

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

**April 23, 2008**  
**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Jim Crenshaw – Clinton County                      Robert Hart – City of Cameron                      Ruth Ross – DeKalb County  
Paul Dittmore – Doniphan County                      Dan Hausman – Buchanan County                      Arletta Walker – City of Fillmore  
Jack Euler – Citizen, Doniphan County                      Stephen Hofferber – City of St. Joseph                      Bill Webb – City of Easton  
Ken Gabriel – Andrew County                      Mike Johnson – City of Cameron                      Galen Weiland – Doniphan County  
Harold Hamm – City of St. Joseph                      David Laurie – City of Atchison  
Sheldon Hamilton – City of Atchison                      Don Moore – Clinton County

**OTHERS PRESENT** Tom Bliss – MKRC                      Gary Miller – MKRC                      Cassie White – MKRC  
Jackie Spainhower – MKRC                      John Perrino – MKRC

The combined meetings of ABCD Regional Planning Commission and Mo-Kan Regional Council were held April 23, 2008 at the Mo-Kan Regional Council offices, 1302 Faraon Street, St. Joseph, MO at 7:00 PM with Chairperson Ruth Ross presiding. Quorum was present.

1. **Ruth Ross called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.**
2. **Motion to approve agenda made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Jack Euler. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Motion to approve minutes of the combined meeting of Mo-Kan Regional Council and ABCD Regional Planning Commission of March 26, 2008 made by Jim Crenshaw, seconded by Bill Webb. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Dan Hausman presented Treasurer's Report. **Motion to approve report made by Paul Dittmore, seconded by Don Moore. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Committee Reports-**
  - A. **Personnel Committee Report** – Don Moore stated there was a Personnel Committee Meeting prior to MKRC and will report in new business.
  - B. **Budget and Finance Report** – None
  - C. **Revolving Loan Fund Committee** – John Perrino presented that Richard and Kathy Shuster with Southside Family Fun Center ran into a problem securing the bowling equipment without prior ownership of the building. Phone calls were made to RLF committee members to obtain approval to close the loan prior to the Shuster's obtaining funding for the bowling equipment. The Southside Family Fun Center loan closed on April 22, 2008. John also reported a portfolio update with only two (2) loans past due.
6. **New Business:**
  - A. **Approval to enter into contract with Northwest Missouri Workforce Investment Board to provide Dislocated Worker and Rapid Response services to Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, and DeKalb counties in the amount of \$349,800** – Tom Bliss presented to committee for approval for Mo-Kan to enter into a contract with Northwest Missouri Workforce Investment Board. This contract will manage WIA-Dislocated Workers in our four (4) Missouri counties. Agenda Action Item explains details of service. **Recommendation presented for approval of contract, Mike Johnson made motion to approve, seconded by Jim Crenshaw. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - B. **Northwest Missouri Workforce Investment Board Contract** – Don Moore presented to committee that contract discussed would create three (3) new positions: a Program Director, and two (2) Career Counselors. EOC has advanced funds of \$5,000 for expenses prior to July 1, 2008. **Motion to hire made by Jim Crenshaw, seconded by Arletta Walker. Motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Discuss draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** – Tom Bliss presented to committee Chapter 8 of the Mo-Kan Regional Council Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. EDA guidelines require that every five years a revision to the CEDS is completed. There have been significant changes since last revision. The CEDS aids regional economic/community development efforts by outlining goals, objectives, and policies formulated by community leaders. **Material presented at this time for review, no action needed at this time.**

**7. Old Business:**

**A. Four-State Professional Development Conference** – Tom Bliss presented to committee that Conference will be held May 5-6 at Stoney Creek Inn in St. Joseph, MO. To date there are 65 reservations.

**8. Other Business** – None

**9. Status/Staff Reports-**

**A. Community and Regional Planning Activities** – Jackie Spainhower presented to committee FY2006 vendor payment list. A survey has been sent out to communities to evaluate their trails and sewer systems for RTP updates. Jackie also reported that Turney is still in the preliminary process on their sewer project. Jackie is also working on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the city of Amazonia for streets and drainage.

**B. Other Staff Reports** – None

**C. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Update** – Cassie White presented to committee that Highland's Community Center/Fire Station is nearing 75% completion. The City of Cameron has started construction on McElwain Drive Extension. Trimble's Sanitary Sewer Project is ready to start spending funds. Talks continue for Cosby's Sanitary Sewer System.

**10. Report of Chair** – None

**A. Report of Director** – Tom Bliss presented to committee that Clinton County is hoping to receive CDBG funds to install an elevator. Deadline is May 1 for application. Osborn will be submitting an application for a grant later this year. Maysville and Gower are working on Housing Projects. DNR has funds and plans for storm water runoff by conducting a workshop on how to build a rain garden.

**Meeting adjourned.**

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