

NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RCOG Open Board Minutes
September 23, 2021

Held via Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82387956273?pwd=WWNic0xKVmN3TGhVhdDkvamN5TIN6QT09>
Meeting ID: 823 8795 6273, Passcode: 116516, Call-In Only Number: 312 626 6799

MINUTES

Call to Order

Tyler Paxson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Roll Call

There were six members present via Zoom conferencing, constituting a quorum. Roll was recorded as members joined the Zoom call.

Approve Agenda

The September 23, 2021 Agenda was previously emailed to the members. Gary Carlson made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Pat Walter. Motion approved (6 ayes; 0 nays).

Approve June 24, 2021 Minutes

The June 24, 2021 Minutes were previously emailed to the members. Doug Sutton made a motion to approve the June 24, 2021 Minutes as presented, seconded by Regan Nonneman. Motion approved (6 ayes; 0 nays).

Approve June, July, and August 2021 Treasurer's Reports

Alice Schieffer, Fiscal Officer, presented the Board with the Treasurer's Report from June 1-August 31, 2021. June marked the end of our 2021 Fiscal Year, with a checking account balance of \$50,883.99 and a savings account balance of \$413,783.64, for a cash total of \$464,667.63. Revenues totaled \$820,953.76 and Expenditures were \$707,609.70. We ended the year with a surplus of \$113,344.06 - the highest surplus of cash we've ever ended a year with. The auditor visited and it sounded like everything looked good.

Alice Schieffer started a new report for FY 2022 on July 1. Our checking account balance for July was \$71,191.19 and savings was \$449,839.79 for a cash total of \$521,030.98. Our checking account balance for August was \$53,291.57 and savings was \$456,398.65 for a cash total of \$509,690.22. Revenues for this new FY, July 1-August 31, 2021, are \$95,182.89 and Expenditures are \$80,248.31- leaving us with a surplus so far of \$14,934.58. There were no questions. Gary Carlson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Pat Walter. Motion approved (6 ayes; 0 nays).

Old Business

Ratify July 6, 2021 Email Vote – New Office Hours

There was an email vote on July 6 to change our office hours from the previous 8-12 P.M. and 1:00-5:00 P.M to the new hours of 8-12 P.M. and 12:30-4:30 P.M. Seven voted in favor, and six constitutes a quorum. The change is working out well. Gary Carlson made a motion to ratify the email vote, and Doug Sutton seconded the motion. Motion approved (6 ayes; 0 nays).

New Business:

Approve May 18, 2021 TAC Minutes

The Transportation Advisory Committee met May 18, 2021. TAC is a sub-committee of the RCOG and therefore TAC minutes need approved by the RCOG board. Doug Sutton made a motion to approve the May 18, 2021 TAC minutes, seconded by Regan Nonneman. Motion approved (6 ayes; 0 nays).

Approve Elmo Water Improvements Administrative Contract - \$24,000

The City of Elmo received a \$400,00 grant from CDBG and a \$100,000 loan from DNR in July to make improvements to their water tower. The RCOG is entering a contract with them for \$24,000 to administer this grant. Regan Nonneman made a motion to approve the Administrative Contract with the City of Elmo, seconded by Doug Sutton. Motion approved (6 ayes; 0 nays).

Approve State Funding SB68 Application for FY 22 - \$17,802.35

Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) in Missouri have been awarded a State Regional Grant award that is managed by the Missouri Office of Administration. This funding is allocated annually by the State's legislature and is typically used as match funds for other regional based grant programs. This year, the legislature approved \$400,000 for funding through Senate Bill 68 which is to be distributed evenly among the state's 19 RPCs. The Regional Council will receive \$17,802.35, which is approximately \$8,600 more than last year. Our application is ready to be submitted. Gary Carlson made a motion to approve the State Funding Application, seconded by Regan Nonneman. Motion approved (6 ayes; 0 nays).

