



Mississippi River Parkway Commission

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Mississippi River Parkway Commission Transportation Committee Teleconference Meeting February 17, 2023 | 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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Minutes

Introductions

MRPC – Norma Pruitt, John Anfinson, Susanne Thiede-Barnet
Arkansas – Jeff Ingram
Illinois – no representatives
Iowa – Lisa Walsh, Emily Whaley
Kentucky – James LeFevre,
Louisiana – no representatives
Minnesota – Nicole Bartelt (replacing Tim Wilcox as voting member), Peter MacDonagh
Mississippi – Lindsey Killebrew
Missouri – Mark Kross
Tennessee – Michael McClanahan
Wisconsin – John Rosenow, Francis Schelfhout, Liat Bonneville

Minutes from September 9, 2022 (Annual Meeting – Committee Meeting)

Minutes were approved and posted online.

MRPC Annual Meeting 2022 – Follow-up Items

- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations and EV/Alternative Fuel Corridors
 - Inventory Reports Received
 - Report of any gaps greater than 150-miles?
 - Formal request to Marketing Committee – how is or can this be marketed

- Interpretive Centers – Strengthen our Relationships
 - Wayfinding signage inventory (including pictures) to ICs
 - “Ahead”, “At”, “Turns”
 - Including turn by turn directions, distances, etc.
 - Detailed map documenting locations, signs, directions
 - Francis will do one example for Freedom Park in Prescott, WI.
Lisa will do one example for Hwy 80 in Iowa.

Mission Statement: Promote, enhance and preserve the Great River Road and the Mississippi River.

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- Pollinators – Connecting Everyone
 - Develop playbook
 - Policies, procedures, and specifications related to similar state efforts
 - Marketing angles used by local/state organizations to support the effort
 - Missouri Land Conservation Resource has a requirement for pollinator planting – state or national initiative? Can we assist/encourage or gain insight from this program? This playbook could be provided to ICs for incorporation on a smaller scale.
 - Mike will work on TN’s pollinator policies and procedures over the summer (with an intern) and present it at our fall meeting
- Mississippi River Trail (MRT) – **A Closer Look**
 - Trademarked Tennessee
 - [Business History](#): Enter “Mississippi River Trail” – “Inactive/Dissolved” Status
 - [US Trademark Search](#): Enter “Mississippi River Trail” – two entries “Live”
 - [U.S. Bike Route](#) Designation STEPS
 - DEVELOP a draft route with stakeholder input (KMZ)
 - SECURE SUPPORT from all jurisdictions
 - SUBMIT application to AASHTO (USBR 45)
 - Francis showed map of US bike trails. Trail route 45 seems to start in Minnesota and travel along the MS. MN confirmed this. <https://dot.state.mn.us/bike/mrt-about.html>. MRT is designated as USBR 45 in MN. U.S. Bicycle Route System - Bicycling - MNDOT (state.mn.us) and is signed “MRT.” We could consider Bike Fed support – they’re advocates and a national org that could provide us with support and resources.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Next Meetings

- MRPC Board Meeting – March 10, 2023
- Transportation Committee Meetings (3rd Friday – Quarterly @ 9:00am EST)
 - May 19, 2023
 - August 18, 2023
 - November 17, 2023