



**Harry S Truman Coordinating Council**

**Board & Membership Meeting**

**Minutes from June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 2 p.m.**

Joplin Public Library

1901 E 20th St, Joplin, MO 64804

**HSTCC Executive Committee**

Cyndy Hutchings, John Bartosh, Susan Bradshaw, Debbie Cornell, Jamey Cope, Gary Shaw, Josh DeTar, Richard Leavens

(8 members total, missing 4)

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**Officers:** Cyndy Hutchings, *Seneca*—Chair  
Susan Bradshaw, *Seneca*  
Josh DeTar, *Joplin*  
Richard Leavens, *Neosho* (via Zoom)

**ATTENDEES:**

Bree Pettengill, *Golden City*  
Pat Bearden, *Alba*  
Ed Hardesty, *Carthage*  
Sijan McGinnis, *U.S. Rep. Hartzler's Office*  
Madelyn Wood, *HSTCC*

Kasei Lewis, *HSTCC*  
Carrie Campbell, *HSTCC*  
Adrienne Weston, *HSTCC*

**ATTENDED VIA ZOOM:**

Erin Engelmeyer, *Senator Hawley's Office*  
Aaron Smith, *CPA*

**Call to Order:** Chair Cyndy Hutchings called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the June 14th's agenda by Susan Bradshaw. Pat Bearden seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve the April 7th's minutes by Bree Pettengill. Pat Bearden seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Executive Board Vacancy:** John Bartosh and Jamey Cope voted via phone. Motion to approve Richard Leavens of Neosho to join the Executive Board by Susan Bradshaw. Pat Bearden seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Executive Board Vacancy:** John Bartosh and Jamey Cope voted via phone. Motion to approve Josh DeTar of Joplin to join the Executive Board by Susan Bradshaw. Pat Bearden seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Change in Transportation Bylaws:** The TAC Committee is required for HSTCC to receive funding from MoDOT grants. The board discussed the proposed changes to the bylaws and policies that would

allow the TAC Committee to be inclusive to the smaller communities of our area. Motion to approve the proposed changes to TAC by Ed Hardesty. Josh DeTar seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Lease New Building:** The board discussed a potential new building for HSTCC to lease, which will allow HSTCC to have a permanent spot downtown. Motion to approve getting an inspector by Bree Pettengill. Ed Hardesty seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Selling Company Car:** The board discussed selling the company car due to lack of use and the money that will be saved from not having to pay car insurance. Motion to approve selling the company car by Josh DeTar. Pat Bearden seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**2022-2023 Budget Approval:** Board discussed the 2022-2023 budget. Motion to approve new budget by Josh DeTar. Seconded by Bree Pettengill. All in favor, none opposed.

**Creation of 501(c)(3):** Motion to approve creating a 501(c)(3) for HSTCC by Ed Hardesty. Josh DeTar seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Bank Access:** Motion to approve Kasei Lewis for payroll signing and Carrie Campbell and Richard Leavens as signers for HSTCC by Bree Pettengill. Josh DeTar seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Carrie Campbell presented the many projects that HSTCC has in the works and the nine projects currently being worked on. Some of the projects in the works include ARPA grants which have a deadline of July 14<sup>th</sup> and Carrie recommends having a 10% match to better a community's chances of being awarded the grant. CARES has been extended until December 2022. HSTCC has also been going out to many city council meetings with a goal of every community within the year, along with attending many community events held by the cities. Carrie also requested volunteers for HSTCC's July Third Thursday event to answer questions from the public and hand out candy, as the May Third Thursday was a huge success and HSTCC received lots of data from citizens regarding their communities.

**Financial Reports:** Fiscal Officer Kasei Lewis and Executive Director Carrie Campbell presented the financial report. HSTCC has a balance of \$42,475.09 with total assets of \$303, 904.57 and liabilities of \$218,961.83. Quarters 1-3 have been billed out and closed for all grants. Currently working on the year-end closeout for Fiscal Year 2022 and getting prepared for the annual audit. Aaron Smith, CPA, is the HSTCC's auditor and noted that something must be done to legally separate the financial aspect of the HSTCDC and HSTCC.

#### **Legislative & Member Reports:**

Sijan McGinnis, *U.S. Representative Vicky Hartzler's Office*—Congresswoman Hartzler is joining with other congressmen for a Supreme Court case regarding individual liberties. She is working on legislature to provide grant funding for safety and security in schools in light of recent events in Texas.

Pat Bearden, *Alba*—Alba has had a good year, they're currently updating its park and searching for bleachers to finish their ballfield. Four new houses and a duplex were recently built. A tax levy has been passed that allows the fire department to provide 24/7 service, starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. A dollar store is negotiating adding a store to Alba.

Josh DeTar, *Joplin*—Joplin is working on long-term funding solutions for their police and fire departments. They are also working on reworking their building codes, along with the beautification of downtown Joplin between 8<sup>th</sup> street to 15<sup>th</sup> on Main.

Ed Hardesty, *Carthage*—Carthage is working on their budget and considering hiring someone for tourism. Five new council people, including Ed, were elected in April. Greg Dagnan is now the city administrator; the city currently has all new city administration. One of their big projects right now is fixing the three bridges on Garrison Avenue that need redone for safety issues.

Susan Bradshaw, *Seneca*—Seneca has finished their fire station due to funding provided by the Eastern Shawnee tribe. They plan on having a ribbon cutting for it.

Bree Pettengill, *Golden City*—Golden City's fire department plans on buying Jasper's old firetruck when they receive the new one they've bought. Golden City is currently working with Anderson Engineering on several projects, including a Lead and Copper grant. They also applied for the TAC grant to replace the sidewalks on their Main Street, along with revitalizing several buildings downtown.

**Next Meeting:** September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 2 p.m. in Joplin Public Library.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Cyndy Hutchings at 3:38 p.m.