

**MINUTES
ABCD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
MO-KAN REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**March 23, 2005
7:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Paul Dittmore, Doniphan County	Angela Gallus, Weatherby
David Laurie, City of Atchison	Carolyn Harrison, City of St. Joseph
Jack Euler, Doniphan County	Don Moore, Clinton County
Illah Marie Pulley, DeKalb County	Robert Myers, City of St. Joseph
Bill Thornton, Atchison County	Galen Weiland, Doniphan County
Donna Jean Boyer, City of St. Joseph	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Gallus, Village of Weatherby
Mrs. Bill Thornton, Atchison County

Mo-Kan Regional Council Staff Members

Tom Bliss	Tye Parsons
John Perrino	Joan Hill-Nichols

The combined meetings of ABCD Regional Planning Commission and Mo-Kan Regional Council were held March 23, 2005 at the Mo-Kan Regional Council offices, 1302 Faraon Street, St. Joseph, MO at 7:00 PM with Chairman David Laurie presiding.

Motion to approve minutes of the combined meeting of Mo-Kan Regional Council and ABCD Regional Planning Commission of February 23, 2005 was made by Don Moore, seconded by Paul Dittmore, Council approved.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) MK#604 – Kansas Department of Health & Environment – Capitalization Grant for Kansas Water Supply Loan Fund. Federal dollars \$9,501,900, State dollars \$1,900,380 for total project cost of \$11,402,280. The FFY 2005 Capitalization Grant will be used to continue the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund. The loan provides below market interest rate loans to Kansas public water suppliers.

Motion for favorable comment was made by Jack Euler, seconded by Illah Marie Pulley, Council approved.

STATUS REPORTS

Community and Regional Planning Activities
Tye Parsons

The Clinton County Hazard Mitigation 1st Draft has been completed and submitted to SEMA March 15th. The 2nd draft will be completed with all suggestions by May; this will be presented to all the Clinton County Communities for their approval.

All 10 Districts of MoDOT have been meeting to prioritize major projects across the State. This is for the 3.1 billion dollars. The results of all the districts will be presented at the MoDOT headquarters where final recommendation will be given to the Federal Highway Commission. The Transportation Enhancement Funds applications are due May 18th. These can be used for projects other than roads (Hiking, Biking trails, refurbish buildings, etc).

Working with Andrew County on a Community Development Block Grant for \$160,000 to improve the elevator to meet ADA requirements. Met with Staff from Senator Bond's office Monday in Savannah to discuss various issues. One issue of importance is the expansion of their water capability. Met with Union Star to discuss a grant for redoing the sidewalks and streets in their downtown. They are in the survey process to see if they meet the 51% low to moderate income guidelines for a CDBG.

Loan Activity – John Perrino

John Perrino passed out list of Revolving Loan Fund loans outstanding as of January 31, 2005 (see attached).
John also presented the RLF collection policy rules which were approved at the last meeting.

Community Development Block Grant Program Changes – Tom Bliss

Tom Bliss discussed the proposed White House budget which eliminates or drastically reduces the EDA & CDBG funding. Motion for Tom Bliss to write letters to legislators in support of these programs was made by Jack Euler, second of Donna Jean Boyer, Council approved.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN- David Laurie

David Laurie stated that Michael Cavanaugh has had heart surgery and has been in and out of the hospital.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR- Tom Bliss

Gary Miller has been doing a really good job. Has already sent a package to SBA for a 60 bed nursing home in Princeton, Missouri. Also working on a closing package for hardware store in Horton.

Leona, Kansas is interested in putting in streets; Village of Trimble, Missouri is interested in comprehensive plan and sewer projects, City of Gower, Missouri is also interested in several projects. Will be setting up meetings with them to discuss the process and funding options.

City of Cameron – Project Texas will create 700 jobs – Have been working on Mo-DOT grants, environmental review, and Economic Development Grants to help with this project.

Working with Plattsburg on grants to revitalize their downtown area. Also working with Highland, Kansas on a community building.

I have completed the CDBG training for Kansas. Will be going to Jefferson City, Missouri to discuss CDBG & Economic Development Friday. Clinton County has applied for an energy loan through the Department of Natural Resources.

OTHER BUSINESS

Illah Marie Pulley stated that this meeting with Mo-Kan Regional Council representing DeKalb County is her last meeting.

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jack Euler, seconded by Don Moore, Council approved, meeting adjourned.


Secretary