatrick  
Margaret Carter  
Edward Coursey  
Mildred Coursey  
Sr. Anne Francioni

GUESTS

Pamela Kirk  
Tammy Thurman  
Lyn Schultz  
Ronda Polk  
Denise Vaughn  
Betty Hampton  
Ella Jean Keeny

Mary Anderson  
Matt Michel  
Rickie Maples  
Crystal Johnson  
Heidi Truncone  
Abigail Truncone  
Sarah French

Tami Hale  
Curt Majors  
Cindy Jenks  
Gerri Flatt  
Teagan Vaughn  
Becky Gibbs  
Mike Grassham

EMPLOYEES

John Anderson  
Matt Winters  
Mike Watkins  
Andrew Murphy

Jamie Lansford  
Niki Harp  
Samantha Rodgers  
Keona Ferguson

Carolyn Meeks  
Ilene Ward  
Felicity Ray  
Michael Bailey