I. **Call to Order**  
President Gene Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **Attendance**  
Roll call

Present were:  
Jerry Kane, 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  
Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates  
Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.  
John Papa, Attorney

Absent were:  
Harold Byers, Madison County  
Pamela Hogan, St. Clair County

III. **Approval of Minutes**

a) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the minutes from the December regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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4 Ayes  No Nays  2 Absent  Motion Carried

IV. **Consent Agenda**

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the consent agenda items a thru d as presented on pages 5-28.

Voice Vote

4 Ayes  No Nays  2 Absent  Motion Carried

V. **Finance**

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the payments and claims for December 2008 MEPRD as presented on pages 29-35.

Roll Call Vote

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2 Ayes  No Nays  2 Absent  Motion Carried
4 Ayes   No Nays   2 Absent   Motion Carried

b) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the payments and claims for December 2008 MMMP as presented on pages 36-38.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes   No Nays   2 Absent   Motion Carried

c) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the transfer of $300,000.00 from the Illinois Money Market account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District operational purposes.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes   No Nays   2 Absent   Motion Carried

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the transfer of $35,000.00 from the Illinois Funds prime interest account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for MMMP operational purposes.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes   No Nays   2 Absent   Motion Carried

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the transfer of $1,500,000.00 from the MEPRD Illinois Fund Prime Interest Account and to solicit banks within the district boundaries for the highest short term CD interest rate and authorize the distribution of such funds to the appropriate banks.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes   No Nays   2 Absent   Motion Carried

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the transfer of $500,000.00 from the MMMP Illinois Fund Prime Interest Account and to solicit banks within the district
boundaries for the highest short term CD interest rate and authorize the distribution of such funds to the appropriate banks.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

VI. Executive Director’s Staff Report

Executive Director Buehlhorn and Planner Werner presented the report.

VII. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

a) Resolution 09-01 Re: TWM Contract for McKinley/MMMP

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to accept Resolution 09-01 to enter into a contract with TWM for a corridor study for the Metro East Park and Recreation District from the McKinley Bridge to Malcolm Martin Memorial Park.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

b) Resolution 09-02 Re: TWM Contract for MMMP/Metro East Levee Trail

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to accept Resolution 09-02 to enter into a contract with TWM for a trail corridor study from Malcolm Martin Memorial Park to Metro East Levee Trail.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

c) Worden Reimbursement Request

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Planner Bryan Werner’s recommendation to reimburse the Village of Worden a total of $100,000.00 for completion of their project titled: Worden to Staunton Trail as part of the MEPRD Special Grant Cycle.
Roll Call Vote

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d) Report from District Engineers

Engineer Bill Baudendistel discussed that he is waiting for spring to see how the grass will grow for the McKinley Bridge project and that the Eagles Point Trail is still progressing.

In regards to the Geyser Lighting, Engineer Paul Homann stated that the lights were in and he is waiting on the price for the submersible conduit.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion and or comment.

X. Adjournment

At 7:55 p.m. President Peters asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Evans, seconded by Director Kane. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rene’ St. Peters
Administrative Assistant

Next MEPRD meeting will be held on February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.