Approve MoDNR 604b Grant, Craig, Big Lake, Big Lake State Park (Wastewater) - \$17,802.35

The Regional Council was awarded a 604b-Water Quality Management Grant to assist the Village of Big Lake, City of Craig, and Big Lake State Park with a feasibility study related to the potential establishment of a joint wastewater management system. The grant is in the amount of \$50,050. The funds will cover the costs of hiring an engineer, staff time, and overhead costs. The project period is 10/1/2021 to 9/30/23. Pat Walter made a motion to sign the 604b-Water Quality Management Grant agreement, seconded by Doug Sutton. Motion approved (6 ayes; 0 nays).

Staff Reports:

Staff Reports were provided in the board packets that were previously emailed to each member. Jerri asked everyone to take some time to review them. The RCOG Staff has busy working on various projects over the last several months.

Kim Mildward, Economic Development Planner/One-Stop Operator, reported that we received approval today from EDA to use the money we set aside for broadband as part of our EDA Cares Grant for MU's digitally connected communities to do Fiber Broadband planning for the five-county region. We are coordinating with MU and scheduling meetings to ask stakeholders and public officials to help us plan acre-to-acre coverage for our five counties. MACOG has picked Nodaway and Holt Counties to do a Feasibility study of what it would take to do that last mile, and we are providing something similar with MU for the other three counties.

Rita Wallinga, Title I WIOA Program Director, reported that the traffic flow in the Northwest Missouri Job Center has been lower than expected post-pandemic. Employers are having a general issue finding employees, for example: Northwest Missouri State University has ten pre-existing custodial positions open. Eagle Radio will be hosting a Job Fair next Wednesday at the American Legion in Maryville. The Job Center will be only available for self-service on November 8-12, as Rita will be on vacation.

Executive Director's Jerri Dearmont Report:

Jerri Dearmont, Executive Director, announced that the Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 9 at 6:00 P.M. at the Mozingo Conference Center. Save-the-Date cards have been sent out, but a new notice will be sent prior to the meeting.

CDBG announced today that the next grant cycle will open October 12 and end January 31, 2022. Categories will include General Infrastructure, Community Facilities, Demolition, Downtown Revitalization, and Workforce Training. The Regional Council held a Demolition Grant Workshop in August, and we are hoping

that some of the communities that attended will be interested in applying this cycle.

The City of Maryville received their Notice to Proceed on September 22, 2021 for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant, for Phase I to renovate the South Main Corridor beginning at McDonalds and south to State Highway V. The BUILD grant is in the amount of ~\$10.7M with the city contributing ~\$3M. They are starting construction and this project is expected to be completed in November of 2023 (in 540 calendar days).

Kim Mildward and Amy Dowis are working on several additional grants through the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the U.S. Department of Commerce to fund Phase II of this project from State Highway V and south to Highway 71 by-pass. The RAISE grant application has already been submitted and they are working on an EDA application as well as a CDBG application.

Jerri Dearmont will be attending the MACOG Training Retreat, which is from October 6-8 in Hermann this year.

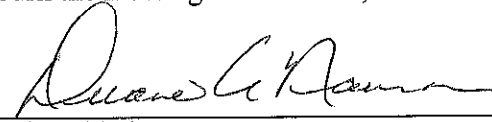
Closed Session

No closed session items.

Adjourn

With no other business, Doug Sutton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M., seconded by Regan Nonneman. Meeting adjourned (6 ayes; 0 nays).


Tyler Paxson, Chairman


~~Jack Baldwin~~, Secretary
Duane Nauman

Members Present via Zoom

- Jubal Summers
- Regan Nonneman
- Tyler Paxson
- Pat Walter
- Doug Sutton
- Gary Carlson

Staff Present

- Jerri Dearmont
- Alice Schieffer
- Amy Dowis
- Annie Arvidson

Members Absent

- Jack Baldwin
- Ben Lipiec
- Greg Welch
- Ben Abplanalp
- Curtis Livengood
- Ryan Kingery
- Shannon Sherwood
- Tom Bullock
- Duane Nauman
- Kent Bohart
- Greg Book
- Derek Brown
- Lorie Carlson
- Bill Walker

Staff Present via Zoom

- Rita Wallinga
- Kim Mildward