



**Harry S Truman Coordinating Council
Board & Membership Meeting
Minutes from April 7, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.
1901 E. 20th Street, Joplin, MO 64804**

HSTCC Executive Committee

Cyndy Hutchings, John Bartosh, Susan Bradshaw, Jamey Cope, Gary Shaw
(6 members total, 1 absent)

Officers: Cyndy Hutchings, *Seneca* — Chair
Gary Shaw, *Joplin* – Vice Chair
Vacant – Secretary
Vacant – Treasurer

ATTENDEES:

Pat Bearden, Alba	Kasei Lewis, HSTCC
Russ Worsley, Lamar	Adrienne Weston, HSTCC
Justin Pryor, Duenweg	
Cody Green, Rural Development	
Gerritt Brinks, HSTCC	
Carrie Campbell, HSTCC	

ATTENDED VIA ZOOM:

Laura Laramore, Missouri Job Center
Sonja Anderson, Senator Blunt's Office
Erin Engelmeyer, Senator Hawley's Office
Aaron Smith, HSTCC Auditor

Call to Order: Chair Cyndy Hutchings called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the April 7, 2022's agenda by John Bartosh. Russ Worsley seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion to approve the December 14, 2021's minutes by Susan Bradshaw. Pat Bearden seconded. All in favor.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Gerritt Brinks presented the Executive Director's Report, updating that the Treasurer position is open due to Rachel Holcomb resigning due to career changes. Gerritt informed that in the most recent MACOG meeting, it was discussed to participate in RPC Advantage. He proposed to MACOG that we will be the experts in broadband.

Financial Reports: Officer Carrie Campbell presented the current balance for HSTCC, along with the total assets and liabilities. Carrie updated that we would be losing \$190,000 year over year due to losing EDA funding, however, she is working to make sure that funds expiring is being utilized to the best of our ability. She also informed that the audit will be August 2022.

Legislative & Member Reports:

Kasei Lewis, *HSTCC* - Kasei updated where she is at on comprehensive plans. She is working on Webb City, Sarcoxie, Airport Drive, and Lamar. She is also working on the hazard mitigation plan for Neosho.

Adrienne Weston, *HSTCC* - Adrienne updated on the projects she is working on. She is currently closing out the Duquesne Park RTP grant. Adrienne procured a contract with DHSS to award a community with a free active transportation plan. She went through an application process during which Duenweg was selected. She is also doing training in CDBG grants.

Carrie Campbell, *HSTCC* – Carrie let the board know that she, Adrienne, Kasei, and Maddie attended Planner’s Day at the state capitol. They spoke with Representative Deaton and Representative White from our region, among other representatives they met that day.

Gary Shaw, *Joplin* – Gary spoke on the grief and challenges the city is facing with the loss of officers, but that the city also had things to celebrate such as the new art center and new courthouse. The recent election brought 3 new council members and the next election is for mayor.

Cody Green, *Rural Development* – Cody informed that they are still taking applications and grants are available for programs to develop community facilities and water facilities.

Russ Worsley, *Lamar* – Russ informed that the city is converting to a well for their public water supply rather than from the lake. They are also renovating a building for a new city hall and doing the lead and copper inventory.

Pat Bearden, *Alba* – Pat updated that the Tri-City Fire Department grant passed so the area will have 24-hour fire coverage. They are also seeking bleachers or funding to have more activity at their ball field.

John Bartosh, *Jasper County* – John informed that the county is building a new courthouse in Joplin and is also building a new road barn for county road equipment.

Sijan McGinnis, *U.S. Representative Vicky Hartzler’s Office* – Congresswoman Hartzler has been working with Congressman Hawley’s office to ban insider trading. She also has working on a district wide “back the blue” week.

Jamey Cope, *McDonald County* – Jamey informed that the county is renovating a new collector, assessor, and public administration building as well as beginning dirt work on a new 9,000 sq ft health department building. They are also accepting bids for the old courthouse for a new judicial system.

Bree Pettengill, *Golden City* – They are updating the treatment plant and the fire department is working on getting a new truck.

Erin Engelmeyer, *U.S. Senator Josh Hawley's Office* – Senator Hawley is vetting the Supreme Court nominee, which he voted “no” for. He is also working on keeping Title 42 in effect.
Aaron Smith, *HSTCC Auditor* – The audit will be in August.

Sonja Anderson, *U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's Office* – Senator Blunt publicly did not support the new Supreme Court nominee. He is working on more sanctions against Russia. He is also working on efforts to have the \$10 billion COVID-19 relief funds back to the Department of Health.

Laura Laramore, *Missouri job Center* – Laura informed that workforce development is offering Missouri employers online resources to train staff. She stated that she wants to be involved with anything HSTCC works on regarding transportation and childcare.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by John Bartosh at 2:39 p.m.