

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, THE OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, THE OZARK FOOTHILLS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COUNCIL & ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

**March 10, 2022
COTTONWOOD EVENT CENTER
DONIPHAN, MO 63935
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:57 p.m. by Brian Polk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

The minutes of the meeting held December 2, 2021, and financial statements for the quarter ending December 31, 2021, were reviewed. Commissioner Vince Lampe made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021, meeting and financial reports. Mayor Dennis Cox seconded. No opposition. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Coordinator Andrew Murphy reported on the Transportation Planning Progress Report. The Transportation Advisory Committee is getting ready for the Annual Project Prioritization. The first meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2022 for the counties to do their priorities that will be voted on for the regional list for the July, 2022 meeting. Coordinator Murphy is currently holding joint TAC meetings with all of the county commissions.

Coordinator Murphy also reported on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. There is \$40 billion being put into dedicated funding. The BRO Program is seeing a significant increase in about \$4 billion dollars for off system bridges. Federal Land Access Program (FLAP), announced that it will be a 100% grant, no match required. The Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program, is a new program that will work with highways, bridges, tunnel projects that are eligible National Highway Performance Program. Coordinator Murphy also discussed creation of new program for the National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant which will be funded at \$1 billion dollars and create an annual grant program for eligible entities for projects for the replacement removal and repair of culverts and low water crossings. Also discussed was the Delta Regional Authority, the funding amount has been increased from \$25 million to \$150 million. Director Jones asked to be contacted with any project ideas.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Recycling Center Supervisor, Jamie Lansford reported that the recycling prices are about the same. The Recycling Center is still waiting on a motor for the baler. The Recycling Center has been receiving a large amount of cardboard from Briggs and Stratton.

Director Jones informed the group that once a year we have to do a grant call for the funding that DNR gives the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD). Typically, the Recycle Center is the only applicant to those funds. The SWMD receives \$95,000 a year from DNR and the Planning Commission applies for the \$95,000 to run the Recycling Center. The Planning Commission submitted that application for the SWMD for the \$95,000. No other applications were received. The Executive Committee scored the application in the executive committee held this evening and recommended that the SWMD award those funds to the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission for the operation of the Recycle Center.

A Motion to approve Solid Waste Management District Sub Grant Award was made by Mayor Dennis Cox and seconded by Member Russell French; all board members approved. With no opposition, the motion carried.

OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Director Jones reported to the group that the business incubator spaces are 100% full.

Regarding the Building Improvements, Director Jones reported that a random City inspection was done on this day, and all old meter bases need to be replaced. The roof is 100% complete, repairs have been done to some of the interior offices due to the roof leak, and we are in the process of getting our network equipment moved to the network closet.

OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Lydia Keller reported upon activities of the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation (OFRCF). As of March 10, 2022, the market value of funds is \$1,977,681.31. This is a slight decrease from the previous commission meeting.

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks had their Coover Regional 2022 grant program open up for senior centers and we had six Nutrition Centers apply. Northside Nutrition Center and Naylor Nutrition Center were awarded. Northside Nutrition was awarded \$14,538.00 to purchase a pallet jack, proofer appliance, commercial sized refrigerator, and upright freezer. Naylor Nutrition was awarded \$14,303 for new kitchen equipment.

The Foundation will be opening a grant round for local 501c3 nonprofits on July 1, 2022, and this cycle will close on July 29, 2022. The nonprofit must have an annual operating budget less than \$250,000 and must service children, senior citizen care, animal welfare assistance, or

homelessness. The eligible grant request amounts are between \$500-\$1,000. This will allow the foundation to fund 2-4 projects. This application will be available on the CFO website.

RIPLEY COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

Housing Coordinator Niki Harp reported upon the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. The Ripley County Public Housing Agency is assisting 391 families in our five-county region. RCPHA also has 50 VASH vouchers. These are used to house homeless Veterans that are referred to the RCPHA by the VA Hospital. 48 of these vouchers are filled. There are 216 families on the waiting list. The waiting list is currently closed.

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator Debbie Tarvid reported that there were 31 families participating in the FSS Program who are working towards goals such as acquiring reliable transportation, obtaining a college degree, etc. 10 of the families have increased their household earnings from wages since they enrolled for the program. This has made them eligible to earn escrow money that they will receive if they successfully graduate from the program.

