



Pilot's Report June 10, 2022

- All MRPC Technical Committees have met a second time this year. I was able to join Transportation and ERA. It is our hope that the committees will plan to spend time in Memphis with their own agendas, but they will also meet as a body of the whole and discuss a project or projects where all four committees can work in concert.
- National Scenic Byways Application for a New Traveler Website and App: I worked with Susanne to secure a state department of transportation to submit our application. Thanks to the hard work of both Susanne and Kim Williams, Arkansas, also a certified All-American Road state, has agreed to serve in that role.
- Support for National Scenic Byway Applications: A draft letter of support from MRPC was circulated, but not enough states weighed in on it. It will be discussed at our June 10 Board meeting.
- MRPC Annual Meeting Planning: In order to deliver a State Dialogue Day, Susanne and I have met with almost all the state chairs, and some of their members. For some states, a discussion topic is a program they can share as an example, including the in's- and out's. For others, it's a challenge they are seeking problem-solving assistance on. We are creating the themes of the State Dialogue Day from the aggregate discussion topics states have shared with us.
- Annual Meeting Planning, con't: Worked with Susanne to create a list of "take-aways" for the meeting's registration materials. Also researching additional speakers.
 - Working with NCEL to find ways we can "meet and greet" each other during our annual meeting in Memphis.
- Illinois Commission – Update: A new state commission for all the rivers of Illinois is being formed. We are working with Illinois to get IL-MRPC included in the commission. A letter of support was written and supplied to the Governor and Lt. Governor.
- Missouri Commission – Update: James Lundgren, Exec. Dir. Of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home has made headway in engaging Missouri's DOT, the local VCB director, other VCB directors and some legislators and momentum to reappoint a new commission is growing. We will continue to assist James in whatever ways we can. Missouri will participate in our September meeting.
- Two monthly pilot's newsletters have been written and distributed.
- An MRPC Nominations Committee was named and is underway.