

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2024

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Tom Mooney (via Zoom), Steve O'Rourke (via Zoom), Ann Pluemer, Tom Schneider, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: George Riddick, Stephanie Robinson

Commission Staff Present: Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director
Michael Hart, Legal Counsel

Others present:

Paul Weatherford, St. Louis County Planning

Chairman Uchitelle called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was held in the 1st floor conference room at 231 S. Bemiston in Clayton, Missouri and via Zoom.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Ms. Dougherty.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Wegert made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion.

Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Wegert made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2024. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

1st QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairman Uchitelle asked for clarification of the formula for the projected year end for Professional Services. Ms. Dougherty said it is the 1st quarter added to the projected 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter amounts (which is the total budget divided by 4, multiplied by 3). Ms. Dougherty responded to Chairman Uchitelle's clarification request on what is included in Professional Services. She said it includes legal, web and computer services, parking and other items as needed. Chairman Uchitelle said the Commission is on track to be under budget at year-end. Ms. Dougherty agreed with the assessment.

REPORTS

Ms. Dougherty stated that no map plans were received that month. She said the biggest challenge has been the problem with the missing Google assets. She explained that when the switchover occurred, the email address admin@boundarycommission.com was changed to Ms. Dougherty's commission email address and that subsequently cancelled out all the previous google assets tied to her email address. She stated there was no explanation or warning that this would happen in the google workspace instructions. She explained they had reached out over and over to Google asking for help to fix the issue. She detailed the run-around the Commission got as they were passed from tech representative to representative until 30 days had passed and Google announced that all the information had been purged. She said on a call with a Google representative named

Rafael that he explained what had happened and admitted that if the Commission had not been passed off from representative to representative, the assets could have been restored within the thirty-day timeframe.

Ms. Dougherty explained that four years of YouTube recordings, the data from our forms, and the site kit information for the website.

Ms. Dougherty stated that from this point on, she is always going to have a local copy of the information.

Mr. O'Rourke thanked Ms. Dougherty for continuing to fight. He suggested the Commission write a sternly worded letter from our legal counsel. He said Google with enough effort could restore the information, but they will hope that people will give up. Mr. Hart said he is willing to help in whatever capacity he can.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Closed Session.

There was no closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Terms Expiration Schedule Motion.

Chairman Uchitelle shared that Mr. Hart has created a summary motion consistent with what was discussed in the previous month and with the statute. Mr. Wegert asked what will happen if the appointing authority ignores the expiration schedule. Mr. Hart explained that Commissioners serve until replaced even if the term has expired. The practice and misunderstandings have been that with County appointments, they've assumed the five-year term starts with the date of their appointment.

Ms. Dougherty said that it is detailed in the Boundary Commission Statute in 72.401.

Mr. Mooney made a motion to adopt the Terms Expiration Schedule as submitted. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. Hart will draft a by-law amendment regarding the terms.

Chairman Uchitelle asked how many Map Plans the Commission had received. Ms. Dougherty said they have only received two so far. Mr. Schneider suggested Ms. Dougherty send another letter out to the cities.

Mr. Schneider asked what the contiguity requirement is for consolidation. Ms. Dougherty said she'd have to look at the rules and requirements to see if it's different than the 15% requirement for annexations.

Ms. Pluemer reviewed the remaining meeting dates with Chairman Uchitelle.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wegert made a motion to adjourn. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: June 25, 2024