



Mississippi River Parkway Commission  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 15, 2016 (draft)

**Participants:**

Karl Samp - Pilot  
Bob Miller - Pilot Emeritus  
Derek Biglane (MS-MRPC)  
Edith Pfeffer - (IA-MRPC)  
Sheldon Johnson - (MN-MRPC)  
Holly Cain - Treasurer

Joe St. Columbia - (AR-MRPC)  
Sherry Quamme - (WI-MRPC)  
Terri McCullough - Pilot Pro Tem  
Greg Terry - (KY-MRPC)  
Carol Zoff - Transportation  
Ruth Hawkins - Culture & Heritage  
Susanne Barnet – National Office

Pilot Karl Samp called the meeting to order at 9:04am, at what time there was a quorum present.

- **Past Meeting Minutes from 4/26/16** Motion to approve by WI. Second by Pilot Pro Tem. Motion carried.
- **Financial Report as of 6/30/16.** National Office will transfer funds from checking to money market to capture interest benefits. Motion to approve by Pilot Pro Tem. Second by WI. Motion carried.
- **National Geographic Geo-Tourism Update** Bob Miller shared a few points from recent meeting, including approval that MS and LA assets would be transferred to our new website. In addition there will be local meetings happening in both states this summer to further add more assets. Counties that touch the Mississippi River plus two counties away will be included. The MRCC rejected the only proposal they received in response to their RFP for services. At a time to be determined by MRCC on September 14, there will be a press event for the website launch in conjunction with the MRCTI meeting. Press events are tentatively scheduled to follow in St Louis, Quad Cities, Memphis, New Orleans and the Twin Cities. Window clings and promotional materials will be distributed at the press events. No times or details have been shared or finalized for the Natchez press event.

The National Office will continue communication with Frank from National Geographic to confirm whether or not all of the GRR interpretive centers have been nominated. Bob Miller and the National Office have been requesting this information through Jim Dion since late last fall.

- **MRCC MOA** The MOA was distributed with meeting materials. It lasts for five years. Pilot Samp noted that he asked Greg Pruitt to review the MOA again and Greg said he supported the MRPC signing but again shared his frustration with the additional counties being added to the National Geographic project as a result of DRA's monetary contribution. There was also concern about the RFP being created without MRPC review, but per the MOA they can enter into contracts. It was asked what the MRPC is responsible for through the MRCC. A motion was made by Pilot Emeritus, and second by Pilot Pro Tem. Motion carried with vote against signing MOA by MN.
- **10-State CMP & Share Files/ ArcMap** Transportation Chair Carol Zoff shared that she has received GIS alignments/ shape files of technical routes as accurate as can be for use with publications, mapping, CMP and app. Right now she has received from all but IL and half of MRT. States can't manage a 10-state database so we need to look at outsourcing it or including it in the National Office services. The National Office will look at outsourcing or purchasing and training on the software in house.

- **National Advisory Committee on Travel & Tourism Infrastructure** Pilot noted that we turned around a quick nomination supporting Diana Threadgill from TN. Carol Zoff shared information on the national committee, which falls under the Department of Transportation. As a result of the FAST Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation), this new committee will be established to provide information, advice and recommendations to the Transportation Secretary related to intermodal transportation in facilitating mobility related to travel and tourism. We should hear something prior to our upcoming Annual Meeting. Pilot thanked Carol Zoff, Anne Lewis and National Office for quickly preparing the nomination.
- **2016 Annual Meeting** MS shared the schedule of the upcoming annual meeting and welcomed everyone to Natchez. National Office requested everyone to consider registering early and reserve a room under MRCTI if incoming on 9/13 since MRPC has limited rooms in their block.
- **Other Business** Pilot noted that he and Gail would be driving to Natchez and are open to participating in media events. Pilot also shared that he and Carol Zoff participated in the unveiling of a new kiosk along the GRR and MRT. Pilot offered to lead a grant writing and fund development workshop during the Annual Meeting.

Terri McCullough shared a health update on honorary member Garland Hayes from Arkansas. Following is his contact info if anyone is interested in dropping him a note: 410 S. Rose St., Stuttgart, AR 72160. Cell number is 870.659.7536.

Terri also shared that the National Office surveys will be included in board packets at the annual meeting and any suggestions and responses can be sent to her.

National Office shared resignation of Mark McAdoo from TN. He took a position in a new state department.

National Office reminded everyone of upcoming deadlines on September 1, including interpretive center nominations, distinguished service award, honorary membership and state reports.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31am.