

**Harry S Truman Coordinating Council  
Board & Membership Meeting**

**Minutes** from May 22, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.  
Joplin Public Library – 20<sup>th</sup> & Connecticut, Joplin, MO

**ATTENDEES:**

Melody Condiff, Duquesne  
Kim Mackney, Congressman Long's Office  
Ben Baker, Missouri House  
Bob Bromley, Missouri House  
Bree Pettingill, Golden City  
Phil Walsack, Burns & ac  
John Briggs, Allgeier Martin  
Cody Green, USDA  
Jake Heisten, GrowNeosho  
Christa Atchison, Mo DED  
Kevin Welch, MOKAN Partnership  
Bill White, Mo Senate  
John Bunch, Mac County  
Dave Taylor, MODOT  
Mark Werthmann, EDA  
Rachel Holcomb, Neosho

William Cline, Carterville  
Justine Pryor, Duenweg  
Dirk Deaton, Mo House  
Lane Roberts, Mo House  
Gary Turner, Sarcoxie (Chair)  
Jill Cornett, HSTCC  
Sherri Rhuems, Worforce Inv. Bd.  
Starla Payton, Workforce Inv. Bd.  
Gerritt Brinks HSTCC  
Madison Kienzle, HSTCC  
Chris Carrigar, Oronogo  
Thomas Hughes, HSTCC  
Patty Overman, HSTCC  
Ceri Otero, Carthage (Sec./Treas.)  
Toby Teeter, Joplin Chamber

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gary Turner at 2:01 pm

**Consent Agenda:** Justin Pryor moved to approve agenda; Bree Pettingill seconded. All approved

**Financial Reports:** Linda Kyger submitted the year-to-date financial report. Cash balance in HSTCC account is \$36,681.27. Cash flow is sufficient to cover expenses without borrowing from Line of Credit. Justin Pryor moved to accept financials. Will Cline seconded. All approved.

**Region M Contracts:** Linda Kyger presented two annual contracts between the Region M Solid Waste Management District and HSTCC.

- 1) District Operations contract allocates some funds received from MDNR for the purpose of operations, staffing, overhead, etc.
- 2) Plan Implementation contract allocates some funds received from MDNR for the purpose of conducting activities to divert solid waste from landfills

John Bunch motioned to approve. Will Cline seconded. All approved.

**HSTCC 2019-2020 Budget:** Linda Kyger and Jill Cornett presented the proposed HSTCC budget FY 2019-2020. Highlights of the budget include estimated revenues from contracts for services to the local government, which total \$17,195. State grants totaling \$278,810. Federal grants totaling \$70,000. Along with other smaller sources of income, the budget total for incomes equals \$443,515. Estimated expenditures necessary to provide services associated with the grants are estimated at \$443,515. This presents a balanced budget for FY2019-2020. Will Cline motioned to approve. John Bunch seconded. All approved.

**EDA Presentation:** Mark Werthman from the Kansas City office of the EDA spoke to the board about available funding from EDA for the purpose of driving economic development in rural areas. HSTCC receives an annual grant from EDA for the purpose of serving as an “Economic Development District,” and working closely with our local governments to enhance job creation, new business and industry and technical expertise.

Grants target distressed economies and underserved areas, University Centers, research and technical assistance, among others.

**DED Presentation:** Christa Atchison introduced herself as a DED Project Manager from the Missouri Dept. of Economic Development. Her role is to assist local governments and businesses in activities related to business retention, expansion and attraction. She, along with other regional representatives are more directly serving our regional communities by being present in our area, rather than headquartered in Jefferson City.

**USDA Presentation:** Cody Green from the Neosho USDA office discussed funds available from his agency for a variety of applications, including High Energy Cost Grants, Housing Development Grants & Loans, Rural Broadband Access Loans, and Community Food Project Grants.

**Jill Cornett Executive Director’s Report:** Jill reported that membership dues collected in calendar 2019 totaled \$47,500, approximately \$4,000 more than last year. This is attributable to more communities joining the organization, as well as a 2% increase in membership fees.

The State of Missouri budget included an increase of \$100,000 in funding for Regional Planning Commissions statewide. This increase represents \$4,500 for HSTCC in 2019-2020, which helps cover the costs of training, travel, workshops, conferences, etc.

With the new Fiscal Year, HSTCC must select its representative to the Executive Committee, and then select four officer positions from the Committee. This action will take place at the next board meeting.

**Member Reports:** Many thanks to the State elected officials who joined the meeting. Here is what was going on in our communities:

Lane Roberts, State Rep: State has approved a balanced budget with emphasis on transportation and education funding.

Dirk Deaton, State Rep: Focus on broadband and the bonds for Missouri bridges.

Justin Prying, Duenweg: Nothing to report.

Will Cline, Carterville: City water well level is very erratic. City is trying to work with adjacent communities to learn why water levels drop quickly.

Rachel Holcomb, Neosho: Still gathering data for the DR4317 grant project.

Dave Taylor, MODOT: Discussed cost-share projects and MODOT bridge program.

John Bunch, Mac County: Peak flooding was brief. Opioids are a problem in Mac County. Looking forward to I-49 completion. Mac Co. is recycling again!

Bill White, Mo Senate: Missouri has 215 bridges that need repairs or replacement. The I-70 Rocheport Bridge is a big issue. Senate made tort lawsuits a priority to protect Mo. businesses.

Kevin Welch, MOKAN Partnership: Nothing to report.

Jake Heisten, GrowNeosho: Looking at “certified” sites for business attraction. And opportunity zones.

John Briggs, Mo House: Nothing to report.

Toby Teeter, Joplin Chamber: Focus on talent attraction and retention. Want to “brand” Joplin.

Bree Pettingill, Golden City: Lightning took out water/WWS controls. City needs improved sidewalks.

Phil Walsack, Burns & Mac: Nothing to report

Ceri Otero, Carthage: Fire State #2 is complete and ready for action.

Bob Bromley, Mo. House: Missouri holds a lot of unclaimed property that can be claimed by citizens who visit State Treasurer’s office website and file claim. ShowMeMoney.com

Ben Baker, Mo. House: Focus on assisting citizens navigates state bureaucracy. Firm stand on Agricultural development and pro-life issues.

Mike Landis, Billy Long’s office: Nothing to report.

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Meldoy Cundiff, Duquesne: Nothing to report.

Sherri Rheums, Workforce Investment Bd. Looking at funding opportunities to train workers to work in Brownfields and Superfund sites.

Gary Turner, Sarcoxie: Concerned about workforce and work ethics. Workers need soft skills, as well at technical.

**Next Meeting:** July 24, 2019 2 pm at Joplin Public Library.

**Adjourn**