

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

**August 24, 2005
7:00 PM**

PRESENT:

David Laurie, City of Atchison	Ruth Ross, DeKalb County
Bill Thornton, Atchison County	Cindy Lee Weers, City of Lathrop
Don Moore, Clinton County	Paul Dittimore, Doniphan County
Mike Cavanaugh, Atchison County	Wayne Ford, City of Stewartsville
Bob Hart, City of Cameron	Jim Crenshaw, Clinton County
Arletta Walker, City of Fillmore	Dan Hausman, Buchanan County

OTHERS PRESENT: David Rowe

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 August 24, 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 July 27, 2005 was made by Don Moore, seconded by Paul Dittimore. Council approved.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) Presentation of **Mo-Kan Regional Council FY 04 Audit**. David Rowe, Auditor gave a brief overview of the Audit report. David explained the changes that have taken place due to new regulations concerning governmental accounting.
- b) Application for **State of Missouri Planning Grant** in the amount of \$9,500.
Motion to approve was made by Jim Crenshaw, seconded by Bill Thornton. Council approved.
- c) **MK #612 -Community Action Partnership-PITC Graduate Conference**-for the purpose of sending staff member for training.
Motion for favorable comment was made by Bill Thornton, seconded by Don Moore. Council approved.
- d) **MK#613 -KS Department of Health & Environment-State Indoor Radon Grant-Radiation Control Program**
Motion for favorable comment was made by Mike Cavanaugh, seconded by Paul Dittimore. Council approved

STATUS REPORTS

Community/Regional Planning Activities – Tye Parsons

- Transportation Advisory Community Meeting was held August 10, 2005, had good attendance with all four counties being represented. Major portion of the meeting was the Highway Bill that was passed with increased funding for both Missouri and Kansas.
- Attended Missouri Highway Commission August 11 & 12 in Maryville.
- Statewide meeting on August 30, in Jefferson City with all Transportation Planners, talk about regional transportation planning.
- Buchanan County Hazard Mitigation received all resolutions, closed out and sent final bill.
- Andrew County Hazard Mitigation received all resolutions, closed out and sent final bill.
- City of Lathrop in the beginning stages of developing Comprehensive Plan. Held first meeting August 9, will hold kick-off meeting with everyone invited September 6, in Lathrop
- Annual Report is started and hopefully will be finished for October meeting
- Received notice from Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conversation Grant cycle is now open for Missouri. This grant can provide funding for outdoor recreation facilities, trails, parks shelter houses, etc.

Loan Activity – John Perrino

- **Heartland Management** brings interest current still behind on principal balance. They are struggling on 504 loan.
- **Scot Young Research** court considers us as unsecured creditor but has shown intent to discuss changing their decision. Court date is set for September 2. John Perrino will attend to support our claim to the court.
- **Majestic House** still in litigation, we ask for justification for delay in remitting funds in hopes the funds will be released from escrow.
- **Welding Productivity** Eric Rygaard has been found, and now we will serve him with official request to release the crane, if not released will face criminal charges.
- **Switzer Plumbing** The Switzer's have declared bankruptcy and our collateral is 2nd on the residence and his equipment, both are categories which may be set aside in the bankruptcy. Board has instructed John to contact the assessor's office and find out the value and also check if any back taxes are owed.
- **Atchison Family Care, Dr. Schmidt.** The lock box has been set up and envelopes are ordered for new return address. Dr. Schmidt sent a payment of \$5,000 for the month of August.
- **Westside Pizza** Loan has been paid off by the 504 loan. He still owes interest. Now would like the opportunity to explore a new loan for purpose of paying this interest, paying off another loan and make some additions to the restaurant.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN- David Laurie

Nothing to report.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR- Tom Bliss

- Submitted Atchison HOME grant for \$100,000 to rehabilitation homes in Atchison, Ks.
- Continuing to work on Highland, KS Kan-Step Grant. Highland will use this for a multi-purpose community building.
- Submitted Trimble Emergency Grant to repair waste water issue. The next step is to look at a grant for a complete waste water system upgrade. Trimble has the potential to grow rapidly because of the location.
- Plattsburg Downtown Revitalization Grant getting started.
- Andrew County Grant for courthouse ADA Compliance and elevator upgrade.

- Going put for bid for Auditor. Three year cycle, putting together request for proposal for audit for Mo-Kan Regional which includes Mo-Kan Development, Inc., Mo-Kan Regional, Inc. and Mo-Kan Regional Council. RFP will be ready by September.
- Economic Development Administration (EDA) who provides Mo-Kan \$51,000 Planning Grant. Administration wants to discontinue this program and revise to Investment program. This would hurt rural America and give more funding to the bigger metropolitan cities. This would change the way EDA does business, with a majority of the money going to private consultants. The RLF would still exist but changes would create difficulties in operation. We will call on Board Members to contact with Senator Bond to help with this issue. Senator Bond is a key player and has the ability to say no.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Secretary