



Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2020
(draft)

Participants:

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| -Terri McCullough– Pilot | -Mark Kross (MO-MRPC) |
| -Anne Lewis – Pilot Pro Tem | -Nani Bhowmik - ERA |
| -Martin Graber (IA-MRPC) | -Pat Audirsch – Culture and Heritage |
| -Sharon Calcote (LA-MRPC) | -John Anfinson – Culture and Heritage |
| -Sherry Quamme (WI-MRPC) | -Carol Zoff – Transportation |
| -Dave Senjem (MN-MRPC) | -Francis Schelfhout – Transportation |
| -Joe St Columbia (AR-MRPC) | -Lindsey Killebrew - Transportation |
| -Craig Mitckes (IL-MRPC) | -Karl Samp – Pilot Emeritus |
| -Derick Biglane (MS-MRPC) | -Craig Ray – MRC Chair |
| | -Susanne Thiede-Barnet – National Office |

Pilot called the meeting to order at 3:01pm and a quorum was present.

- **Past Meeting Minutes from 2/14/20** - Motion to approve by IA. Second by AR. Motion carried.
- **Financial Update** – Due to COVID, bookkeeping was unable to produce a financial report. However, invoices for 2020 were distributed. Map donations continue although at a lower return rate. A complete financial report will be ready for the next meeting.
- **All-American Road Designation (AARD)** –Transportation committee reported that the deadline is still May 15. States are busy with requests for input and review. FHWA added some flexibility in language. The Transportation committee is meeting tomorrow at 2pm and then again at the discretion of the committee to meet the deadline. CMP initiatives will follow. We are specifically looking at wayfinding and what that means for each state. Lindsey is the new committee Co-Chair with Francis.
- **Organizational Work** – Pilot Pro Tem shared that the endowment committee has not met yet and that this year is off to a financial roller coaster. State reports will be due September 1. Let us know of any state needs. AAR is part of the CMP, which is part of our strategic plan.
- **2020 Annual Meeting** –MN-MRPC will be meeting in early June to further discuss the annual meeting staying as an in-person meeting or moving to virtual. MN looks forward to everyone traveling to the headwaters as well as celebrating AAR. If 2020 is not possible, MN will request to host in 2021.
- **National Office First Quarter Report**– National office provided an overview of their first quarter report.
- **Other Business** – Carol announced this would be her last board meeting as she officially passes the transportation chair baton to Francis and Lindsey. Everyone thanked Carol for her many years of leadership. Karl announced that he is teaching an online grant writing and fund development class through St Cloud State on April 28 if anyone is interested in participating. A few board members participated on the National Scenic Byway Foundation Webinar a few weeks ago on funding efforts and indicated it was positive.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.