
Approved by a vote of the Committee – July 16, 2014

**CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2014**

Present: Sherry Patch, Jim Bates, Leon Gaumont, Shaun Suhoski
(Quorum - yes)
Staff: Trish Settles
Absent: Adam Gaudette, Tom Gregory
Guest: None

1. Call to order – 2:10pm

2. Review of the April 9, 2014 Minutes – *Motion made, seconded and all present voted in favor of accepting the minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting.*

3. Replacement of Kristin Wood – The committee was reminded that Kristin Wood’s replacement should be a delegate. Trish distributed a list of the CMRPC delegates for the committee to review of possible recommendations. After some discussion the committee decided that Denny Drewry who attended the last meeting, when asked whether he might be interested in the appointment and replied that he would be amenable to the appointment, would be a recommendation from the committee as a possible nominee to fill the vacant seat on the committee.

4. Discussion of other possible action relative to pending legislation

The committee discussed its process in how it will review legislation given the action it took on the Chapter 90 bill and the information technology bill. As bills come to the committee for review, the following would be helpful to have

- The bill name and number
- Who is asking us to review and what action are they asking us to take and why?
- The current status of a bill
- Is it likely to pass? Who are its sponsors? Has it been introduced before?
- Is it in committee?
- Who are its major proponents? Opponents?
- Is it a budget bill? Does it have tax implications?
- How does it impact CMRPC the agency?
- How does it impact municipalities of CMRPC?

- Does it impact some communities equally?
- If not who is impacted and how?

5. Spring Event

Trish provided an update on the agenda for the Spring breakfast. The agenda will include the following:

1. Welcome, Meeting Overview, Legislative Affairs Committee Progress Report - Shaun Suhowski
2. Review of Regional Priority Development areas - Trish Settles
3. Overview of Patrick Administration Economic Growth legislation and MOBD Economic Development Resources - Rosemary Scrivens (MOBD)
4. Overview of Mass Development Economic Development Resources
 - a. Brownfield redevelopment - Shyla Matthews, VP Community Development
 - b. Finance Program - Laura Canter, Exec. VP Finance Programs
 - c. Real Estate Services for Municipalities - Anne Hayes
5. Legislator Response, Questions, and Comment
6. Audience Response, Questions, and Comment

6. **Next meeting date:** A short meeting will be held after the Legislative Breakfast to set a date for the next meeting

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.

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