



**Harry S Truman Coordinating Council
Board & Membership Meeting
Minutes from September 20th, 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, David Osborn
(9 members total, missing 5)

Officers: Cyndy Hutchings, *Seneca*—Chair
Debbie Cornell, *Carterville*
Richard Leavens, *Neosho*
David Osborn, *Newton County Commissioner*

ATTENDEES:

Bree Pettengill, <i>Golden City</i>	Eric Dannemaier, <i>Shoal Creek Watershed</i>
Ed Hardesty, <i>Carthage</i>	Madelyn Wood, <i>HSTCC</i>
Clayton Driskcoll, <i>Lost Creek Wireless</i>	Carrie Campbell, <i>HSTCC</i>
Erin Engelmeyer, <i>Senator Hawley's Office</i>	Austin Butera, <i>HSTCC</i>
Moana Roberston, <i>Wentworth</i>	Misty Hailey, <i>HSTCC</i>
Russ Worsley, <i>Lamar</i>	
Kim Ader, <i>MoDOT</i>	
Dan Waldington, <i>Senator Blunt's Office</i>	

ATTENDED VIA ZOOM:

Aaron Smith, CPA

Call to Order: Chair Cyndy Hutchings called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the September 20th's agenda by David Osborn. Bree Pettengill seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion to approve the June 17th's minutes by Bree Pettengill. Ed Hardesty seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Guest Speaker: Guest speaker John Joines, CEO of the Economic Security Corporation, spoke briefly about the importance of the Truman Council to kick off the board meeting.

Check Signers: Bank requires two signers for checks due to Carrie functioning as fiscal officer. Motion to approve Cyndy Hutchings, David Osborn, and Richard Leavens as signers for HSTCC by Ed Hardesty. Debbie Cornell seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Carrie Campbell presented the changes that Truman Council has been through in the last few years. She emphasized Truman's priority to go to all the city

council meetings. Our slogan “Leave your legacy” shows that we are here to help our communities and getting back to our roots to be successful. HSTCC has submitted applications for Regional Transit Plan, Safe Streets for All, Neosho ARPA Wastewater, Reddings Mill ARPA Drinking Water, Stella ARPA Drinking Water, Carthage Police Department – DOJ/BJA. Pending applications include working with the McDonald Chamber of Commerce for several revitalization projects: Grow Granby, Seneca, Goodman, Anderson, Pineville. We also submitted the application for a Workforce Development Grant. Awarded applications for Neosho environmental Review, Neosho CDBG Hazard Mitigation, Neosho CDBG Infrastructure, Carterville CDBG Streets, and Lanagan Emergency CDBG for their water.

Financial Reports: Carrie Campbell reported her importance of transparency when dealing with the Truman Council’s financials. She let the board know that they can at any time get copies of any of our financials. Aaron is currently going through the Audit and is waiting on LAGERS, which doesn’t give their report until October. Carrie included the administrative fees for all our projects broken down into counties, which is \$804,988 as of 9/20/22, including the pending administrative fees.

Staff Reports: Misty Hailey, grant writer for the Truman Council, and Clayton Driskill, Lost Creek Wireless, presented the current broadband grants they are working on. Lost Creek Wireless is a local business from Seneca. Misty has been working with Clayton on 5 different broadband grants to provide fiberoptic cables to areas that don’t currently have internet service, specifically Newton and McDonald counties. Clayton emphasized his strive to add internet options for rural communities and to push for fiber to homes, which means no required upgrades and easier maintenance compared to other internet options. Creates more taxable revenue for the counties due to people choosing an area with highspeed internet services to live in. Currently 11,000 people in Newton County don’t have service; these grants would provide 140-150 miles of area coverage. 35,00 homes would be covered with these grants—which means all of northern Newton County & part of McDonald County. Covers every single road in Newton County. Includes a low-cost option as well. Reliable & affordable choices for internet.

Staff Reports: Austin Butera, the new Environmental and Hazard Mitigation Planner, introduced himself to the board. He is from New York and has a degree in Environmental Planning. He is excited to begin new projects with the communities, including watersheds, reconstruction of flood water retaining ponds, and everything that directly impacts the community. He is going to be getting certain certifications to allow these processes to be done smoother.

Staff Reports: Carrie presented the projects transportation is working on. She has currently completed the prioritization list.

Grant Opportunities: community revitalization opens Sept 28 & closes Nov 28. GET PAPER FROM CARRIE TO ADD TO NEWSLETTER. Broadband. Workforce Training Grant. Industrial site dev. CDBG Infrastructure came out 9/19.

Legislative & Member Reports:

Ed Hardesty, *Carthage*—Carthage finalized their budget and hired a tourism director. They also have received their second installment for ARPA funds.

David Osborn, *Newton County Commissioner*—Newton County is in the middle of their budget. Currently doing some tree trimming downtown to prepare for the fall festival.

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.

Richard Leavens, *Neosho*—Neosho is completing their budget. Almost done with Lime Kiln Dam renovation. They are anticipating a grant for more bike trails for their town. They are also working with MoDOT for the roundabout near Loves.

Eric Dannenmaier, *Shoal Creek Watershed*—Currently working on restoration of wetlands and creek beds for Shoal Creek. Erosion affects farmers and private landowners, so they are working on building conservation areas next to the creek by planting native plants to prevent the erosion and preserve creek beds, therefore saving farm property. They have also bought a 35-acre property that used to be a cattle operation and are working to restore the native plants and stream bank to then turn the property into a public amenity. They will offer water testing certifications, environmental review certifications, water rescue certifications, and will partner with Neosho High School, MO State University, and Crowder college for water quality monitoring. November 4th and 5th there will be a tree planting event.

Cyndy Hutchings, *Seneca*—They are waiting on a few grant responses and working on their budget.

Erin Engelmeyer, *Senator Hawley's Office*— Erin went to HSTCC's booth for July's Third Thursday in Joplin. Senate has been in session. Hawley wrote a letter to the DEA regarding the fentanyl crisis and introduced legislation to increase crime penalties for possession and distribution of fentanyl.

Moana Robertson, *Wentworth*—They have received their second funding from ARPA for sewer repairs and an attorney for litigation regarding sewer funds. They have used some funds for pothole repairs and repainted and repaved Chestnut Street.

Russ Worsley, *Lamar*—Finished new well project and waiting on ARPA application results. Their city hall is finished, it is a renovated bank building on the square. They also have a new presiding commissioner who begins in January of 2023, David Johnson.

Kim Ader, *MoDOT*—Needs HSTCC's prioritization by October 7th which includes 15 roads and bridges and 5 bike and pedestrian trails that need repair. They are preparing a traffic study in Carthage. The Rangeline bridge didn't start as soon as they liked due to permits required by the Railroad Company, but it is scheduled to be done by December 1st.

Next Meeting: January 17th, 2022, at 2 p.m. in Joplin Public Library.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by Cyndy Hutchings at 3:48 p.m.