

MINUTES

ABCD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND MO-KAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

April 27, 2005
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Adkins	Andrew County
Mary Montgomery	Village of Country Club
Tom Archdekin	Buchanan County
Robert L. Slater	City of St. Joseph
Don Moore	Clinton County
Jim Crenshaw	Clinton County
Michael Johnson	City of Cameron
Cindy Weers	City of Lathrop
Ruth Ross	DeKalb County
Mike Souther	City of Maysville
Angela Gallus	City of Weatherby
Bill Thornton	Atchison County
David Laurie	City of Atchison
Paul Dittmore	Doniphan County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Bliss, Mo-Kan Regional Council
Tye Parsons – Mo-Kan Regional Council
John Perrino – Mo-Kan Regional Council

The combined meeting of ABCD Regional Planning Commission and Mo-Kan Regional Council was held April 27, 2005 at the Regional Offices, 1302 Faraon Street, St. Joseph, Missouri at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman David Laurie presiding.

Motion to approve minutes of the combined meeting of Mo-Kan Regional Council and ABCD Regional Planning Commission of March 23, 2005 was made by Michael Johnson, second of Bill Thornton, Council approved.

ACTION ITEMS

MK#605 – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bridge replacement between Holt and Andrew County on Cart Road 257 and Nodaway River. This project will not begin until 2006 and will replace bridge along new road alignment, stream bank shaping, excavation and stabilization work.

Motion for favorable comment was made by Paul Dittmore, seconded by Michael Johnson, Council approved.

MK#606 – United Tribes of Kansas and Southeast Nebraska 12 month FmHA Housing Preservation grant thru USDA Rural Development for FY 2005. If funded would provide Native American households in Doniphan and Brown Counties in Kansas and Richardson County in Nebraska with home rehabilitation to include foundation repair, roofing, window and door repair. This is an ongoing program, with 2003 fund of \$37,290 and 2004 of \$46,000. 2005 funds will be determined when funded.

Motion for favorable comment was made by Michael Johnson, seconded by Paul Dittmore, Council approved.

MK#607 – Kansas Department of Health & Environment – Kansas Superfund Cooperative Agreement. The grant provides funds for management and oversight of all Superfund programs in the State of Kansas. Funds are used for training, workshops, meetings, and other support activities as well as investigations of known or suspected hazardous wastes across Kansas. Project total is \$855,934. Federal (EPA) - \$826,401 State \$29,533.

Motion for favorable comment was made by Jim Crenshaw, seconded by Mike Souther, Council approved.

MK#608 – Kansas Department of Health & Environment – Subtitle C – State Response Program – Federal (EPA) \$1,000,000. The grant is used to establish and enhance state response programs that address the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfield sites and other contaminated sites as defined by the law. One goal of the funding as defined by the guidance is “to provide funding for other activities that increase the number of response actions conducted or overseen, by a state or tribal response program. It is to supplement the funding to increase their cleanup capacity.

Motion for favorable comment was made by Bill Thornton, seconded by Don Moore, Council approved.

Due to elections and resignations there are three vacancies on the Mo-Kan Regional, Inc. Board of Directors. This is the holding company for the building. Members of Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton and DeKalb counties in Missouri and Atchison and Doniphan counties in Kansas on the Mo-Kan Regional Council are elected to fill these positions and conduct the business for the building. Mike Souther, Maysville, Robert Meyers, City of St. Joseph and Jim Crenshaw, Clinton County have been selected to fill these positions. Michael Johnson motioned to accept the three names presented to fill the three vacancies on the Mo-Kan Regional, Inc. Board of Directors; Robert Slater seconded the motion, Council approved. The Board of Directors for Mo-Kan Regional, Inc. shall now consist of Don Moore, Michael Johnson, Paul Dittmore, Tom Archdekin, Jack Euler, Mike Souther, Robert Meyers, and Jim Crenshaw.

STATUS REPORTS:

Community and Regional Planning Activities – Tye Parsons

Tye Parson’s first daughter was born March 31, 2005.

Finalized and submitted CDBG grant for Andrew County for \$186,000 to improve the elevator to meet ADA requirements.

Mo-DOT recommended that the Regional Planning Commissions receive increased funding next year to implement the new requirements of Mo-DOT. These requirements are being finalized and will be forthcoming to the RPC’s.

Over the past three days, Mo-Kan Regional Council has hosted a GIS training session with participation from Northwest Regional Council of Governments, Mid-America Regional Council and Mo-Kan. Tye Parsons will be attending a meeting in Jefferson City April 28, 2005 which is related to this training. Remote sensing is the topic. Ray Fox from USGS, Rolla was here today for the training and stated that USGS is getting ready to fly the state of Missouri with 2 foot imaging. If any of the counties and cities are interested in 6” imaging it would be available at a reduced price. More information from USGS on the new maps will be sent on as soon as we receive it.

The final draft of Clinton County SEMA plan will be completed and submitted to SEMA for finalization.

Loan Activity – John Perrino

John Perrino passed out list of Revolving Loan Fund loans and their status as of April 27, 2005 (see attached).

Ernie's' BS was missed on the list and is current. Heartland Management Group has been past due several payments and John has been working with SBA in Fresno on a deferment of their 504 loan to help them with the restructuring of their business. They have a new business plan which closed the restaurant for sit-down traffic and are just doing catering and special events. They have more than 20 bookings scheduled over the next 3 months.

Report of Chairman – David Laurie

David and Gerry attended the 80th birthday party for Jean Waltemath, Saturday April 23, 2005. She had a great turn out.

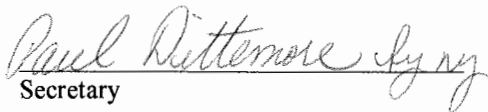
Report of Director – Tom Bliss

The City of Highland has requested help on a Community Block Grant for a community center. They are using Kan-step program where cities provide the labor and the state furnishes money for the materials. Also working with the City of Gower, Tri-County Ambulance on Homeland Security projects. Leona, Kansas has requested help on obtaining new streets and sidewalks.

A downtown revitalization project for the City of Plattsburg has been submitted. The City has put a lot of thought and work into this project. Andrew County Youth & Recreation is trying to start a youth center and we are still looking for avenues of funding. Amazonia CDBG has some trouble which we hope will be straighten out in the near future.

Many of our funding sources, Missouri State Planning, EDA, and CDBG are in question of being funded. This would affect the nation as a whole but would put a tremendous strain on the Mo-Kan operation. Tom urged everyone to contact their Senators and Representatives to get behind these funding programs and reinstall them in the budgets.

As there was no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Michael Johnson, seconded by Mary Montgomery, Council approved, meeting adjourned to Mo-Kan Regional, Inc.


Secretary