

**Harry S Truman Coordinating Council**

**Board & Membership Meeting**

Minutes from April 26, 2017

Parkwood Senior Apartments -- 1200 N Range Line Rd., Joplin, MO

**ATTENDEES:**

Gary Shaw – Joplin  
David Holloway – McDonald County  
Ceri Otero – City of Carthage  
Cyndy Hutchings – City of Seneca  
Joelle Cannon – Roy Blunt’s Office  
Jill Cornett – HSTCC  
Steve Lawver – City of Carl Junction  
Bryan West – HSTCC  
Nikki Hill – HSTCC  
Jennifer Shotwell – HSTCC  
Heidi Scheffler – HSTCC  
Mike Franks – “Grow Neosho”  
David Stokely - Claire McCaskill’s office  
Bill Martin - Jane

**Call to Order:** Steve Lawver, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:55am.

Attendees made self-introductions around the table. Cira Otero, newly-elected Carthage council member will be serving on HSTCC board.

**Consent Agenda:** Lawver Requested motion to accept consent agenda and minutes. Cyndy Hutchings move/Gary Turner seconded. All approved.

Linda Kyger presented **financial report**. At March month-end, HSTCC had received 62% of budgeted income and expended 64% of budgeted expenses. JLUS project and Duquesne II CDBG grant project are being extended into FY 2017-2018, which will reduce current fiscal year income and expense.

**Cash balance** is very healthy, with additional revenues anticipated in May-June. Much improved over previous 2 years, when HSTCC dipped into line of credit to make payroll.

Lawver requested motion to **approve financial report**. Gary Shaw moved. Calton seconded. All approved.

Lawyer inquired about Budget Committee. Cornett and Linda K discussed how to replace former council members. Suggested that Executive Board serve as Budget Committee. Vote on that will be conducted via email.

HSTCC Exec. Dir. Jill Cornett presented **Region M contract for services** for approval. Region M has a five-year contract with HSTCC that ends after FY 2017-2017. While the contract is a five-year contract, MDNR requires that the HSTCC board and Region M boards approve the contract on a year-to-year basis. Region M board voted at their last meeting to approve. Cornett is requesting approval from HSTCC board.

Cornett reminded board that Region M must place request for five year contract out for public bid in fall 2017. She asked HSTCC board to consider whether they wished to bid on that contract. She informed board that hiring a qualified- and high-performing Region M Environmental Planner had been a challenge for the past 3-4 years.

Lawyer requested motion to approve Region M contract. Shaw motioned? Turner seconded. All approved.

Cornett presented Director's report, which included update on JLUS project. **Mike Franks from Neosho NABIFI** presented the value of the JLUS project to the board, as well as anticipated outcome, which would be enabling legislation to allow Newton and McDonald counties to establish land use rules for "Military Compatibility Area."

Cornett talked about other grants HSTCC is working under: Missouri Foundation for Health, Dept. of Conservation LEAF program, Hazard Mitigation Planning, Duquesne II CDBG, Spring River Watershed,, and others.

#### **LEGISLATIVE Reps and Member Reports:**

**Stokely from McCaskill's office:** Budget on the table at that time.

**Heistin from Long's office:** Unsure where budget cuts will be.

**Joelle Cannon from Blunt's office:** Introduced herself as Steve McIntosh replacement. Call anytime.

**Neosho/Mike Franks (not a member):** Developing retail districts, including new Aldi's store.

**Gary Turner, Sarcoxie:** Students won state archery contest

**Ciri Otero, Carthage:** New to position.

**Cyndy Hutchings, Seneca:** Focus on flooding issues.

**Gary Shaw, Joplin:** New library opens June 3.

**David Holloway, McDonald County.** Update on Goodman recovery, county jail renovation, and Goodman will rebuild school.

**Purchase of Company Vehicle:** Jill Cornett explained the reimbursement rate to employees for use of personal vehicle is \$.40 a mile. She stated SMB bank has pre-approved HSTCC for purchase of a vehicle. The estimated monthly payments will be below \$500 for an automobile estimated at \$18,000. John Bunch requested Jill look into state approved vehicles. Jill stated HSTCC is looking at a Kia Soul. Motion by Steve Lawver, second by (unknown). All approved.

**Transportation Advisory Committee:** Jill Cornett gave an introduction to the new TAC policy that HSTCC has been working on. Jill asks three people to come to the TAC policy meeting. No one volunteers. John Bunch exclaimed he wants no more studies done by MoDOT. Laurel McKean from MoDOT says there will be no more. Nikki Hill explained where HSTCC serves by example of a map. Discussion followed.

**Staff Announcements:** Staff reports were distributed in the meeting packet. Jill Cornett, Executive Director highlighted the progress of some of the projects.

**Director's Report:** Jill Cornett, Executive Director, noted HSTCC has received a Missouri Foundation for Health grant. Jill says HSTCC will focus on McDonald County and John Bunch asks how the CC will implement it. Jill stated this grant will focus only on health policy in McDonald County.

**New HSTCC Logo:** Jill presented a new logo for HSTCC and requested board approval. Steve Lawver motioned, second by unknown. All approved.

**Legislative Reports:** President Trump released 50 infrastructure projects totaling in the billions. Three are in Missouri; however none are in our region.

**Roundtable Discussion:** Several HSTCC members then provided brief updates about what is happening in their respective communities.

Steve Lawver **adjourned** meeting at 1:55.