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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
10:00 AM, Wednesday, June 10, 2015  
Best Western Riverfront Hotel, 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, WI 54601**

< MRRPC 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA >

1. Roll call and guest introductions
2. Decision on April 8, 2015 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) April 2015 and May 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 (4) Monroe County Loan Fund. VB/GF
4. Presentation by Rachel Jovi, Business Development Consultant on the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative's business planning assistance and lending programs (They make loans to men too!).
5. Discussion and decision on MRRPC forming a regional non-profit to assist the MRRPC in access to federal, state, local and private funding sources. GF
6. Report on Buffalo County's eligibility for federal Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) initiative funding because of negative impacts by coal mine or coal power plant closures. GF
7. Decision on submission of grant application to the U.S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration to assist Buffalo County with long term economic recovery from coal power plant closure. GF
8. Status on new Zoning Ordinance for Buffalo County. PF
9. Report on the Golden Shovel Ready Business Site Program. DB
10. 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. Jackson and La Crosse County Multi-hazard Mitigation Plans
  - e. Town of Unity (Trempealeau County) Comprehensive Planning Contract
  - f. Buffalo County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
  - g. Village of Cashton Connect Communities designation and CDBG Community Planning grant application

<AGENDA CONTINUED>

- h. Trempealeau County Farmland Preservation Plan
- i. Scenic Mississippi Regional Bus service, serving Crawford, Vernon and La Crosse Counties
- j. Village of La Farge Recreation and Economic Development Plan Implementation activities
- k. Pepin County Farmland Preservation Plan
- l. Report on planning joint use of federal and state funded vehicles in Crawford, Vernon and La Crosse Counties
- m. Outdoor Recreation Plans: Pierce, Pepin, Vernon, Trempealeau, Jackson and Crawford counties
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjourn

**Commissioners**

<b>Buffalo County</b> Mary Anne McMillan Urell Del Twidt Daniel Barr	<b>La Crosse County</b> Vicki Burke James Ehram Tara Johnson	<b>Pierce County</b> Richard Purdy William Schroeder James Ross
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