



Rolla Regional Economic Commission

RREC Minutes: Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, August 14, 2009

9 a.m. Rolla City Hall - Rolla, Missouri

Attending: Mike Woessner, Mary Davis, Ted Day, Bill Marshall, Suzanne Paule, Lou Magdits, Caroleen Ferrell, Jim Sowers, Vicki Cason, Candace Connell, Shad Becker, Keith Strassner, John Butz, John Petersen, Richard Cavendar

Guests: Cheri Tune, Commissioner Larry Stratmann, Barry White, Scott Grahl, Jill Fahrenholtz, Brad Frazier, Tom Sager, Commissioner Bud Dean, Councilman Don Morris, Councilman Don Brown, Tony Floyd, Stevie Kears

President Ted Day presided over the meeting.

I. Minutes:

The Board reviewed and approved of RREC Board Meeting Minutes for Friday, July 17, 2009. The motion was made by Jim Sowers and seconded by Mike Woessner.

II. Financial Report:

The Board reviewed and approved the Revenue and Expense Report and Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2009 showing a balance of \$276,329.81. Treasurer Lou Magdits reported no expenses out of the ordinary with exception of a delayed payment for engineering for the Rolla Industrial Park of \$2,900. The motion was made by Keith Strassner and seconded by Shad Becker.

Steffanie Rogers presented the invitation to bid on RREC auditing for the next 3 years. The RREC Board unanimously agreed to enter into an agreement with Verkamp and Malone for these services. The motion was made by Jim Sowers and seconded by Bill Marshall.

Special Presentation:

Rick Ziegenfuss, City Administrator of Hollister, Missouri

Leveraging Community Investment in Transportation Infrastructure

There were several questions for Mr. Ziegenfuss following his presentation on transportation improvements in the Hollister area. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Ziegenfuss for the inspiring presentation.

III. Old Business:

IV. New Business:

Discussion of Meetings with Stakeholders and next steps for the organization: Ted Day provided an overview of the meetings with major stakeholders in the RREC organization. The meetings were held with the City of Rolla, the City of St. James, Missouri S&T and RCDC. All groups agreed to the value of the organization and provided guidance on the role of RREC with respect to their organizational needs and objectives. Elizabeth will outline these roles seek an agreement with each group confirming the relationship.

Ted also discussed the possibility of going to quarterly meetings. Candace Connell and others expressed concern about the value of regular group interaction. Ted agreed that the Executive Committee would further discuss the issue and report back to the group.

Ted expressed concern that RREC seemed to be good at bringing attention to itself from the outside, but needed to work on community communications.

V. Executive Director Report

VI. Comments for the Good of the Order:

City of Rolla - John Butz made a point of saying that while, for the year, the State of Missouri sales tax was down %5.8%, The City of Rolla sales tax was up 1.8%. Also, The City of Rolla was soliciting professional services for phases 1 and 2 of Rolla West development.

City of St. James – Candace Connell reported that sales tax was about even with last year. She also shared their success in passing a General Revenue Bond for support of the Swimming Pool.

St. James was also working to get ready for the Tour of Missouri.

Phelps County – sales tax in the County was down 2%

Chambers of Commerce – Stevie Kearsse reminded the group about events going on in Rolla.

Missouri S&T- Keith reported further growth in University admissions.

Meramec Regional Planning Commission – Richard Cavendar discussed the TAC meeting and shared that MoDOT was seeking comment on which section of 63 between Rolla and Jefferson City should be started first.

Missouri Enterprise – no report

Rolla Community Development Corporation – Jim Sowers made the point that he liked having the monthly meetings.

Ted Day closed the meeting by alluding to the fact that all stakeholders were finding value in RREC, and giving credit to Bill Marshall as the visionary to move the organization forward.

VII. Closed Executive Session (Optional):

Pursuant to Section 610-021 RSMo the Commission will discuss the following in Executive Session:

VIII. Adjournment 10:30