

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Minutes of January 9, 2007 Meeting 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order President Harold Byers called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II Attendance Roll call was taken.

Present were: Harold Byers, Madison County
Gene Peters, Madison County
Paul Evans, St. Clair County
Earl McDowell, St. Clair County

Mike Buehlhorn, Executive Director
Bryan Werner, Planner
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
Brian Kulick, Juneau Associates
Ed Szewczyk, Attorney

Absent were: Jerry Kane, Madison County
Pamela Hogan, St. Clair County

III. Approval of Minutes

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2006 regular meeting with the noted changes on section D & E to show that there were no nay votes.

Voice Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

IV. Consent Agenda

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the consent agenda on pages 5-19 along with the handout of the financial information.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

V. Finance

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the payments and claims as presented for December 2006 MEPRD on pages 20-31 in the board packet.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

b) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the payments and claims as presented for December 2006 MMMP on pages 32-35 of the board packet.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

c) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to transfer \$500,000.00 from the Illinois Funds checking account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District business purposes.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

VI. Executive Director's Report

Mike Buehlhorn invited the board members to attend a tour of the Lock and Dam 27 on January 18, 2007.

VII. Old Business

No old business to discuss

VIII. New Business

a) MCT Request for Reimbursement

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve Bryan Werner's recommendation to reimburse Madison County Transit a total of \$100,000.00 for completion of their project titled: Nickel Plate East Connector as part of the Regional Project Grant Program.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

b) IDNR 2007 Bikeway Grant Participation

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the Executive Director's recommendation that MEPRD allot funds not to exceed \$500,000.00 to be used as matching funds for successful applicants of the 2007 IDNR Bikeway Grant Program.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

c) Resolution 07-01: Professional Services Company Contract Extension

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve the new contract with Professional Services Company at a total cost of \$67,332.00 with a contract expiration date of June 30, 2007 at 11:59 p.m.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

d) Report of District Engineer

Brian Kulick with Juneau Associates explained that the pile caps have been poured and the Mississippi River Overlook project is running on time.

Director Peters asked if there were any issues with the new office building that were still needing attention and Mike Buehlhorn explained that there were still a few issues but over the next month or so they should be fixed.

An open house is tentatively scheduled for March 2007.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion or comment

X. Adjournment:

At 8:02 p.m. Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to adjourn the meeting. All voted and the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Next MEPRD meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant**