



**MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**Bimonthly Meeting Notice and Agenda, 10:00 AM, Wednesday, October 10, 2012  
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 August 8, 2012 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) August and September 2012 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 by Jon Hochkammer, Legislative Director, Wisconsin Counties Association on WCA and their Legislative Initiatives and Proposed Regional Planning Commission consolidation of services proposal for the Department of Administration budget consideration.
5. Discussion on region's solid biofuel potential and Kickapoo Valley Biofuel and Wood Product Feasibility Study with Paul Bader, Kickapoo Woods Cooperative Member.
6. Report on the soon to be started Three Route Bus Service Project to serve Crawford, Vernon and La Crosse Counties. PF
7. Decision on Economic Modeling Services Inc (EMS) economic development data servicing contract and agreement. BL
8. Commissioners questions and comments on the following projects listed in the written staff report:
  - a. Crawford County Shoreland Floodplain Zoning Ordinance
  - 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. City of Prairie Du Chien and Crawford County Recreation Plans
  - g. Crawford, Pepin, Jackson, La Crosse, Trempealeau and Vernon Counties Multi-hazard Mitigation Plans
  - h. Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Request for tribe representation on all Wisconsin regional planning commissions.
  - i. Regionalizing Business Revolving Loan Funds Initiative.
  - j. State Of Wisconsin Regionalizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Funds.
  - k. Town of Arcadia and Trempealeau County Comprehensive Plan Contract.

<AGENDA CONTINUED>

- l. Town of Holland (La Crosse County) Town Plan contract for implementation assistance.
- m. Pierce, Pepin, Trempealeau and Monroe County Communication Interoperability Plans.
- n. Jackson County CDBG Public Facilities Grant for \$400,000 to serve Badger Mining Corp operations \$86 million expansion in Merrillan and Taylor to create 40 and retain 157 jobs.
- o. Wisconsin CDBG/ Pierce Co. \$500,000 forgivable loan to the Bergquist Company for 202 jobs retained, 45 created and \$10 million manufacturing line expansion.
- p. Fort Mc Coy Joint Land Use Compatibility Study Update.
- q. Safe Routes to School Coordinator Position and Funding Status on Projects in Spring Valley, Westby and Viroqua.
9. (a) Old Business (b) New Business
10. 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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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