



**MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**Bimonthly Meeting Notice and Agenda, 10:00 AM, Wednesday, June 12, 2013**

**Seasons by the Lake, 910 2nd Ave North, (On State Highway 35 Overlooking Lake Onalaska), Onalaska Wisconsin**

< BIMONTHLY MEETING AGENDA >

1. Roll call and guest introductions
2. Decision on April 10, 2013 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) April 2013 and May 2013 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/BL
4. Presentation on Pierce, Pepin, Trempealeau and Monroe County Communication Interoperability Plans. DB
5. Review and discussion on regional economic development, agricultural, natural and cultural resource goals for comprehensive plan. PF
6. Report on Town of Unity (Trempealeau County) frac sand survey and town to city annexation occurrences to avoid mining regulations. PF
7. Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit bus service running in Crawford, Vernon and La Crosse Counties. PF
8. Commissioner Input on Regional Subsidized Housing Inventory. BL
9. Update on WEDC's Regional RLF Initiative. BL
10. Report on Heating the Midwest Initiative, achieving 15% of all thermal energy from renewable energy with biomass comprising 10%, creating a reinvestment of \$2.2 billion in Midwest economy. BL
11. Report on providing input to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. BL
12. Commissioners questions and comments on the following projects listed in the written staff report:
  - a. Kickapoo Valley Solid Biofuel and Wood Product Feasibility Study
  - b. Equipment and Metal Manufacturing Industry Cluster Initiative
  - c. Food Resource and Agribusiness Network Industry Cluster
  - d. Village of La Farge Economic and Recreation Development Plan
  - e. Pepin County Comprehensive Plan
  - f. Outdoor Recreation Plans: Pierce, Pepin, Vernon and Crawford
  - g. Jackson, La Crosse, and Vernon Counties Multi-hazard Mitigation Plans
  - h. Town of Arcadia and Trempealeau County Comprehensive Plan Contract

<AGENDA CONTINUED>

- i. Preparation of Regional Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation County Plans
- j. Jackson County CDBG Public Facilities Grant for \$400,000 to serve Badger Mining Corp operations \$86 million expansion in Merrilan and Taylor to create 40 and retain 157 jobs
- k. WEDC \$500,000 forgivable loan closing in May to the Bergquist Company for 202 jobs retained, 45 created and \$10 million manufacturing line expansion
- l. Village of Cashton and La Crosse Awarded Connect Communities Designation
13. Old Business
14. New Business
15. Adjourn

**Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission  
Commissioners**

Buffalo County	La Crosse County	Pierce County
John Schlesselman James Scholmeier Kathleen Vinehout	Vicki Burke James Ehrsam Tara Johnson	Richard Purdy William Schroeder James Ross
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**Staff**

Dave Bonifas, Community Development Planner  
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Greg Flogstad, Director  
Bryan Law, Economic Development Planner

*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