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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BIMONTHLY MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
10:00 AM, Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Best Western Riverfront Hotel, 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, WI 54601**

< MRRPC BIMONTHLY MEETING AGENDA >

1. Roll call and guest introductions
2. Decision on August 12, 2015 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) August 2015 and September 2015 Account Balance, Revenue and Expense Reports. (b) Revolving Loan Fund Reports: (1) Business Capital Fund, (2) CMV Growth Fund Loan to Viroqua Children's House Day Care (3) La Crosse County Loan Fund loan to Pearl Street Brewery (4) Monroe County Loan Fund. VB/GF
4. Decision on costs and benefits of meeting mailings and communications to Commissioners by electronic means via tablets. GF
5. Discussion on status of commissioner appointments to the MRRPC. GF
6. Endorsement of Executive Committee Action on Resolution applying for federal Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Grant Program for Buffalo County to prepare an Economic Development Strategy in response to the Alma coal power plant closure. GF
7. Report on results of tabletop exercise involving response and recovery from an oil train derailment and spill in the City of La Crosse. DB
8. Report on establishing a regional non-profit to assist the MRRPC in accessing federal, state, local and private funding sources. GF
9. Approval of Wisconsin DOT regional transportation planning work program for 2016. PF
10. Report on La Crosse County Application to Wisconsin DOT for transit study involving service demand between La Crosse and Trempealeau County and La Crosse and Monroe County. PF
11. Report on new Zoning Ordinance for Buffalo County. PF
12. Report on the Golden Shovel Designated Sites Program for International Business Park II in the City of La Crosse. DB
13. Commissioners questions and comments on the following projects listed in the written staff report:
 - a. Crawford County Farmland Preservation Contract
 - b. Equipment and Metal Manufacturing Industry Cluster Initiative
 - c. Food Resource and Agribusiness Network Industry Cluster
 - d. Town of Unity (Trempealeau County) Comprehensive Planning Contract
 - e. Buffalo County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
 - f. Village of Cashton Connect Communities designation and CDBG Community Planning grant application

<AGENDA CONTINUED>

- g. Trempealeau County Farmland Preservation Plan
- h. Scenic Mississippi Regional Bus service, serving Crawford, Vernon and La Crosse Counties
- i. Village of La Farge Recreation and Economic Development Plan Implementation activities
- j. Pepin County Farmland Preservation Plan
- k. Outdoor Recreation Plans: Pierce, Trempealeau and Buffalo Counties
- l. Preparation of Hazard Mitigation Planning Grants for Crawford and Trempealeau Counties
- m. Report on state and federal funded vehicle use and sharing opportunity study in Crawford, Vernon and La Crosse counties
14. Old Business
15. New Business
16. Adjourn

Commissioners

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Staff

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Peter Fletcher, Transportation Planner
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