



Harry S Truman Coordinating Council Board & Membership Meeting

Minutes from January 28th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Joplin Public Library

HSTCC Executive Committee

Cyndy Hutchings, Jamey Cope, Richard Leavens, Josh Detar
(5 Members total, missing 2)

Officers: Cyndy Hutchings, Chair
Richard Leavens, Vice President

ATTENDEES:

Robert Lolley, City of Joplin
Hamey Cope, McDonald County
Alan Griffin, City of Carterville
Tina Hang, McDonald County Health Department
Joshua Oathout, Own, Inc
Jeff Ceperley Own, Inc
Brittany Mitchell, MoDOT
Kim Ader, MoDOT
Lisa Robinson, University of Missouri Extension
Cyndy Hutchings, City of Seneca
Richard Leavens, City of Neosho
Robin Ceperley, Own, Inc.
Amy Kauffman, MOKAN

Olivia Spencer, HSTCC
Carrie Campbell, HSTCC
Amanda Hampton, HSTCC
Will Cline, HSTCC
Stephanie Howard, CWEP
Jeff Meredith, CEDC
Bob Sell, AMA
Erin Engelmeyer, Senator Hawley
Julia Frese, CDBG
Debbie Royce, City of Sarcoxie
Tucker Jobes, Senator Schmitt
Chuck Banks, Alvarez & Marsal

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:

Lisa Nelson, Freeman Hospital
Rene Frazier, OATS
Rusty Wilson, City of Anderson

Stephanie Cawyer,
Sedgar, We are Own

CALL TO ORDER

Cyndy Hutchings, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve made by Richard Leavens. Seconded by Jamey Cope. All in favor, none opposed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Richard Leavens. Seconded by Jamey Cope. All in favor, none opposed.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS (Rusty Wilson, Anderson and Mark Bridges, Newton County)

Motion made by Richard Leavens. Seconded by Jamey Cope. All in favor, none opposed.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Executive Director, Carrie Campbell introduced HSTCC. Carrie shared that during this last year at Truman \$7.8 Million in grants were

submitted and \$1.5 million were awarded. The City of Neosho is the one to beat as we submitted just last week \$8 million in grants for mitigation projects. City of Neosho has had success by being proactive and having a progressive City Manager. The Executive Director shared the different types of projects that we work on from Economic and community development to quality-of-life issues and gave examples of each. HSTCC serves 217,582 residents over 67 communities.

HR HANDBOOK UPDATES

Amanda Hampton shared some handbook updates that include maternity leave that allows for 6 weeks off (3 weeks PTO and 3 weeks from HSTCC). In addition, for paternal leave allowed for 3 weeks off (½ weeks PTO and ½ weeks from HSTCC). The new PTO Share program will allow for employees who have accumulated more than 40 hours of PTO can share the time to employees who do not have time off. Some minor changes were made to tuition assistance to be allocated to tuition, fees, and books. In addition, staff must complete one year of service to take advantage of the benefit. A clause has been added that if the employee is not employed the full semester, it must be paid back.

Carrie Campbell touched base on the new salary scale that has been accepted by the Executive Board. This scale uses degree, experience, and service for the position.

Motion to accept these policies and the new salary scale was made by Jamey Cope. Seconded by Richard Leavens. All in favor none opposed.

AUDIT

The audit for Fiscal year 2024-2025 has been completed by Decker & DeGood. During this audit there have been no findings. Motion to accept the FY 2024-2025 audit made by Jamey Cope. Seconded by Richard Leavens. All in favor none opposed.

BANK SIGNER UPDATES

Richard Leavens, Jamey Cope, Cyndy Hutchings, and Carrie Campbell will remain as signer. Richard Leavens nominated Mark Bridges to be added as a signer. Seconded by Jamey Cope. All in favor, none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Fiscal Officer Olivia Spencer spoke on how Truman is currently finalizing drawdowns for this quarter in the amount of \$44,054.22. She shared that the bank account balance as of January 27th, 2025, is \$118,384.67.

ONLINE BANKING, Carrie Campbell

Motion made by Richard Leavens to authorize Carrie Campbell to online banking for Hometown Legacy. Seconded by Jamey Cope. All in favor none opposed.

