

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

JUNE 15, 2017
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Vice Chairman Brian Polk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIALS REPORTS

On a motion made by Mayor William Kirkpatrick and seconded by Commissioner Vince Lampe, the Minutes of the March 2017 meeting and Financial Reports for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2017, were approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Chatchai Pinthuprapa of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Energy, presented to the group regarding the *Energy Loan Program*. The presentation provided education on how to apply and obtain an energy loan to help fund energy efficiency improvements for publicly-owned facilities.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Transportation Planning Coordinator Andrew Murphy informed the group that the previous quarterly Transportation Advisory Committee meeting was held during April 2017.

A draft on the *Ozark Foothills Regional Transportation Plan* was presented to the Commission on March 9, 2017, allowing three months for review and feedback. The plan was presented for approval by Director Ray. On a motion made by Commissioner Donald Black and seconded by Commissioner Vince Lampe, the *Ozark Foothills Regional Transportation Plan* was adopted by the Commission with no discussion.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REGION Q

Recycling Center Supervisor Jamie Lansford reported that the prices of all commodities have remained stable since the March 2017 meeting. Magazines are currently not being accepted by the paper mills.

The Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District received only one funding request in response to its annual solicitation for solid waste management proposals. The proposal submitted by the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission was ranked by the Executive Committee and recommended for funding. On a motion made by Commissioner Vince Lampe and seconded by Mayor Angela Smith, the Solid Waste Management District grant award was approved.

Director Ray reported the District's administrative contract renewal would be discussed at the next quarterly meeting.

OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Director Felicity Ray reported upon the business incubator expansion effort. Bids were solicited with response from three contractors. The lowest bidder was Sides Construction. A Notice to Proceed will be forthcoming, following review by the funding agency.

OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (OFRCF)

Associate Director Matt Winters reported that the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation's fund balances as of March 31, 2017, totaled \$1,154,708. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2017.

Flood relief funds were opened for Butler, Carter, Reynolds, and Ripley Counties and the affected cities. Donations are currently being received. Monies raised will support recovery efforts within the respective counties.

The Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF) won *Affiliate of the Year* for 2016-2017, and was awarded \$2,000 by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks during April 2017. The funds will be deposited within the OFRCF's endowment fund to support local non-profit organizations via annual grant calls.

Give Ozarks Day was held on May 9, 2017. Donations during the 24-hour period totaled \$1,397,147.64 for the benefit of non-profit agencies throughout southern Missouri. The local Give Ozark Foothills effort raised \$26,305.19 of that total.

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 387 vouchers filled. In addition, thirty-two VASH vouchers are dedicated specifically for homeless veterans. Exactly, 341 families remained upon the Section 8 Rental assistance program waiting list. Effective, April 1, 2017, the Section 8 waiting list was closed.

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator Carolyn Meeks reported that there were thirty-nine families participating within the FSS Program and eighteen families participating within the Home Ownership Program. Thirteen of the home ownership clients are engaged in credit counseling.

NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

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

- Ozark Foothills RPC, U.S. DOC, EDA, Annual Planning Grant, \$70,000;
- Butler County, MO DED, Energy Loan; \$157,264;
- RCPHA U.S. HUD, Section 8 Rental Assistance Annual Plan, approximately \$1,200,000; and,
- Ozark Foothills Development Association, MO DED, Business Incubator Tax Credits, \$30,000.

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Director Ray reported that twelve grant applications were submitted during the prior quarter. A summary of each proposal was provided to those in attendance as an attachment to *Resolution #289*. A motion was made by Mr. Paul Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Vince Lampe to adopt *Resolution #289* authorizing submission of the proposals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ray presented the FY 2018 Budget for Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, the Ozark Foothills Development Association, the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District and the Ripley County Public Housing Agency. A summary of the budget was provided as an attachment to *Resolution #290*. A motion was made by Commissioner Donald Black and seconded by Mayor William Kirkpatrick to adopt *Resolution #290* thereby approving the budget.

On a motion made by Commissioner Vince Lampe and seconded by Commissioner Donald Black, the revised bylaws were adopted. Revisions to the Bylaws of the Missouri Association Councils of Government (MACOG) as presented during the March 2017 meeting were offered for consideration.

The annual fish fry and fall quarterly meeting will be held August 31, 2017, at the Bill R. Emerson Visitor's Center at Lake Wappapello.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Associate Director Winters reported Samantha Rodgers is working upon the updated *Reynolds County Hazard Mitigation Plan*. It is currently being reviewed by SEMA, a draft is available for review and can be found online at www.ofrpc.org.

Miss Rodgers is also updating the *Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan*. The next planning committee meeting will be held June 20, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. at the Wayne County Courthouse. Those interested are encouraged to attend and participate.

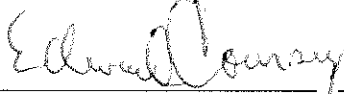
Associate Director Winters is working on revising the *Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan*. The next planning meeting will be June 20, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. at the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Commissioner Vince Lampe and seconded by Mayor William Kirkpatrick, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,


Brian Polk, Vice-Chairman 8/29/2017
Date Approved


Edward Coursey, Secretary 8/29/2017
Date Approved

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Wayne Gibbs
Angela Smith
Ed DeGaris
Gary Emmons

Donald Black
William Kirkpatrick
Vince Lampe
Darrell Dement

Paul Johnson
Brian Polk

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Diamond
Kevin Bynum
Glen Sedrick
Wayne Ogden
Rick Julius
Mike Hoerner
Russell French
Mike Gossett

Joe Loyd
Gary Conway
Stanley Barton
Paul Woods
William Kennon
Terry Cooper
Gregory Kirk

Carroll Rainwater
Angela Clyburn
Edward Coursey
Mildred Coursey
Gene Oakley
Margaret Carter
Anne Francioni

GUESTS

Becky Gibbs
Dennis Avery

Rhonda Polk

Chatchai Pinthuprapa

STAFF

Carolyn Meeks
Andrew Murphy
Keona Ferguson
Niki Harp

Jamie Lansford
Camille Donnell
Samantha Rodgers
John Anderson

Eugene Shanor
Matt Winters
Felicity Ray
Mike Watkins