



Mississippi River Parkway Commission  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2021  
(draft)

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**Participants:**

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| -Anne Lewis – Pilot                 | -Joe St. Columbia - AR                    |
| -Sharon Calcote LA-MRPC & Marketing | -John Anfinson – Culture and Heritage     |
| -Norma Pruitt - Pilot Pro Tem       | -Sabrina Chandler – ERA                   |
| -Derick Biglane Treasurer & MS-MRPC | - Lisa Walsh – IA Proxy                   |
| -Sherry Quamme - WI-MRPC            | --Susanne Thiede-Barnet – National Office |

Pilot called the meeting to order at 2:05pm and a quorum was not present. As a result, we did not review minutes or the financial report.

Pilot reviewed a stakeholder report showing activity from September 2020 to August 2021. She encouraged states to contact her or the national office for print copies. A live version is on the board page of the members website.

Pilot provided an update on the ARPA federal grant and conversations with the regional EDC contact that indicated all 10 states could not be included in any one grant due to geography.

A quorum was reached at 2:30pm.

Motion was made by AR to approve the July meeting minutes. Second by KY. Motion approved.

Treasurer reviewed the financial reports. A motion was made by AR to approve the financials as of August 2021 and amend the expense report to include a heading of the timeframe of the expenses. Second by WI. Motion approved.

Pilot offered the technical committees an opportunity to follow up or add anything as next steps to consider for the 2022 budget.

Culture and Heritage said it hurt not being in person as it was difficult to brainstorm virtually and get an assessment of what our interpretive centers need. A survey was suggested for 2022.

ERA didn't request any budget items and indicated work sessions are hard virtually. Guest speakers were brought in for the fall meeting to fill the silence in discussion. It did provide a good introduction to the topics and provides an opportunity to work with other committees on the pollinator initiative, roadside maintenance, installing pollinator gardens and signage and an eco-tourism focus on marketing. Trying to develop a base of people that already have this going on. There's been lots of interest.

In other business, there were no nominations for awards this year.

There was a recent Byway Coordinator call and the NSB grant announcement is coming but no specific date yet.

There will be no Collaborative Meeting on Friday as previously scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.