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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
REVISED BIMONTHLY MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

10:00 AM, Wednesday, December 14, 2016

AmericInn (formerly Best Western Riverfront Hotel), 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

< MRRPC BIMONTHLY MEETING AGENDA >

1. Roll call and guest introductions
2. Decision on October 12, 2016 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) October 2016 and November 2016 Account Balance, Revenue and Expense Reports. (b) Revolving Loan Fund Reports: (1) Business Capital Fund, (2) Crawford, Monroe Vernon - CMV Growth Fund (3) La Crosse County Loan Fund (4) Monroe County Loan Fund. VB/GF
4. Presentation by and discussion with Sue Noble, Director Vernon Economic Development Association on their economic development activities and needs in and around Vernon County. This will be the fourth of several County Economic Development Director presentations in the coming months to assist the MRRPC in preparing the 2017 – 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
5. Presentation by and discussion with Brian Fukuda, Community Development Specialist, La Crosse County on creating positive tax base returns by making small grants to housing contractors to turn around distressed properties that compete with greenfield developments.
6. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy – CEDS Committee Appointments and Commissioner and staff input on economic development strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, threats, and strategies for inclusion in the 2017- 2022, GF
7. **Decision on Resolution 12.14.2016 Authorizing the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission to apply for the U.S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Partnership Planning grant program. GF**
8. Presentation on Wisconsin's Public Safety Broadband Project to integrate with FirstNet the nationwide cellular broadband network for public safety by Dave Bonifas Community Development Planner, MRRPC
9. Commissioners' questions and comments on the following projects listed in the written staff report:
  - a. Status of Wisconsin's Federal Disaster Declaration
  - b. Scenic Mississippi River Transit service 2013 through March 2016, serving La Crosse, Vernon and Crawford Counties.
  - c. Development of new zoning ordinance for Buffalo County.
  - d. La Crosse County Public Transit Service Feasibility Study to analyze and make recommendations about service to Monroe and Trempealeau Counties.
  - e. Crawford County Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - f. Trempealeau County Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - g. Crawford County Land and Water Management Plan

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- h. 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.
- i. Monroe and Vernon County Hazard Mitigation Planning Grants
- j. Crawford County Farmland Preservation contract
- k. Town of Unity (Trempealeau County) Comprehensive Planning Contract
- l. Buffalo County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- m. Trempealeau County Farmland Preservation Plan
- n. Outdoor Recreation Plans: Trempealeau and Buffalo Counties
- o. The Upper Mississippi River Manufacturing Alliance - TUMMA
- p. Village of Oakdale Strategic Development Plan
- q. Trempealeau County Towns - Comprehensive Plan Update
10. a. Old Business    b. New Business
11. Adjourn

**Commissioners**

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