

Mississippi River Parkway Commission Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 14, 2021 (draft)

Participants: -Anne Lewis – Pilot -Terri McCullough – Pilot Emeritus -Sharon Calcote LA-MRPC & Marketing -Holly Cain-Secretary & IL MRPC Proxy -Sherry Quamme WI-MRPC -Mike McClanahan – TN-MRPC -Lisa Walsh – IA MRPC Proxy -Joe St Columbia – AR-MRPC -Pat Audirsch – Culture and Heritage
-John Anfinson – Culture and Heritage and MN-MRPC Proxy
-Francis Schelfhout – Transportation
-Sabrina Chandler – ERA
Nani Bowmik - ERA
-Susanne Thiede-Barnet – National Office

Pilot called the meeting to order at 1:35pm and a quorum was not present.

- Past Meeting Minutes from 2/18/21 Tabled until a quorum was present.
- Financial Update Tabled until a quorum was present.
- **Report** –Pilot shared that she is meeting with states and is still trying to schedule Illinois. She also met with MRCTI.
- Leadership Training (Final Report) Follow up surveys showed remaining questions and points of confusion on the board process for new commissioners. The new process should be educational, strategic and keep people aware. Additionally, we should prioritize actions by: 1) committee, 2) board, 3) collaborative team, 4) staff. Pilot shared that we must look at all things organizational and what we should be doing as a group and where we should go from here.
- National Office Activity Report NO reviewed Q1 activity report, as posted and distributed.

A quorum was now present.

- Past Meeting Minutes from 2/18/21 Motion by WI and second by MN. Motion approved.
- Financial Update Motion by WI and second by AR. Motion approved.
- **AAR** Pilot began discussions about preparation for a NSB grant project and specifically looking for one state to act as the fiscal manager and cover promotion of all 10 states. Nationwide, there is \$16 million available so the grant program will be higher competitive and will require MRPC to have one clear and concise project.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06pm.