



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2019

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson (alternate for Mr. Dwain Hahs)
Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (alternate for Mr. Mark Shelton)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County (alternate for Mr. Charlie Herbst)
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Illinois Division (via teleconference)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

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

Introductions

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

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the January 16, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Fox.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 19, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

New/Unfinished Business

- **I-55 Exit 93 Interchange - Discussion**

Mr. Okenfuss reported that he, Mr. Shrimplin, and Ms. Green recently met with representatives of the City of Cape Girardeau, Cape Special Road District, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET, and Mr. Earl Norman with Benton Hill Investments to discuss the I-55 interchange at Exit 93. Several limitations with the existing interchange were identified, including underpass flooding, access issues, bridge height restrictions, and design inefficiencies. Vice Chairman Meyer stated that a proper redesign of the interchange could enhance and promote development in the area, especially on the east side. He added that reducing the number of bridges would reduce maintenance costs. Mr. Okenfuss stated that if there is excess right-of-way, the City of Cape Girardeau may need to agree to maintain it. He stated that the next step is to meet with local business owners to obtain their input before engaging a consultant to study design options and associated costs.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported that the survey for the Independence Street Corridor Study is now closed. He discussed the importance of the proposed improvements.

City of Cape Girardeau – Vice Chairman Meyer reported that the City is moving forward with two partnership opportunities. One partnership is with Cape Girardeau Public Schools for a new indoor aquatic center, to be located on South Minnesota Avenue. He stated that the City may initiate a discussion with MoDOT about reconnecting South Minnesota Avenue to MO74. The other partnership is with a private entity for redeveloping some hangars at Cape Girardeau Regional Airport.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the East Main Street/Oak Hill Road traffic signal project was awarded to Fronabarger Concreters. Cochran Engineering was selected to design the roundabout at East Main Street and Shawnee Boulevard. The preliminary layout will be discussed with the Board of Aldermen within the next couple of weeks. The City will be awarding a contract for relocating electric and water lines at the site of the Center Junction Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicki stated that there is nothing new to report.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort stated that there is nothing new to report.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that work is continuing on the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He asked that all SEMPO members submit to him their project lists and projected revenues and expenses as soon as possible. He has received information from some entities, but not from all.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian reported that the December letting included the bridge deck replacement on US61 over the Cape LaCroix Creek and the culvert extension on Route W; the January letting will include the bridge rehabilitation on Route 34 over the Mississippi River (Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge). He gave a reminder that the next application deadline for the Cost Share Program is April 26, 2019.

MoDOT - Mr. Okenfuss reported that Missouri Governor Mike Parson will be giving the State of the State Address this afternoon. The Center Junction DDI plans are being finalized. The project is on track for a May letting and an August construction start.

FHWA, IL – Ms. Tracy stated that there is nothing new to report.

Staff Report

Mr. Shrimplin reported that Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment No. 3 has been submitted for state and federal review. The FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be submitted soon. He is also continuing work on the RFQ for the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. The TIP website is still under development.

Ms. Green reported that she is creating a Facebook page for SEMPO.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:25 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green, PE