

Minutes
Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission
Special Meeting
Jefferson City, MO
October 25, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was held by conference call placed from Room 720 of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Room 720, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

MMPEC Members present (all by phone): Robert Hagedorn, Royal Turner, Steve Ehrhardt, Hart Nelson, and Joe Driskill, (DED Director Designee and Missouri Military Advocate). Rep. Steve Lynch, Colonel Grace Link (Missouri Veterans Commission Designee and MVC Executive Director), and Senator Gina Walsh were absent.

Guests and staff: Brenda Horstman, Tyler Trusk, Zatuilla Nara, all Department of Economic Development (DED), Business and Community Services Division staff, were present in person for the call.

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Hagedorn and the roll was called by Mr. Driskill. A quorum was established, pursuant to the bylaws, with five statutory members and one ex-officio member designee, present and participating. Guests from DED were acknowledged by the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair requested that approval of the September 30, 2019 quarterly meeting of MMPEC be deferred to the December 3, 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Military Community Reinvestment Grant Program

Chair Hagedorn asked Mr. Driskill to summarize the process that led up to the recommendations from DED for approval of 3 projects under the Missouri Military Community Reinvestment Grant Program. The three project recommendations were provided in writing and in advance to the MMPEC Commissioners. The Chair reminded the Commissioners that they should be aware of Missouri Ethics Law that pertains to public board member conflicts of interest and recuse themselves, as appropriate, if there is any apparent conflict.

Commissioner Nelson asked about whether the \$300,000 available under the program is subject to the Governor's mandatory 3% withholding. Mr. Driskill indicated that the program appropriation is subject to the withholding and the total amount of money available is \$291,000. Commissioner Nelson then asked about how money remaining in the program for FY 2020 could be utilized by the grantees, especially given that there is not a full fiscal year for them to expend the funds.

Brenda Horstman described how DED intended to administer the grants. She emphasized that she was in error at the last meeting of MMPEC when she said that as long as expenses could be incurred in FY 2020, the grant money could be expended by grantees beyond the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2020. All funds will have to be expended and projects completed by a date to be negotiated with the grantees in early June 2020. Grantees will be allowed to apply to DED to amend their Scopes of Work and project

budgets to request additional grant funding up to the \$291,000 total but this addition, too, would have be expended by the early June 2020 deadline.

Commissioner Nelson asked whether the additional amounts requested by grantees would have to be matched by the grantees. Brenda Horstman said that the same matching requirements as the original requests would apply to the additional amounts.

Seeing no other questions, Chair Hagedorn asked if there are motions to approve or reject the projects that they be taken up one at a time and that there be a recorded vote for each.

RESOLVED, the Commission hereby approves by a roll call vote, an application from the Leonard Wood Institute, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri as presented, and recommend by DED.

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed with Commissioners Nelson, Turner, Hagedorn, and Wallingford voting in the affirmative, and Commissioner Ehrhardt Abstaining. There were no votes in opposition.

RESOLVED, the Commission hereby approves by a roll call vote, an application from the city of St. Joseph, Missouri, as presented, and recommend by DED.

Motion made by Commissioner Ehrhardt, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed with Commissioners Ehrhardt, Nelson, Hagedorn, and Wallingford voting in the affirmative, and Commissioner Turner Abstaining. There were no votes in opposition.

RESOLVED, the Commission hereby approves by a roll call vote, an application from the Whiteman Area Leadership Council, Warrensburg, Missouri, as presented, and recommend by DED.

Motion made by Commissioner Wallingford, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed with Commissioners Ehrhardt, Nelson, Turner, Hagedorn, and Wallingford voting in the affirmative. There were no votes in opposition.

The Chair thanked the Commissioners and DED staff for their work to get these projects approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no additional comments or questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.