



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

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**Participants:**

- Anne Lewis – Pilot
- Terri McCullough – Pilot Emeritus
- Sharon Calcote LA-MRPC & Marketing
- Norma Pruitt - Pilot Pro Tem
- Holly Cain-Secretary & IL MRPC Proxy
- Derick Biglane Treasurer & MS-MRPC
- Mark Kross MO-MRPC
- Jean Galasinski WI-MRPC Proxy
- Greg Terry - KY-MRPC
- Sen. Dave Senjem – MN-MRPC
- Lisa Walsh – IA-MRPC Proxy
- Mike McClanahan – TN-MRPC
- Craig Mitkes – IL-MRPC
- Kim Williams - Marketing
- Pat Audirsch – Culture and Heritage
- John Anfinson – Culture and Heritage
- Francis Schelfhout – Transportation
- Lindsey Killebrew - Transportation
- Sabrina Chandler - ERA
- Susanne Thiede-Barnet – National Office

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

The meeting began with discussion about the mission and if it is to promote the Great River Road or promote the Mississippi River Parkway Commission and if new members feel like they know.

LA suggested we consider a guidebook of outdoor recreational facilities and use committees to create themed itineraries. People know each other by working together on a focused project.

IA stated that we do better as a group when we are working on a project and it's a good way to know people and unites how this organization functions.

TN shared that the organization has history and values structure – what we have done and where we are headed.

WI said their commissioners sit down with new commissions, sometimes take a 2-day bus trip and have the commissioner from each county talk about their area.

MO brought up a virtual road trip idea with DOTs in the lead and other state organizations involved. He followed by reminding everyone that the IC Network started the 10-state information collection.

MN said we have 10 states made up of 10 boards that act at various levels, and we assemble as one board to learn from one another and get energy from each other.

KY agreed with LA in our need to get people involved through committees might be to focus on projects in their wheelhouse.

LA indicated that they could not host an in person meeting this fall.

An online board survey showed that although most want to attend an in person meeting in fall, concerns about the cost to travel, state's limitations on out-of-state travel might create low attendance. There was a suggestion to consider state commission meetings altogether and watching the virtual meeting as a whole. The Executive Committee will meet in the coming weeks to make a decision on the format for the fall meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12am.