



Flint Hills Regional Council Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2016
612 E. Campbell Street
Westmoreland, KS

Present from Board of the Regional Council: **Pam Bales**, Alma City Councilwoman; **Ben Bennett**, Geary County Commissioner; **Robert Boyd**, Riley County Commissioner; **Scott Briggs**, Lyon County Commissioner; **Vic Enns**, Wamego City Mayor; **Honey Grant**, Grandview Plaza Vice-Mayor; **Stan Hartwich**, Pottawatomie County Commissioner; **Sharon Haun**, Council Grove Councilwoman; **Vern Hay**, Morris County Commissioner; **Galen Johnson**, Dwight; **Kelley Paskow**, Fort Riley; **Mike Ryan**, Junction City; **Karen McCulloh**, City of Manhattan Commissioner; **MarySue Roller**, City of Woodbine Mayor; **Mike Ryan**, Junction City Commissioner; **Jimmy Thatcher**, Clay Center Mayor; **Phil Weishaar**, Chapman; **James E. Williams**, Emporia State University.

Absent from the Board: **Jon Geitz**, City of Emporia Mayor; **Jackie Hartman**, Kansas State University; **Joe Kormanik**, City of Alta Vista Commissioner; **Kevin Sorenson**, City of Reading Mayor

Present from Staff Support: **Sondra Clark**, Transit Administrator/Mobility Manager; **Makenzie Deines**, Intern; **Jennifer Jordan**, Regional Planning Manager; and **Gary Stith**, Director.

Guests: **Greg Miller**, Junction City Chamber; **Lyle Peterson**, KDOC; **Dee McKee**, Pottawatomie County Commissioner, **Bruce McMillan**, McMillan Architects; **Karen Davis**, City of Manhattan; **Jim Sands**, Junction City Commissioner; **Kay Hutchinson**, GMDC Ex. Director; **Traci Scott**, Ft. Riley; and **David Yearout**, Junction City/Geary County Planning Director.

WELCOME:

- Robert Boyd, FHRC Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and invited the board members, staff, and meeting guests to introduce themselves.
- Welcome by Stan Hartwich, Pottawatomie County Commissioner and Jim Moore, Council Member, City of Westmoreland
- November Meeting Minutes were approved.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES:

- Advertise for the Community Development Manager Position.
- Council Grove Comprehensive Plan for public review.
- OEA has approved the \$294,000 Seed Grant for Reduction in Forces at Fort Riley to evaluate the economic impacts of changes at Fort Riley on the surrounding region.
- The Flint Hills Transportation Plan for the FHMPPO Area is out for public review.
- A line of Credit for \$150,000 has been established at Central National Bank.
- Submitted an application for a grant from the Bramlage Foundation for the Grandview Plaza Splash Park.

- Continue work on:
 - Council Grove Comprehensive Plan
 - Grandview Plaza Splash Park
 - Long-range Transportation Plan for MPO area
 - Waterville Historic Preservation Grant Administration

- Finance/Budget Review
 - Add an Administrative Assistant- hourly at first
 - Salary adjustment for Administrative Manager
 - Total Budget- 327,034

- Member Karen McCulloh motioned to adopt the budget. Member Phil Weishaar seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Consider Supplemental Agreement to the Memorandum or Understanding (MOU) with the Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration (FHRTA)**
 - Presented by Sondra Clark, Transit Administrator/Mobility Manager
 - This Supplemental Agreement will make the MOU meet the requirements of FTA
 - Member Mike Ryan motioned to approve the memorandum of Understanding for FHRTA. Member Vern Hay seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **Council Grove Comprehensive Plan** – Jennifer Jordan, Regional Planning Manager
Services that FHRC staff can provide to communities include:
 - Land use planning to grow communities
 - Research/Analysis of existing zoning and knowing where to place new zoning codes
 - Assessing current infrastructure
 - Integrating bike and pedestrian routes with land use
 - Accessing state and federal funding to do the work that is planned
 - Public Engagement during the process
 - Social media
 - Surveys
 - Community meeting

CITY/COUNCIL/PARTNER UPDATES:

- Fort Riley
 - Kelley Paskow
 - 1. March-April war fighter exercise for the Division Headquarters
 - 2. Almost finished with the annual economic summary for Fort Riley

- Emporia State University
 - James E. Williams
 - 1. Community in Motion Partnership
 - 2. President Alison Garret

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- City of Leonardville
 - Robert Boyd
 - 1. Two Banks and other facilities
 - 2. Post office closed
 - 3. New fire station

- City of Manhattan
 - Karen McCulloh
 - 1. Huelskamp is coming to Manhattan
 - 2. Talk about sales tax on the Internet
 - 3. Airport is adding on- parking is still free

- Pottawatomie County
 - Stan Hartwich
 - 1. Upgrade the fire station
 - 2. Bypass with Wamego

- City of Randolph
 - Robert Boyd
 - 1. New Park
 - 2. Income too high to qualify for Grants
 - 3. Loosing thousands of gallons every month in their water system
 - 4. Opted not to renew their membership

- Riley County
 - Robert Boyd
 - 1. Unemployment is 2%
 - 2. Outgrown their transportation program
 - 3. Property tax rates are very high
 - 4. Healthiest county in the state

- City of Riley
 - Robert Boyd
 - 1. Strong business group
 - 2. Areas for residential development
 - 3. Lack of municipal court
 - 4. New library

- City of Wamego
 - Vic Enns
 - 1. Added a new unit to their power plant
 - 2. Building a new memorial- WWII to present time
 - 3. Better security standards for city hall
 - 4. 150th Celebration this year- 150 days of celebrating 150 years

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Local Government Day is January 27th- talk to the Legislators

ADJOURNMENT:

- The February 19, 2015 meeting will be held in Clay Center. Location TBD
- Robert Boyd, FHRC Board President, adjourned the meeting at 11:12 p.m.