

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2024

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Stephanie Robinson

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

Others present:

Paul Weatherford, St. Louis County Planning (via Zoom).

Susan Uchitelle

Chairman Uchitelle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the 1st Floor Conference Room, 231 S. Bemiston in Clayton, MO 63105.

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. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Wegert made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2024. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. Wegert made a motion to approve the public hearing transcript of November 19, 2024. Mr. Mooney seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated that the Commission was in good financial shape and could end the year at approximately \$40,000 under budget. She explained she had already paid for the 2025 commercial liability insurance because it is due on January 2nd and in years past if Liberty Mutual doesn't have it by then, they threaten cancellation. Mr. O'Rourke asked if we would have a budget year without a commercial liability insurance expense. Ms. Dougherty explained that 2026's commercial liability insurance payment would be made next December. In other words, there will always be payment in a budget year.

Ms. Dougherty stated even with the move the Commission would end the year under budget. Chairman Uchitelle asked about the legal expenses. Ms. Dougherty estimated they were sitting at around \$40,000 for the year.

REPORTS

Ms. Dougherty stated the Commission had moved out of 225 S. Meramec on December 10th. She said it went very smoothly and all the office (except what she needs to work from home) is stored in the warehouse at 401 N. Lindbergh.

Ms. Dougherty stated the Commission's main phone number has been ported to a mobile phone. She said she was in the process of moving the Commission's contact information to the phone. And she explained that the Commissioners could call her or text her on the 3005 number.

Ms. Dougherty had met with the architect on December 10th as well. They discussed timelines. He told her demo would most likely start in mid-January. Ms. Dougherty asked for an estimate of when it would be ready to occupy. The architect said probably the beginning of April at the earliest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Officer Elections for 2025

Ms. Dougherty reminded the Commission of the slate of nominees as presented at the November meeting:

Tom Mooney – Chairperson

Steve O'Rourke – 1st Vice Chairperson

Stephanie Robinson – 2nd Vice Chairperson

Mr. Hart explained that the election process (as outlined in the by-laws) would require roll call votes on each office unless there is a motion to accept the slate as presented, a second motion to vote by acclamation, and then the third vote by acclamation for the slate.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to close nominations. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. Schneider made a motion to vote on the slate by acclamation. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. Wegert made a motion to accept the slate of nominees as presented. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

B. Closed Session

Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Tom Mooney – Y

Steve O'Rourke – Y

Ann Pluemer – Y

George Riddick – Y

Tom Schneider – Y

Ben Uchitelle – Y

Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed. Closed Session began at 6:46

Mr. Wegert made a motion to end the closed session. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Tom Mooney – Y

Steve O'Rourke – Y

Ann Pluemer – Y

George Riddick – Y

Tom Schneider – Y

Ben Uchitelle – Y

Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed. Closed Session ended at 7:26

OLD BUSINESS

A. By-Laws Amendment for Commissioner Term Expirations

Mr. Hart reminded the Commissioners of their decision in April to correct the appointments' expirations based on the original settings. Mr. Hart then mailed a letter to each appointing authority explaining when the Commissioner terms expired, how, and why. Mr. Hart said he had not received any response from the County nor the Municipal League to the letters. He reminded the Commission that they had agreed to amend the by-laws to include the term expiration schedule in the by-laws. He had drafted an amendment, but approval had been delayed because of the months of map plan public hearings and this was the first meeting back in Clayton to approve the by-law amendment as written.

Mr. Mooney made a motion to amend the by-laws. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Chairman Uchitelle made a few remarks on the excellent work and service Steve Wegert had given the Commission in his ten years. Chairman Uchitelle said whoever is appointed next will have very big shoes to fill. Mr. Wegert thanked the members and said he had enjoyed his time on the Boundary Commission. Ms. Dougherty presented Mr. Wegert with a gift as a token of the Commission's appreciation of his service.

Chairman Uchitelle handed the gavel to incoming chair, Mr. Mooney.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mooney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Riddick seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: January 28, 2025