Housing Coordinator Tarvid also reported that there are now 13 families on the Homeownership program. We also have 21 interested in the program and 13 of those families that are actively working on repairing their credit so they can work towards the goal of home ownership.

Director Jones discussed the RCPHA Annual Plan Resolutions. The RCPHA updates the Annual Plan with our Section 8 program. We added verbiage regarding our Move to Work Program which will begin July 1, 2022. Associated with our Annual Plan, the RCPHA has to pass the Civil Rights Certification, PHA Certification of Compliance and Certification of Payments.

A motion to approve, *Civil Rights Certification, PHA Certification of Compliance and Certification of Payments*, was made by Commissioner Joe Loyd and seconded by Commissioner Vince Lampe. No opposition. Motion carried.

Director Jones reported that the RCPHA is revising the Administrative Plan to add the Move to Work (MTW) activities. The Public Hearing to make changes to the plan will be held March 31, 2022. Some of the activities that we will undertake with the MTW Plan will be that tenants are required to pay a minimum of \$50.00 rent, increase to the payment standard for efficiency and 1 bedroom to 110% of Fair Market Rent, and 10 vouchers set aside for Short Term Assistance for homeless persons. We are also going to require those who are non-elderly and non-disabled to participate in the Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS). Also, we will be requiring non-elderly /non-disabled clients to provide documentation of 15 hours of employment or equivalent hours of education per week.

NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

Director Jones, reported upon the grant awards received during the prior quarter. It was summarized as follows:

- Ripley County Public Housing Agency, Department of Housing and Urban Development, to fund the agency's Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator, \$43,605;
- City of Van Buren, Delta Regional Authority, to provide gap funding for the construction of the city's public safety building, \$139,549.

GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Director Jones reported the New Grant Application Abstracts. A summary of each proposal was provided to those in attendance as an attachment to *Resolution #319*. A motion was made by Member Russell French and seconded by Commissioner Vince Lampe; with no opposition, adoption of the resolution was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jones discussed with the group Butler and Reynolds Counties' Hazard Mitigation Plans. Felicity Ray is working on Reynolds County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Chelsae Cordia is working on the Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Felicity and Chelsae may contact these counties to participate in the development of the plans. Counties need to encourage participation in order to receive FEMA funding. Please encourage school districts as well to participate.

Director Jones further discussed the Membership Roster. The OFRPC has several Representative vacancies in the Community Sector. If you know anyone who would be interested in serving as a Representative, please contact Director Jones.

Director Jones reported on the CDBG FY22 Application Cycles-Regular Competition and MIT. The FY2022 Cycle is probably not going to open until late Fall. Also, CDBG will be opening up a MIT round. This will probably open in the time frame late Summer/early Fall.

Director Jones informed the group that there is a request for information that was released this week. DED is asking for project ideas related to their ARPA money. Sandra Cabot, DED, Southeast Region, discussed with the group the ARPA Program.

The SEDAP Application is open now until June. If you have DRA applications or projects, let the planning commission know.

Director Jones also reported on the FY2021 Audit. The FY2021 Audit is complete. No issues were noted by the auditors. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact our office.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Commissioner Vince Lampe and seconded by Mayor Dennis Cox, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Mr. Brian Polk, Chairman

Date

Ms. Margaret Carter, Secretary

Date

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BRIAN POLK

MARGARET CARTER

JOE LOYD

BILL MORIARTY

RUSSELL FRENCH

KEVIN BYNUM

VINCE LAMPE

REBECCA PACHECO

DENNIS COX

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

SAMANTHA EVANS

PAUL JOHNSON

WAYNE GIBBS

DOUG LEDBETTER

PAUL WOOD

SANDY JOY

JOHN MURRAY

CARROLL RAINWATER

DARRELL DEMENT

WAYNE OGDEN

ANGELA CLYBURN

DALE DAY

RICK JULIUS

BILL KIRKPATRICK

CHAD HENSON

MIKE HOERNER

DR. GENE OAKLEY

STEVE DAVIS

GARY CONWAY, JR.

LARRY BURCHARD

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CRYSTAL JONES

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RACHEL COLEMAN

ILENE WARD

AMY BAUGUS

DEBBIE TARVID

RICHARD KETCHUM

BROOKE HINKLIN

LYDIA KELLER

NIKI HARP

CHELSAE CORDIA

ANDREW MURPHY

CAMILLE DONNELL

GUESTS

ANNE SMITH

SANDRA CABOT

KATHY STREET

SARAH FRENCH