

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

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

PRESENT:

Michael Johnson, City of Cameron	David Laurie, City of Atchison
Jack Euler, Doniphan County	Robert Slater, City of St. Joseph
Ruth Ross, DeKalb County	Mike Souther, City of Maysville
Bill Thornton, Atchison County	Jim Crenshaw, Clinton County
Cindy Lee Weers, City of Lathrop	Don Moore, Clinton County
Robert Myers, City of St. Joseph	Bob Hart, Clinton County
Joy Thompson, City of Savannah	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Creath Thorne, Attorney
Lynn Beaver, City of Rosendale
Ellen Sybert, City of Rosendale

Mo-Kan Regional Council Staff Members

Tom Bliss	Tye Parsons
John Perrino	Jackie Wolf

The combined meetings of ABCD Regional Planning Commission and Mo-Kan Regional Council were held June 22, 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 April 27, 2005 was made by Michael Johnson, seconded by Don Moore, Council approved.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) Authorization for Chairman to **sign contract with the City of Plattsburg to administer their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** for \$13,545. Plattsburg is revitalizing the downtown area with sidewalk repair, period lighting and benches.

A motion to authorize Chairman was made by Jim Crenshaw, it was seconded by Robert Slater, Council approved.

- b) Authorization for Chairman to **sign contract with Andrew County to administer their CDBG** for \$14,710. Andrew County is replacing elevator to become ADA compliant.

A motion to authorize Chairman was made by Mike Souther, it was seconded by Don Moore, Council approved.

- c) **Authorization for Mo-Kan to obtain a credit card.** Tom Bliss explained that he has been using his personal card for staff travel and expenses. Discussion was held with regards to limits and how many.

Mike Souther made a motion to get Mo-Kan credit cards for appropriate staff with set limits of \$2,500 it was seconded by Don Moore, Council approved.

- d) **Lease for Mo-Kan Regional Council.** The lease is due for Mo-Kan Regional Council, the lease runs from July 1 to June 30 with an annual cost of \$16,800

Mike Souther made a motion to sign lease Mo-Kan Regional Council, it was seconded by Michael Johnson, Council approved.

- e) **Authorization for Chairman to sign Annual Contract with Missouri Department of Transportation** for \$48,000. This amount is increased by \$10,000 from last year.

Bob Slater made a motion to sign contract with Missouri Department of Transportation, it was seconded by Bill Thornton, Council approved.

- f) **MK #609 – Kansas Department of Commerce USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant** for the purpose of training instructors from Independence Community College who can implement a certified training curriculum in the new closed mold building technology skill that is in demand by fiberglass parts manufacturers in rural, Southeast Kansas. The skilled workforce would find high quality jobs within their community that will result in rural and economic development that is self sustaining.

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

STATUS REPORTS

- a) Community/Regional Planning Activities – Tye Parsons
- Atchison received Transportation Enhancement Grant for over \$1 million. The grant was written by Mo-Kan staff.
 - CDBG for Andrew County Courthouse was approved for \$166,000.
 - Turned in CDBG application for Union Star Drainage and Street Improvement, we will not know anything for about a month since it is a competitive process
 - CDBG training in Jefferson City June 15 & 16
 - CDBG training in Topeka June 20
 - Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee meeting May 11th with all four counties represented
 - Participating in MoDOT Blueprint for Safety
 - Clinton County Hazard Mitigation plan approved by SEMA now waiting on FEMA approval
- b) Loan Activity – John Perrino
- **Switzer** has filed for bankruptcy, chance of recovery slim.
 - **Welding Productivity** Eric Rygaard we think we may have located the overhead crane, we will know more after the weekend
 - **Scot Young Research** we are secured creditors-bankruptcy hearing set for 6/29/05.
 - **Majestic House** The Denny's are scheduled to go to trial in October. Joel Euler will be getting their depositions next week.
 - **Dr. Schmidt** has contacted MKDI with some possible solutions to her situation. She is moving to Springfield, Mo and wants to assign her accounts receivable to us. She is current on her loan.

Michael Johnson moved to proceed with prospects of getting this loan paid in full, Don Moore seconded, Council approved.

- **D & G Restaurant** Pete Miner foreclosed and is assuming the debt. He is taking steps to bring loan current.
- John was asked to give a brief description of the Revolving Loan Program (RLF)

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN- David Laurie
Nothing to report.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR- Tom Bliss

- CDBG training in Jefferson City June 15 & 16
- CDBG training in Topeka June 20
- Plattsburg CDBG for downtown revitalization
- Started working on an Emergency Grant for wastewater system for the City of Trimble, Mo.
- Highland, Ks is applying for the Kan-Step program. This program will provide funds to buy supplies and the City of Highland will do the building. They are building a multi-purpose community building.
- Denise Embrey, our cartographer, is one of the best in the country and keeps busy. We will be bidding on the Clinton County Plat Book Project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Michael Johnson made a motion for the personnel committee to adjourn to Executive Session and other Board Members Adjourned, seconded by Jack Euler, Council approved.

Meeting adjourned after executive session.

Secretary