

Minutes
Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission
Special Meeting
Jefferson City, MO

April 23, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was held by Zoom video call placed from the home of Joe Driskill, Jefferson City, MO, 65101, due to the special circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

MMPEC Members: Steve Ehrhardt, Royal Turner, Steve Wallach, Greg Frencken, Hart Nelson, Sen. Sandy Crawford, Sen. Steve Roberts, and Military Advocate Joe Driskill (DED Director designee)

Guests: Hannah Hooven, Tyler Trusk

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Ehrhardt and roll was called. A quorum was established with seven statutory members and one ex-officio member designee participating.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe Driskill briefly discussed the upcoming second quarter meeting that will be held in person on June 1st. This will be the first in-person meeting in over a year. Mr. Driskill also mentioned that Governor Mike Parson will be stopping by the meeting for a few minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Ehrhardt noted that the purpose of the meeting is to approve additional funding for the Leonard Wood Institute which had been approved for funding from the Missouri Military Community Reinvestment Grant. The commissioners received a recommendation memo prior to the meeting. Mr. Driskill introduced Tyler Trusk from the Department of Economic Development who explained the recommendation further.

Mr. Trusk said that the grant had previously been capped at \$50,000 per organization due to COVID-19, but Governor Parson had released those restrictions. Since additional funding was available, both organizations were contacted to see if they were interested in the additional funding and could provide a match. The Leonard Wood Institute is recommended to receive an additional \$28,377 for a total of \$78,377. If the recommendation is approved by the committee, Leonard Wood Institute's contract would be amended to reflect the increased funding.

RESOLVED, the Commission hereby approves the recommendations of the Department of Economic Development as submitted.

Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Mrs. Hooven conducted a roll call vote. The results follow:

Chairman Steve Ehrhardt: Abstained because he is on the Leonard Wood Institute Board of Directors

Mr. Turner: Yes

Mr. Nelson: Yes

Mr. Wallach: Yes

Mr. Frencken: Yes

Senator Sandy Crawford: Yes

Senator Steven Roberts: Yes

The recommendation was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 am. Mr. Turner made the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.