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*Vicki Burke, Onalaska, WI  
Secretary & Treasurer*  
*Greg Flogstad, Onalaska, WI  
Director*

**MINUTES**  
**MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MRRPC)**  
**BIMONTHLY MEETING**  
**9:15 a.m., June 12, 2019**

**La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce – Associated Center, 601 7th Street North, La Crosse, Wisconsin**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Kuhn called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and asked for the roll call. A quorum was present. There were several guests in attendance: Karrie Jackelen, representing Representative Ron Kind, Gregg Wavrunek, representing Senator Tammy Baldwin, Roxie Anderson, Monroe County Planner, and Shane Summers, MRRPC Intern. The attendance roster is attached.

**Minutes of April 10, 2019 Bimonthly Meeting**

Chairman Kuhn asked for a motion on the April 10, 2019 bimonthly meeting minutes. Commissioner Twidt made a motion to approve the April 10, 2019 bimonthly meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burke. Chairman Kuhn asked if there were any questions or comments and hearing none, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Burke said the March 31, 2019 balance in all accounts was \$308,898.19 and the April 30, 2019 ending balance was \$359,912.14. She reported the beginning balance May 1, 2019 was \$359,912.14 and May 31, 2019 ending balance was \$353,748.63.

Ms. Burke said the Business Capital Fund (BCF) began with a March 31, 2019 balance of \$201,995.88. Activity from April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 included loan repayments of \$7,704.03, interest earned of \$57.38, a loan funded for \$97,500, a loan closing fee of \$400.00, administrative expense of \$20.00, and a transfer of \$515.00 to the BCF II fund leaving a May 31, 2019 balance on hand of \$112,122.29.

Ms. Burke said the Business Capital Fund (BCF) non-federal account began with a March 31, 2019 balance of \$131,870.75. Activity from April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 included interest earned of \$66.13 leaving a balance on hand of \$131,936.88.

Ms. Burke said the Business Capital Fund 2 began with a March 31, 2019 balance of \$147,998.55. Activity from April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 included loan repayments of \$1,894.00, interest earned of \$75.04, and a transfer from the BCF I account of \$515.00 leaving a May 31, 2019 balance of \$150,482.59.

Ms. Burke said the CMV Growth Development Fund began with a March 31, 2019 balance of \$6,503.59. Activity from April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 included loan repayments of \$4,997.16, and interest earned of \$1.53 leaving a May 31, 2019 balance of \$11,502.28.

The La Crosse County Economic Development Fund began with a March 31, 2019 balance of \$58,685.52. Activity from April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 included loan repayments of \$7,913.67 and interest earned of \$18.67 leaving a May 31, 2019 balance of \$66,617.86.

The Microloan Fund began with a March 31, 2019 balance of \$417,130.40. Activity from April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 included interest earned of \$66.49, loans funded for \$15,000.00, and administrative expenses of \$4985.00 leaving a May 31, 2019 balance of \$397,211.89. Chairman Kuhn asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Commissioner Borreson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ehram. Chairman Kuhn asked if there were any questions or comments hearing none the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

**Decision on submission of an EDA grant application to fund economic recovery planning, engineering and administration activities for the communities of Ontario, La Farge, Viola, and Readstown with MRRPC serving as the applicant and grant administrator.**

Mr. Flogstad reported that at the April bimonthly meeting a similar resolution was passed and this resolution would replace the previously approved resolution. He said that the communities of Ontario, La Farge, Viola, and Readstown have all passed resolutions to commit to the \$40,000 match for the EDA grant application which will supply the \$160,000 match amount for the grant. He said that the commission will also commit to providing \$25,000 of its own funding toward this grant. There are 8 planning activities that the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission will help administer 1) site relocation 2) site design for community economic development and resettlement 3) community facility assessment engineering and design 4) public infrastructure engineering assessment and design 5) project cost estimating 6) real estate appraisal 7) environmental assessment and 8) public participation. Commissioner Purdy made a motion to approve the submission of an EDA grant application to fund economic recovery planning, engineering and administration activities for the communities of Ontario, La Farge, Viola, and Readstown with the MRRPC serving as the applicant and grant administrator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ehram. Chairman Kuhn asked if there were any questions or comments hearing none the resolution was unanimously approved.

**Update on today's Regional Economic Diversification Summit (REDS).**

Mr. Fletcher reported that the commission is hosting the Regional Economic Diversification Summit (REDS) after the commission meeting beginning at 10:00 am. He said that there are 61 people that have registered to take part in the summit. He directed the commissioners to the agenda for the summit. He reviewed the presentations that would take place at the summit with it concluding with a panel discussion with various federal and state agencies where questions could be asked about funding opportunities.

**Old, Business, New Business and Adjourn**

Chairman Kuhn asked if there was any old business, hearing none. Chairman Kuhn asked if there was any new business, hearing none a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Twidt and seconded by Commissioner Schroeder. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Vicki Burke, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

DATE: 6-12-2019

PLACE : La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce Associated Center

|     | NAME                    | REPRESENTING          |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | Greg Foggard            | MRRPC Staff           |
| 2.  | Tom B. Rubin            | MONROE Co.            |
| 3.  | Vicki Banks             | La Crosse City        |
| 4.  | Margaret McMillen Weiss | Buffalo               |
| 5.  | Todd Stottlemyer        | Jackson               |
| 6.  | Ernest Harold           | Juniata Co            |
| 7.  | Nancy Leach             | Vernon                |
| 8.  | Robert Cornell          | Vernon Co.            |
| 9.  | Phillip J. Emerson      | Trempealeau Co.       |
| 10. | Rich Purdy              | Pierce Co             |
| 11. | RON LEYS                | CR AWFORD             |
| 12. | Bill Schroeder          | Pierce Co             |
| 13. | Del Twiddt              | Buffalo Co.           |
| 14. | Troxie Anderson         | Monroe Co             |
| 15. | Cedric Schmitz          | monroe Co             |
| 16. | James Ersham            | La Crosse             |
| 17. | John Schmalz            | Buffalo               |
| 18. | James K. Kuyk           | PEPIN CO.             |
| 19. | Debrah Kuehly           | La Crosse             |
| 20. | Sarah Ofter             | MRRPC Staff           |
| 21. | Tina                    |                       |
| 22. | David                   | v                     |
| 23. | Shane M. Summers        | MRRPC Intern          |
| 24. | Karrie Jackelen         | Rep. Ron Kind         |
| 25. | Gregg Warrunek          | Senator Tammy Baldwin |