



Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020
(draft)

Participants:

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| -Terri McCullough– Pilot | -Derick Biglane (MS-MRPC) |
| -Anne Lewis – Pilot Pro Tem | -Mark Kross (MO-MRPC) |
| -Martin Graber (IA-MRPC) | -Sherry Quamme (WI-MRPC) |
| -Sharon Calcote (LA-MRPC & Marketing) | -Nani Bhowmik - ERA |
| -Norma Pruitt (Sec & KY-MRPC) | -Pat Audirsch – Culture and Heritage |
| -Dave Senjem (MN-MRPC) | -John Anfinson – Culture and Heritage |
| -Joe St Columbia (AR-MRPC) | -Francis Schelfhout – Transportation |
| -Holly Cain (Treas & IL-MRPC) | -Lindsey Killebrew - Transportation |
| -Erin Holmes (IL-MRPC) | -Sabrina Chandler - ERA |
| | -Susanne Thiede-Barnet – National Office |

Pilot called the meeting to order at 1:33pm and a quorum was present.

- **Past Meeting Minutes from 7/10/20** - Motion to approve by KY. Second by WI. Motion carried.
- **Financial Update** – Motion to approve but notation to carry money in money market instead of higher balance in checking account. Motion to approve by WI. Second by KY. Motion carried.
- **All-American Road Designation (AARD)** –Discussion occurred to reach out to state agencies and thank them for their participation and let them know applications were submitted. This will be a state-by-state decision to communicate where states see fit.
- **MRPCmembers.com Website** – The site has been a repository of information with current work, a resource for preparing for meetings and serving as a back office for committees, the board and state commissions. We will look to put resources behind it in the coming year's budget.
- **Great American Outdoors Act** –John Anfinson shared information about the Great American Outdoors Act, signed by the President on August 4. It includes \$1.9 billion per year for 5 years to provide needed maintenance for critical facilities and infrastructure in our national parks, forests, refuges, and recreation areas. MRPC will not see that money but every state must set up a s-corp and will accept applications that fit the plan. How can we tap into it? Go to our GRR communities and see if there are opportunities that fit. There is a 50 percent match required.

Find more information here. www.nps.gov/subjects/legal/great-american-outdoors-act.htm

- **Thursday Meeting Updates** – Make sure to register if you have not already. We have nearly 100 people registered for each session. The team is diligently working on the final plans.
- **Other** – Sabrina Chandler will be presenting at the NCEL Roundtable on November 23.
- **Other** – The next and last meeting of 2020 will be on Friday, December 11 at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 2.33pm.