

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2005

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Matt Armstrong, Ted Armstrong, Bob Ford, Betty Marver, Mary Schuman, Johnnie Spears, Edward Thibeault. Commissioners Absent: Christine Bredenkoetter, Frank Kenney, Greg Kloeppe, and Don Wojtkowski.

Commission Staff Present: John Young, Boundary Commission Legal Counsel, Courtney Irwin, Executive Director.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., November 15, 2005. The meeting was held at the County Government Building in Clayton, Missouri.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Mr. Young.

APPROVE AGENDA

Before moving to approve the agenda, Chairman Armstrong made a motion to add Officer Nominations as sub-paragraph B., under paragraph 8. New Business. Mr. T. Armstrong asked if this was something that had to be decided at the November meeting. Chairman Armstrong replied that the Commission normally voted on the nominations during the December meeting, so that members could take office in January. However, he suggested that the nominations could remain open by email and have a vote on it in December. Chairman Armstrong asked for all of those in favor of the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. T. Armstrong made a motion to approve the November 15th agenda as amended. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Schuman made a motion to approve the October 25th minutes as submitted. Mr. Spears seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Irwin reported that the Commission's submitted 2006 Budget, totaling \$177,478, was approved by St. Louis County. Chairman Armstrong asked how much money was leftover in the 2005 Budget. Ms. Irwin did not know the exact figure, but predicted a surplus around \$40,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no announcements or communications.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Irwin announced that she had spoken to a woman from the Missouri House of Representatives. She asked Ms. Irwin to provide her with a copy of the Boundary Commission Rules. Ms. Irwin told her that the Commission was in the process of amending the Rules, and that the revisions would not take effect until mid-December. However, if she still wanted a copy of the Rules as they currently were, Ms. Irwin notified her that there would be a charge of .10-cents/page.

Mr. T. Armstrong asked Ms. Irwin if the caller explained why she needed that information. Ms. Irwin replied that the woman was doing researching for someone else in the House, but did specify exactly who. The caller said she would call Ms. Irwin back if she still wanted to proceed with obtaining a copy. Mr. T. Armstrong then asked if the Commission had heard of any discussions about trying to amend the Boundary Commission laws. Chairman Armstrong said he had not heard of anything. He asked Ms. Irwin to find out what committee, or Representative that the woman worked for when she called back.

Mr. Ford said it could have been a representative from the City of Pacific. He concluded that after reading the correspondence section of the Commission's monthly packet. In it was a copy of order detailing the County's denial of an adjustment proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Vote to accept or reject amendments to the Boundary Commission Rules

Chairman Armstrong asked Ms. Irwin for a brief summation of the proposed amendments. Ms. Irwin reiterated that both she and David Hamilton worked on the changes to the Rules. The amendments primarily dealt with more specification in regards to the digital submission of map plans, as well as the deletion of two paragraphs. Chairman Armstrong asked Ms. Irwin if she had read older meeting minutes, or consulted other Commissioners. She replied that she had gone over previous minutes and had called upon former Commissioner Tom Hayek, but that he never returned her call. Ms. Irwin stated that Commissioner Wojtkowski wanted to inform the members who were unable to attend the October meeting, about the cost of generating maps. He wanted to make sure that all of the members were comfortable with Ms. Irwin's estimated pricing break-down which was submitted in the October packet.

Chairman Armstrong made a motion to approve the Rules changes as submitted. Mr. T. Armstrong seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Chairman Armstrong asked Ms. Irwin to prepare the new Rules and make them public. He also suggested posting them on the website.

B. Officer Nominations

Chairman Armstrong said it had been a pleasure serving the past year and reminded the Commission that Mr. Spears held the position of 1st Vice-Chair and Mr. Kloepfel was 2nd Vice-Chair. Mr. T. Armstrong made a motion to nominate the same members for re-election. Ms. Schuman seconded the motion.

Chairman Armstrong suggested leaving the nominations open until the December meeting, so that the rest of the members would have an opportunity to nominate themselves or someone else. The Commission agreed. Chairman Armstrong said he would send an email out to the entire Commission notifying them of the proposed nominations. Ms. Schuman added that both Chairman Armstrong and 1st Vice-Chairman Spears had done a good job during the past year.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marver made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Spears seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney K. Irwin
Executive Director

Approved: 12.13.05