I. **Call to Order**  Vice President Gary Niebur 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
- Frank Bergman, St. Clair County
- Barbara Hohlt, St. Clair County
- Bryan Werner, Executive Director
- Jen Cochran, Grant Coordinator
- Rene’ St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
- John Papa, Attorney

Absent were:
- Gregory Yank, St. Clair County

III. **Public Discussion and/or Comment**

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes  0 Nays  1 Absent  0 Abstain  Motion Carried

V. **Consent Agenda**

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to approve the consent agenda items A - E as presented on pages 5-26.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes  0 Nays  1 Absent  0 Abstain  Motion Carried

VI. **Finance**

a) Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Bergman to approve the payments and claims for MEPRD covering March 2018 as presented on pages 27-32.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane  Aye  Frank Bergman  Aye  Gregory Yank  Absent
b) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to approve the payments and claims for MMMP covering March 2018 as presented on page 33.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes  0 Nays  1 Absent  0 Abstain  Motion Carried

VII. Executive Director’s Staff Report

Executive Director Bryan Werner presented the following:

- Facility Use

  On March 23rd, IPRA and SIPRA hosted an educational session at MEPRD’s facility. Presentations covered inclusive play and playgrounds.

- MMMP Developments

  The Gateway Center of Metropolitan St. Louis held their board meeting at the park on the morning of March 27th, where they discussed and approved the donation agreement amendment. The revised geyser schedule was approved, as well as the no-frills July 4th event. Most importantly, they approved $900K of future donations to the park.

  The parking lot, as well as the Front St. Trail, should be finished in a few weeks. The intersection of Front St. and Trendley Ave. was just finished, and resurfacing of Trendley Ave. should begin soon. Revised geyser schedule signs have been installed and the geyser schedule on the website and Wikipedia have been updated. Last, the ArchCam is once again connected to EarthCam.

- FY19 Grant Program Overview

  Executive Director Werner distributed a sheet highlighting the proposed changes to the FY19 grant program.

- FY19 Budgets

  Executive Director Werner said the draft FY19 budgets would be forwarded to the Board prior to the May meeting.

- Update on MEPRD Investments

  Rene’ is in the process of becoming a notary and new signature cards have been ordered for every account and are being prepared for signatures. Prior to further investment analysis, the Executive Director felt it was critical to prepare for the process by getting all of the maintenance related tasks accomplished first, some of which were mandatory.

- Sidewalk Inventory Project
The sidewalk inventory project is complete. In total, it took the MEPRD staff approximately 2 months (between other projects) to map 1,700 miles of sidewalk. Since that time, the sidewalk layer has been added to our online maps and some analysis has been started.

VIII. Old Business

Director Niebur made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to authorize MEPRD to submit a support letter for intersection improvements along the frontage road.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes  0 Nays  1 Absent  0 Abstain  Motion Carried

IX. New Business

a) Event Sponsorship request from Trailnet in the amount of $1,000.00 for event titled 2018 Bridge Birthday Ride to be held on Sunday June 24, 2018.

b) Grant Reimbursement Request from the Edwardsville Township in the amount of $12,843.69 for their completed project Restroom 2 Renovations.

c) Grant Reimbursement Request from the City of Edwardsville in the amount of $300,000.00 for their completed project Sports Park Complex Land Acquisition.

d) Grant Reimbursement Request from the Village of Smithton in the amount of $1,388.34 for their completed project Breckenridge/Stoerger RRFB and Signs.

Director Bergman made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to approve by omnibus vote section IX items A-D as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes  0 Nays  1 Absent  0 Abstain  Motion Carried

e) Resolution 18-08: Amendment to the donation agreement with the Gateway Center of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hohlt to approve Resolution 18-08 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane Aye  Frank Bergman Aye  Gregory Yank Absent
Gary Niebur Aye  Barbara Hohlt Aye
4 Ayes  0 Nays  1 Absent  0 Abstain  Motion Carried

f)  Report from District Attorney

Report from District Attorney. No report was given.

X.  Adjournment

At 12:15 p.m. Vice President Niebur asked to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rene’ St. Peters
Administrative Assistant

The next MEPRD board meeting will be held on May 8, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.