



Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Board of Directors Meeting
July 18, 2014
Minutes (draft)

Participants:

Bob Miller - Pilot
Terri McCullough - Secretary
Craig Mitckes - (IL-MRPC)
Doug Bourgeois - (LA-MRPC)
Edith Feiffer - (IA-MRPC proxy)
Jane Reagan
Frank Nickell (MO-MRPC)
Sherry Quamme - (WI-MRPC)

Holly Cain - Treasurer
Karl Samp - Pilot Pro Tem (MN-MRPC proxy)
Faye Wilkinson - (MS-MRPC proxy)
Carol Zoff - Transportation
Ruth Hawkins - Culture and Heritage
Nani Bhowmik - ERA
Susanne Barnet – National Office

Pilot Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00am on July 18, 2014. A quorum was present.

• **Past Meeting Minutes from 4/23/14**

Motion to approve by IL and second by MS. Motion carried.

• **Financial Report from 6/30/14**

Treasurer presented the financial report as of 6/30/14. Motion to approve by MN and second by Secretary. Motion carried.

• **Tax Exempt Status**

The National office explained that the original document stating that the MRPC is a non-profit is not on file in their records. The Wisconsin-MRPC previously asked the national office questions regarding sales tax exemption and their state commission's use of the federal ID number. After numerous attempts of locating and requesting the paperwork from the IRS, the national office may need to hire an attorney and even re-apply. However, a recent suggestion from MN will be attempted prior to such move.

• **National Geographic Geotourism Project**

Bob Miller participated on a two hour teleconference with the Collaborative and there is no signed contract with National Geographic yet due to unanswered questions regarding operations and procedures. The Collaborative will meet in Memphis on August 20 and Bob will attend on behalf of MRPC. He said he will get better understanding about what is eligible for in-kind contributions and report at the Annual Meeting. LA asked what the National Geographic match is. Bob said he would have more answers at the Annual Meeting.

• **Stewardship Award**

On behalf of the ERA committee, Nani presented the committee's recommendation and made a motion to award the 2014 Stewardship Award to Dr. Dale Chapman & Lewis and Clark College during the 2014 Annual Meeting and the 2015 Stewardship Award to the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area during the 2015 Semi-Annual Meeting. A second was made by IL and motion carried.

• **Future Meeting Schedule**

National Office will update the list and move to a future meeting agenda.

- **Other Business**
Ruth thanked everyone for their help and excitement with the new interpretive center signage. The national office acknowledged Jane Regan's efforts for transporting Minnesota's signs.
- **Other Business**
Bob mentioned the Mississippi Million, a campaign for charity with a British former Olympian who will row the Mississippi River from Lake Itasca to the Gulf leaving August 1 for 83 days.
- **Other Business**
The national office will distribute information on the Drive the Great River Road month for September.

Wisconsin noted they will have a campaign during Drive the Great River Road month called , Clean up the Great River Road in Wisconsin.
- **Other Business**
IL shared the PR segment on IL's GRR that aired on the Today Show in early July.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54am.