I. **Call to Order**  
President Greg Yank called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. **Attendance / Establishment of Quorum**

Present were:  
Jerry Kane, Madison County  
Gary Niebur, Madison County  
Gene Peters, Madison County  
Frank Bergman, St. Clair County  
Barbara Hohlt, St. Clair County  
Gregory Yank, St. Clair County  
Bryan Werner, Executive Director  
Jen Cochran, Grant Coordinator  
Rene’ St. Peters, Administrative Assistant  
John Papa, Attorney

Guests were:  
Joni Peters

III. **Election of Vice President**

Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to elect Director Gary Niebur as Vice President.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane  Aye  Barbara Hohlt  Aye  
Gary Niebur  Abstain  Frank Bergman  Aye  
Gene Peters  Aye  Gregory Yank  Aye

5 Ayes  No Nays  None Absent  1 Abstain  Motion Carried

IV. **Public Discussion and/or Comment**  
No public discussion was heard.

V. **Approval of Minutes**

Director Niebur made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane  Aye  Barbara Hohlt  Aye  
Gary Niebur  Aye  Frank Bergman  Aye  
Gene Peters  Aye  Gregory Yank  Aye

6 Ayes  No Nays  None Absent  None Abstain  Motion Carried

VI. **Consent Agenda**

Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the consent agenda items a thru e as presented on pages 5-27.
VII. **Finance**

a) Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the payments and claims for August 2017 MEPRD minus check #7485 for $110,547.64 payable to MCT as presented on pages 28-33.

Roll Call Vote

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Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to approve the payment of check #7485 for $110,547.64 payable to MCT as presented.

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b) Director Niebur made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the payments and claims for August 2017 MMMP as presented on pages 34-36.

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VIII. **Executive Director’s Staff Report**

Executive Director Bryan Werner presented the following:

- Generator Rebuilds
  - Since last month, Cummins finished rebuilding the second of the three Gateway Geyser generators and they’re nearly finished with the third generator. We sent an invoice to the Gateway Center, after which they issued a check for $200K.

  - Also, as mentioned at last month’s meeting, we have a pump control valve needing to be rebuilt. I have received two quotes for the work from Icon Mechanical and Hydro Dramatics. The low bid was just shy of $12K from Hydro Dramatics.
• Front Street Project
  o The Front Street project is coming along nicely. The road has been removed and rebuilt south of Casino Queen. The park parking lot, the trail and the rest of the project is expected to be finished this spring.

• Troy – O’Fallon Trail
  o Brewster is currently working on culverts, drainage, earth excavation and embankment work.

• 2% Fee
  o Per the State’s FY2018 Budget, MEPRD’s legislation was revised. 2% of MEPRD’s Tax Revenue will be deposited into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund for administrative costs by the Department of Revenue. MEPRD is not alone, all special taxing districts are required to pay the fee.

• FY17 Audit
  o Representatives from Scheffel Boyle conducted the on-site portion of the FY17 Audit at the end of August and beginning of this month.

• Auction Items
  o The electronics brought in a little over $50 in total and the trailer sold for $6,000.00.

• Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park
  o Approximately 100 individuals viewed the eclipse from the park.
  o Fair St. Louis is returning to downtown St. Louis on Wednesday July 4th, Friday July 6th and Saturday July 7th. The staff will be busy preparing for the event at the end of this fiscal year.

IX. Old Business
   No old business was discussed.

X. New Business

  Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Niebur to approve by omnibus vote Section X, Items A, B & C.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane   Aye   Barbara Hohlt   Aye
Gary Niebur  Aye   Frank Bergman  Aye
Gene Peters  Aye   Gregory Yank   Aye

6 Ayes   No Nays   None Absent   None Abstain   Motion Carried

  a) Event Sponsorship Request totaling $1,000.00 from the Belleville Running Club for their event titled “Belleville Main Street Marathon” to be held 09/30/17.

  b) Event Sponsorship Request totaling $1,000.00 from the SIUE Alumni Association for their event titled “SIUE Cougars Unleashed Homecoming Run” to be held 10/07/17.

  c) Event Sponsorship Request totaling $651.24 from the Village of Caseyville for their event titled “Freaky Five Halloween 5K” to be held 10/07/17.

Director Bergman left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve by omnibus vote Section X, Items D & E.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane   Aye   Barbara Hohlt   Aye
Gary Niebur  Aye   Frank Bergman  Absent
Gene Peters  Aye   Gregory Yank   Aye

5 Ayes  No Nays  1 Absent  None Abstain  Motion Carried

d) Resolution 17-23: FY18 Grant Request totaling $300,000.00 from St. Clair County Transit District for their project titled “Eckert’s Loop Trail – Phase II”.

e) Resolution 17-24: FY18 Grant Request totaling $300,000.00 from the City of Fairview Heights for their project titled “Recreation Complex Pool”.

f) Report of Attorney: John Papa told Director Peters he is going to be missed.

XI. Adjournment

At 11:56 a.m. a motion was made by Director Niebur seconded by Director Peters to adjourn the meeting. 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 October 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.