



**MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
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**Bimonthly Meeting Notice and Agenda, 10:30 AM, Wednesday, December 14th, 2011  
Best Western River Front Hotel – River Jacks, 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin**

< BIMONTHLY MEETING AGENDA >

1. Roll call and guest introductions
2. Decision on October 12, 2011 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) October and November 2011 Account Balance, and Revenue & Expense Reports. (b) Revolving Loan Fund Reports: (1) Business Capital Fund, (2) CMV Growth Fund (3) La Crosse County Loan Fund (4) Monroe County Loan Fund. VB/GF/BL
4. Economic, Environmental and Regulatory Issues of Frac Sand Mining by Karl Green, UW Extension Agent La Crosse County
5. Commissioner and public input on 2012 -2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). GF
6. Report on Grant Award from U.S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration for Technical Assistance Grant and Kickapoo Valley Reforestation Grant to determine feasibility – demand, cost and benefits of biofuel pellet plant in the Kickapoo Valley. BL
7. Approval of 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program. PF
8. Spring Valley Safe Route to School Plan final report. PF
9. Westby – Viroqua Safe Route to School Plan final report. PF
10. Decision on applying for Wis. DOT grant to fund Regional Safe Route to Schools Coordinator. PF
11. Fort Mc Coy Joint Land Use Compatibility Study Update. BL
12. Commissioners questions and comments on the following projects listed in the written staff report:
  - a. Crawford County shore land-floodplain zoning ordinance
  - b. Food Resource and Agribusiness Network
  - c. Village of La Farge Development Plan
  - d. Equipment and Metal Manufacturing Industry Cluster Initiative
  - e. Pepin County Comprehensive Plan
  - f. Monroe and Crawford Counties Recreation Plans
  - g. Status of Crawford, Pepin, Trempealeau and Vernon Counties Multihazard Mitigation Plans

<AGENDA CONTINUED>

- h. Jackson County \$40,000 and La Crosse \$50,000 County Multi Hazard Mitigation Grant Awards
- i. Town of Utica zoning ordinance
- j. County communication interoperability planning
- k. Jackson County CDBG Public Facilities Grant for \$400,000 for County Road P Improvements to serve Badger Mining Corp operations, \$1.2 million project
- l. Wisconsin CDBG/ Pierce Co. \$500,000 forgivable loan to the Bergquist Company for 202 jobs retained, 45 created and \$10 million manufacturing line expansion
- m. Crawford, Vernon & La Crosse Rural Commuter Bus Service Project
13. (a) Old Business (b) New Business
14. Adjourn

**Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission  
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*A Nine County Economic Development District Providing Assistance to Local Governments*

- Land Use Planning ▪ Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances ▪ Transportation Planning ▪ Economic Development Planning
- GIS Mapping ▪ Recreation Planning ▪ Revolving Loan Fund Administration ▪ Grant Writing ▪ Socioeconomic Data Dissemination
- Assist Local Interests in Responding to State and Federal Programs ▪ Advisory Service on Local Planning Issues
- Coordinating Agency for Programs and Activities ▪ Public Advocacy on Issues Affecting Our Region