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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BIMONTHLY MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
10:00 AM, Wednesday, December 9, 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 October 14, 2015 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) October 2015 and November 2015 Account Balance, Revenue and Expense Reports. (b) Revolving Loan Fund Reports: (1) Business Capital Fund, (2) CMV Growth Fund (3) La Crosse County Loan Fund loan to S&S Cycle and 4 Sisters Catering (4) Monroe County Loan Fund. VB/GF
4. Presentation on the small business development services in Western Wisconsin available through GrowthCoach, by Jon Fields PhD.
5. Report on status of 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
6. Discussion on status of commissioner appointments to the MRRPC. GF
7. Report on MRRPC being excluded from Pepin County Budget. GF
8. Report on the establishment of a regional non-profit to assist the MRRPC in accessing federal, state, local and private funding sources. GF
9. Commissioners questions and comments on the following projects listed in the written staff report:
 - a. Crawford County Farmland Preservation Contract
 - b. Formation of "The Upper Mississippi River Manufacturing Association" - TUMMA
 - c. Town of Unity (Trempealeau County) Comprehensive Planning Contract
 - d. Buffalo County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
 - e. Village of Cashton Connect Communities designation and CDBG Community Planning grant application
 - f. Trempealeau County Farmland Preservation Plan
 - g. Scenic Mississippi Regional Bus service, serving Crawford, Vernon and La Crosse Counties
 - h. Village of La Farge Recreation and Economic Development Plan Implementation activities
 - i. Pepin County Farmland Preservation Plan
 - j. Outdoor Recreation Plans: Trempealeau and Buffalo Counties
 - k. Preparation of Hazard Mitigation Planning Grants for Crawford and Trempealeau Counties

<AGENDA CONTINUED>

- l. State and federal funded vehicle use and sharing opportunity study in Crawford, Vernon and La Crosse counties.
- m. 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.
- n. Report on new Zoning Ordinance for Buffalo County.
- o. Report on the Golden Shovel Designated Sites Program for International Business Park II in the City of La Crosse.
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjourn

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF AMAZON FIRE TABLET TRAINING FOR OBTAINING MRRPC BIMONTHLY MEETING MATERIALS AND OTHER MRRPC COMMUNICATIONS WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE BIMONTHLY MEETING.

Commissioners

Buffalo County Mary Anne McMillan Urell Del Twidt Daniel Barr	La Crosse County Vicki Burke James Ehrsam Tara Johnson	Pierce County Richard Purdy William Schroeder James Ross
Crawford County Greg Russell Gerald Krachey Ron Leys	Monroe County Sharon Folcey James Kuhn Cedric Schnitzler	Trempealeau County Margaret Baecker Ernest Vold Phillip Borreson
Jackson County Ron Carney James Christenson Eugene Savage	Pepin County Bruce Peterson Mike Murray David Smith	Vernon County Appointment Pending Jo Ann Nickelatti Nancy Jaekel

Staff

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Barb Buros, Administrative Assistant
Peter Fletcher, Transportation Planner
Greg Flogstad, Director

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