

# MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION **BIMONTHLY MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA** 10:00 AM, Wednesday, June 8, 2016 (Revised) Best Western Riverfront Hotel, 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

#### < MRRPC BIMONTHLY MEETING AGENDA >

- 1. Roll call and quest introductions
- 2. Decision on April 13, 2016 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
- 3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) April 2016 and May 2016 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
- **Decision on Corporate Banking Resolution for Signature Card**
- Election of Officers: Nominating Committee comprised of Bill Schroeder, Jo Ann Nickelatti and Jim Ehrsam will provide nominations for the position of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary Treasurer
- Presentation and discussion with Paul Schwebach, Director, Pierce County **Economic Development Corporation on economic development activities** and needs in and around Pierce County. This will be the first of several County Economic Development Director presentations in the coming months to assist the MRRPC in preparing the 2017 - 2022 Comprehensive **Economic Development Strategy**
- Presentation and possible decision about partnering with 7 Rivers Alliance about applying for a Regional Workforce Development Strategy Grant to the U.S. Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration by Lisa Herr, Director, 7 Rivers Alliance.
- Report on financial condition and ridership trends of the Scenic Mississippi River Transit service 2013 through March 2016, serving La Crosse, Vernon and Crawford Counties. PF
- Report on development of new zoning ordinance for Buffalo County. DB
- 10. Commissioners' questions and comments on the following projects listed in the written staff report:
  - La Crosse County Public Transit Service Feasibility Study to analyze and make recommendations about service to Monroe and **Trempealeau Counties**
  - **Crawford County Hazard Mitigation Plan**
  - **Trempealeau County Hazard Mitigation Plan**
  - **Crawford County Land and Water Management Plan** d.
  - 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.
  - Monroe and Vernon County Hazard Mitigation Planning Grants
  - **Crawford County Farmland Preservation Contract** g.
  - Town of Unity (Trempealeau County) Comprehensive Planning

#### <AGENDA CONTINUED>

- i. **Buffalo County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**
- j. Trempealeau County Farmland Preservation Plan
- k. Outdoor Recreation Plans: Trempealeau and Buffalo
- I. Report on the formation of The Upper Mississippi River Manufacturing Alliance - TUMMA. GF
- 11. Old Business
- 12. New Business
- 13. Adjourn

Demonstration, question and answer session about Amazon Fire tablets issued to commissioners and staff regarding obtaining MRRPC Bimonthly Meeting materials and other MRRPC communications will immediately follow the bimonthly meeting.

### Commissioners

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

## Staff

Dave Bonifas, Community Development Planner Barb Buros, Administrative Assistant Sarah Ofte, Administrative Assistant Peter Fletcher, Transportation Planner Greg Flogstad, Director

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