STAFF REPORTS

Fiscal Officer Olivia Spencer updated the board of the project from Southwest City Water project that is being funds from CDBG and USDA that will bring new water system to Southwest City. City of Duquesne which is being funded by the LWCF to bring in Splash pad, park, and shelter. We also mentioned that bid documents went out for the restroom so if anyone has recommendations on who to contact to let us know. The City of Carterville have successfully completed grant which brought a new generator and it was funded by SEMA. As Carrie, mentioned previously she shared the 6 CDBG grants that were submitted for the CDBG mitigation cycle for the Cities: Anderson, Neosho, and City of Noel. A huge thank you to the representatives who provided letters of support for these projects.

Community Planner Amanda Hampton updated the board of the projects she has been working on. The CEDS meetings have been completed with one for each county. CEDS has been submitted and the public comment period has ended. Motion to approve the CEDS made by Richard Leavens. Seconded by Jamey Cope. All in favor none opposed.

City of Carterville has been awarded the Carterville COPS CHP Grant and CDBG Grant for new streets. She has submitted grants for Anderson Firefighters grant to purchase equipment and provide training opportunities. Neosho Scenic Park (LWCF) to allow for purchase of restrooms, pavilion, parking lot and sidewalks. In addition, the section 604(b) water quality management grant to help purchase lab equipment and salary for a lab technician.

HSTCC is working on grant management and administration for three projects through the Carver Birthplace Association to restore and rehabilitate for the Neosho Colored School. Amanda is continuing to work on the Saginaw Park (Regional Trails program) to help with a walking trail and bridge.

3 Comprehensive plans have been completed. City of Duquesne is in the final stages of the project.

Amanda shared the importance of preliminary engineering reports as CDBG requires these for their projects.

There are two grants opportunities that are coming up CDBG

**VOTE TO ACCEPT
DISSOLUTION OF THE
EFT AND TAKE ACTION
TO ASSIST IN
DISSOLUTION**

MEMBER REPORTS

Downtown Revitalization and 2025 CDBG Competitive Cycle grants.

Will Cline, transportation planner, shared how the scoring system works for the road, bridge and pedestrian needs. During the last scoring he share the projects that were high on the priority list. The restructuring of the TAC bylaws which allowed for a diversity of individuals to sit on the board from different transportation avenues.

Transportation funding, we received in the last year of \$214,000. One was the Vision zero regional safety plan for \$160,000. Two active transportation plans for the City of Noel and the City of Anderson. City of Carterville was awarded \$9,400 for first responder equipment.

TAP Grants are getting ready to start. Shared that if anyone had projects that they would like to apply would need a preliminary engineering report.

Carrie Campbell, Executive Director shared, that we have been working on several environmental reviews and are getting ready to start 6 more. Aaron our environmental planner received the level 1 volunteer water quality monitoring certification.

Carrie shared there are several grant opportunities that are open: Highway Safety Grants, Recreational Trails Program, USDA, and small business grants.

Carrie shared she is sending out surveys to Jasper and Newton Counties to get community input on the hazard mitigation plan. These surveys are important as they the actions that allow for FEMA and SEMA funding.

Carrie shared exciting news of the Environmental task force. Goals for the EFT will remain the same. Once the HSTCC absorbs the EFT meetings will take place where the EPA can provide updates to our communities. Jamey Cope made a motion. Seconded by Richard Leavens. All in favor none opposed.

City of Carterville, Mayor Griffin – shared that they are excited for the grants that are getting ready to take place.

McDonald County, Commissioner Jamey Cope – They are working on several Chip and seal projects throughout the county. With HWY 90 being closed traffic is being detoured which has caused some issues. They are excited to see the projects for Noel and Anderson.

McDonald County Health Department, Tina Hang – They are working on some community health improvement efforts, mental health resources and working on finalizing the Noel active transportation plan in the next few months.

City of Carthage, Jeff Meredith – The City of Schriber has a new facility going in that will bring several new jobs to the area.

Oats, Renee Fraizer – They are shifting services around.

Erin Engelmeyer, Senator Hawley – He sits on the Judiciary committee, Homeland Security and Governmental affairs; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Tucker Jobes, Senator Schmitt – Sits on the Armed Services Committee, Commerce Committee, and the Judiciary Committee.

Tentative meeting scheduled for June 17th, 2025 @ 10:00 AM.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamey Cope. Seconded by Richard Leavens. All in favor none opposed.

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Kufelings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kufelings".