



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 20, 2020

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson
Mr. Charlie Herbst, Cape Girardeau County (via phone)
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)

Board Non-Voting Members Present: None

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present via phone:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Cape Airport) (via phone)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via phone)
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via phone)
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via phone)
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via phone)
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Introductions

The group went around the room, with each person giving a brief introduction.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the May 20, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Hahs.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 15, 2020 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Fox noted he was glad to be back at least partially in person. He assured the group that even though the meeting was in person, it was ok to participate by phone if that worked better or was needed.

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Chairman Fox asked if there were any comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda. There were none.

New/Unfinished Business

- **Public Hearing on FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program**

Chairman Fox opened the public hearing. Mr. McElroy noted that the public hearing was advertised on May 3 in the Southeast Missourian Newspaper including how to participate. Seeing no appearances to speak, he closed the public hearing.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05, A Resolution adopting the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Fox introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05. A motion was made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Hahs to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05, which passed unanimously.

- **Functional Classification changes in the SEMPO boundary – Motion to approve**

Mr. McElroy noted the TPC recommended approval of the requested Functional Classification changes in the SEMPO boundary to the Board.

Mr. Killian noted that these classifications are used by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to determine the roads eligible for federal funding. There were proposed changes in 2008 that included roads to be built. Some of those have not been completed and some have. Once on the list, they need to be built within 5 years to stay on list. There is a request from FHWA to review our list, change the status if needed, and remove any roads that have not been built.

Specifically, Veterans Memorial Drive, north of US 61, status was changed to local and then the section by the Sportsplex was added back but classified as a major collector to make it eligible for Federal funding. Veterans Memorial Drive, south of US 61, will be converted to a major collector and considered for Federal aid. The proposed Armstrong Drive was not built and will be removed from the list completely.

Mr. Hahs asked if there were any City of Jackson roads to address. Mr. Killian noted that Mr. Bollinger asked this at the TPC meeting as well and that all Jackson roads have been previously approved so there were none to be addressed in the City of Jackson.

A motion was made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki to approve the Functional Classification changes in the SEMPO boundary, which passed unanimously.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Chairman Fox noted that city is still working on major transportation projects. They are dealing with easement issues on the West End and Independence projects. He noted they were hoping to have West End taken care of shortly and construction should start soon. The other TTF5 project they are working on is the Main St. project. Street repair and maintenance work continue. The TTF6 vote is on June 2 ballot.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported that the roundabout construction continues and they are on time or a little ahead. He noted that DDI is moving along. Some of the businesses are complaining about revenues being down but he is unsure if the reduction is construction or COVID related. In partnership with the County, they have completed the paving of Missouri Street near the new courthouse. On Monday Lochmueller presented a traffic study on the Deerwood Dr. and US 61. It was well received and should be accepted at the next Board of Aldermen meeting and then presented to MoDOT for consideration. The traffic study did show a need and recommendation for a roundabout rather than a traffic signal. Adding a third lane from the Courthouse is being considered as well. The City's regular asphalt and overlay program is ongoing.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Herbst reported they have received an asphalt bid for summer work and it is competitive. They will be paving a couple of miles of new road

and will go back and start overlay of some existing roads. The Missouri Street project and pedestrian work around the new courthouse is complete.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicki noted they are running at about 60% of normal which he thought was good. They did get down to 40% at their lowest point.

Cape Airport – Ms. Amos reported they are still waiting on the Cares Act grant. She did submit a grant to MoDOT and hopefully will have a grant in hand in next 2 weeks. They are still moving forward with the master plan. She will be providing an update presentation at next city council meeting. The April air traffic was poor as they showed a 94% drop from last year. It has been picking up over the last week or two and she thinks it is starting to turn around. They are doing just one flight through June and may be back to two in July.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that their recent TAC meeting was moved to the end of June and the meeting after that will likely be in August.

Cape Area Magnet – Mr. Mehner reported that at the end of the legislative session a change in the voting requirement to form CIDs and Transportation Districts was added to an omnibus bill that was passed. The change would require a vote of all registered voters in a municipality rather than just those living in the proposed district. There is consideration of asking the Governor to veto but this is an important bill with several good components. He is not sure what will happen. Regarding the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI), he recently talked to Phil Penzel who is very happy with DDI progress.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss provided an update on DDI. The work is progressing well. Paving is starting on the US 61. The contractor will be starting some foundation work soon but need to do some dirt work first. Good weather is necessary to do this. In regard to traffic control, this Thursday night southbound I55 will be closed to work on the bridge as the structure has some potholes and other issues that need to be addressed. Traffic will be diverted at Exit 105 through Jackson and back on southbound I55 at Exit 99. The closure will start at 7:00 p.m. Thursday to 6 a.m. on Friday.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell reported that the East Cape project has been awarded and construction will proceed soon.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy noted Lochmueller has hired all SEMO Students. They are all in the construction management program at Southeast Missouri State University. They have the training packet completed and will begin on June 2. With approval of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), we will be putting out an RFP to update the MTP.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:26 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills