



Mississippi River Parkway Commission Board of Directors Meeting July 14, 2017 (draft)

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| -Karl Samp - Pilot | -Edith Pfeffer-(IA-MRPC) |
| -Terri McCullough - Pilot Pro Tem | -Carol Zoff – Transportation |
| -Faye Wilkinson - Secretary | -Ruth Hawkins - Culture & Heritage |
| -Sherry Quamme - (WI-MRPC) | -Nani Bhowmik - ERA |
| - Nicole Jones - (KY-MRPC proxy) | -Susanne Barnet – National Office |
| -Joe St Columbia – (AR-MRPC) | -Lyn Pilch – National Office |
| -Derek Biglane - (MS-MRPC) | |

Pilot called the meeting to order at 9:05am and there was a quorum present.

- **Past Meeting Minutes from 4/19/17** Motion to approve by WI. Second by AR. Motion carried.
- **Financial Report as of 6/30/17.** Motion to approve by IA Second by WI. Motion carried.
- **MRPC Endowment** - Included in the board materials for this meeting was a fund summary from MJ Smith at the Community Foundation of Dubuque showing the fund activity from inception in July 2008 through June 2017. The Pilot and National Office thanked the Board for their financial contributions.
- **MRCC/ Geotourism** - MRPC was represented at the recent MRCC meeting in LaCrosse by Edith Pfeffer, Al Lorenz and Terri McCullough. Pilot Pro Tem McCullough noted that 2018 will be Year of Arts, Music and Culture. The geotourism website will maintain itself financially through ad sales. There will be a winter MRCC meeting in St Louis. She noted that the LaCrosse meeting was poorly attended. Website numbers are down with 1,800 unique sites.
- **National Meetings** Iowa reported that plans are finalized and registration is open for Annual Meeting, September 19-21, 2017. We are also inviting our Great River Road Interpretive Centers to participate in the meeting on Tuesday night at our Welcome Reception and through Thursday's technical committee meetings for a reduced rate. We are encouraging early registration and participation from all states. Reminder that the next Board meeting will begin earlier than usual, 3:00pm on Tuesday, September 19 in Marquette, Iowa.
- **MRPC Participation for non-commissioners.** Pilot Samp spoke on the recent meeting topic of non-commissioners participating in MRPC functions and after reviewing the current bylaws, the interpretation is that if people want to be part of the MRPC they would first need to be presented to their state commission for consideration, similar to technical members. We encourage participation that would start at the state level.
- **Hamline University Project** The National Office invited individuals from Hamline University with the new interactive kiosk project recently discussed to display during the Welcome Reception at the upcoming Annual Meeting. The National office met with the group and MN-MRPC has been in recent contact with them too.

- **ERA Committee** Chair Bhowmik informed the Board they received a nomination for the Stewardship Award from WI-MRPC. Friends of Pool 9 is a three-state organization that provides education, restores islands, long history in region, body of water between lock and dams, signage at every boat launch to pick up trash, etc. The Board will look to approve via email. This nomination is in addition to the Power Committee of Iowa who was already approved.
- **National Office** Lyn noted that the Marketing Committee has requested that all states consider membership support of the National Scenic Byway Foundation. The national-MRPC is already a member, along with some of our states. Additionally, Susanne provided a verbal second quarter report and noted that a final report would be sent electronically in the coming week.
- **Transportation Committee.** Chair Zoff reiterated the efforts requested from each committee and state to look for foundational and archived documents to be used for work on the 10-state CMP. At the Annual Meeting, we will look at what our vision is along with foundational documents from each state regarding funding/ fiscal relationship. She also thanked all for their help with testing the updated app with the new GIS files/ route. She shared that the NACTTI June meeting was canceled and rescheduled for a future date as they look to fill key staff positions.
- **Culture and Heritage Committee.** No new updates, just continuing to work on classifying interpretive centers for work on the 10-state CMP.

Motion to adjourn meeting by IA. Second by KY. Meeting adjourned at 10:04am.