



Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2021
(draft)

Participants:

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| -Anne Lewis – Pilot | -Nani Bhowmik - ERA |
| -Lisa Walsh - IA-MRPC Proxy | -Pat Audirsch – Culture and Heritage |
| -Sharon Calcote LA-MRPC & Marketing | -John Anfinson – Culture and Heritage |
| -Norma Pruitt - Pilot Pro Tem & KY-MRPC proxy | -Francis Schelfhout – Transportation |
| -Holly Cain-Secretary & IL MRPC Proxy | -Lindsey Killebrew - Transportation |
| -Derick Biglane Treasurer & MS-MRPC | -Sabrina Chandler - ERA |
| -Mark Kross MO-MRPC | -Susanne Thiede-Barnet – National Office |
| -Sherry Quamme WI-MRPC | |

Pilot called the meeting to order at 9:03am and a quorum was present.

- **Past Meeting Minutes from 12/11/20** - Motion to approve by LA. Second by IL. Motion carried.
- **Financial Update** – Treasurer made a motion that we add a document to the financial reports that shows all expenses paid. Second by KY. Motion carried. Treasurer made a motion to approve the financials. Second by KY. Motion carried.
- **Report** –Pilot shared information on a meeting with MRCTI regarding their outlined initiative bill for a comprehensive plan and program for the 10 states that includes surface infrastructure, which they will roll out at their upcoming March virtual meeting for discussion.

Pilot Pro Tem thanked the sub-committee comprised of Anne, Holly, Sharon, Derick and Lisa that met to modify the national office’s scope of work based on the board’s review and comments. Major changes include time focus on sections with 45 percent on organizational management, 45 percent on marketing and 10 percent on reporting. Specific deliverables were not clear in the past as it related to expectations. Financial resources were omitted as we do not want them spending time seeking out resources. However, they will still assist in this area. No MRPC funds will be used for any lobbying activities or advocacy. It can be used for education/ providing information. Overall, language was tightened up and deliverables were better defined. Motion to approve by Pilot Pro Tem. Second by LA. Motion carried.

- **Member Website Policy** – Pilot reviewed a few expectations from the member website including the limit of the amount of information to the past three years, archiving older information, committee chairs reviewing and posting minutes, agendas and meeting items. Motion was made by WI to post meeting minutes within 14 working days after the meeting occurs. Nani second. Yea- WI, IA, MO. Nay – MN, LA, KY, MS. New motion was made by LA to post minutes in a reasonable amount of time. Second by MN. Motion carried.
- **TN-MRPC** – Pilot shared exciting news about TN and approval from the TN DOT for Mike McClanahan to represent, attend meetings and pay state dues. He wants to see the commission reinstated when the time is right. Mike worked with the transportation committee on the AAR application, and he was a fantastic resource for everyone. He was great to work with, enthusiastic and

an overall great representative for TN. Motion to approve Mike McClanahan to the board as the TN chair by MN. Second by IA. Motion carried.

- **Spring Meeting** – The All-American Road will be the theme of the spring meeting. The first 90-minute session from the culture and heritage committee will look at how we fine tune telling All-American stories through our interpretive centers. Our audience is the membership, as well as interpretive centers and VCBs. The second 90-minute session from the ERA committee would be of particular interest to our membership, DNR as well as recreation and agriculture partners. Aaron Yetter of the U. of IL will be on of our speakers as we look at Waterfowl, the Mississippi River Flyway and how they play a role in our AAR.
- **Other Business** – Martin will remain the IA state chair until he hears differently from his state. Burlington, IA is moving ahead with the Cascade Bridge project.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 am CST.