

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

ST. CHARLES COUNTY FLOODPLAIN VISION BOARD

DATE: September 8, 2022

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
201 N. SECOND ST.
ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Boerding; Nathan Dunkmann; Herb Iffrig; Danny Kluesner; William Schaul; and Dennis Wappelhorst

MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Price, Senior County Planner; and Mariza Almstedt, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Mark Price called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken and there was a quorum of Board members present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dennis Wappelhorst made a motion to nominate Danny Kluesner as Chairman and the motion was seconded by Dawn Boerding. The motion was approved by unanimous voice acclamation and Danny Kluesner was elected as Chairman of the Flood Plain Vision Board.

William Schaul made a motion to nominate Dennis Wapplehorst as Vice-Chairman and the motion was seconded by Dawn Boerding. The motion was approved by unanimous voice acclamation and Dennis Wappelhorst was elected as Vice-Chair of the Flood Plain Vision Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Danny Kluesner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2022, meeting. The motion was made by William Schaul and was seconded by Dennis Wappelhorst. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice acclamation.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

U.S. Army corps of Engineers Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Study (Plan H)

There were no updates.

Update regarding funding for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Mark Price, County Senior Planner stated that the County should be receiving a response from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding approval of the \$15 million dollar grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The application would go through the Department of Economic Development. Mark Price explained the purpose of the grant would be primarily buyout and would allow for administrative costs as a consultant would likely be hired to assist with managing the administration and paperwork. The funds would not be utilized for elevation but for removing the safety risk to residents and property owners living in flood hazard areas in unincorporated St. Charles County.

Mark Price stated that about 50 people who expressed interest in the voluntary buyout program attended a public meeting that was held back in April, and from their attendance the County has generated a mailing list. He stated that once the County receives approval from FEMA, they will send out letters to these interested parties.

Nathan Dunkmann asked if all 50 of these homes would be considered for buyout.

Mark Price responded that this would be determined by Robert Myers, Director of Planning & Zoning, and Pinar Turker, Community Services Grant Administrator. The areas being considered are in the Mississippi River Flood Zone, and applicants would have to meet income eligibility requirements set by HUD.

William Schaul asked if the County is taking applications yet.

Mark Price answered in the negative and stated that the application process for this grant has not yet been started.

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON THE JUNE 16TH MEETING WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPOS OF ENGINEERS

Danny Kluesner provided a few comments about the June 16th meeting at the Machen's home. He stated that it would behoove the Corps of Engineers to consolidate their ideas and form a unified message representing all counties along the lower Mississippi 500-year levee. He stated that levy protection is being sought for all counties as a whole, upstream and downstream, and no area should be singled out. He added that the Corps of Engineers does what Congress tells them what to do so a directive is needed from Congress prioritizing a plan for the protection of levees in flood plain areas.

Nathan Dunkmann stated that he feels that it is the job of the Army Corps of Engineers to unify the region's voice. He asked what it would cost to have a water study done through a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID).

Mark Price responded that Neighborhood Improvement Districts are used for the purpose of infrastructure upgrades only. He suggested contacting local engineering firms to get estimates for watershed studies.

Nathan Dunkmann asked where he can obtain information about flood grant availability and costs.

Mark Price responded that Pinar Turker with the Department of Community Development should have information regarding flood grants.

Herb Iffrig stated that as a result of the historic rainfall in July, he just about lost all of his crops due to getting 16 inches of rain in a two-day period. He said that the purpose of this Floodplain Advisory Board should be for finding solutions for these types of events.

TABLED ITEMS

◆ **HEC-RAS study for Upper Mississippi Update**

There were no updates for this item, and the item remains tabled.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING, December 8, 2022


- ◆ Update regarding funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- ◆ Discussion Regarding Grant Availability for the Marais Temp Clair Drainage District

◆ **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Danny Kluesner called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Dennis Wappelhorst and was seconded by William Schaul. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice acclamation at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Daniel Kluesner, Chairperson


Date