



**Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
December 14, 2007**

Minutes (draft)

Participants (* Voting Members):

Patsy Ramacitti – Pilot
*Bob Miller - Secretary
*Garland Hayes – Treasurer (AR-MRPC)
Andy Golfis – Pilot Emeritus
*Craig Mitkes (proxy) (IL-MRPC)
*Al Lorenz (WI-MRPC)
*Rep. Sheldon Johnson (MN-MRPC)
*Carol Cox Buelow (MS-MRPC)
*John Sheehan (TN-MRPC)
*Frank Nickell (MO-MRPC)
*Doug Bourgeois (proxy) (LA MRPC)
*Alice Burke (IA MRPC)

Other Participants :

Carol Zoff – Transportation Co-Chair
Ruth Hawkins – Culture and Heritage Co-Chair
Sheronne Mulry – Culture and Heritage Co-Chair
Lyn Pilch – National Office
Susanne Barnet – National Office

Absent:

*Bill Seratt– Pilot Pro Tem
*Greg Pruitt – (KY MRPC)

Pilot Ramacitti called the meeting to order at 9:00am, December 14, 2007. A quorum was present.

- **Past Meeting Minutes**
Minutes from November 9, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Secretary Bob Miller to approve minutes. 2nd by Illinois. Minutes approved unanimously.
- **Financial Report:** Barnet reviewed balance sheet, income statement and actual versus budget as of November 30, 2007. Motion by Mississippi to place on file for audit. 2nd by Illinois. Motion passed unanimously.
- **National Office Contract Extension:** Ramacitti reported that the Executive Committee is recommending to exercise Pilch & Barnet’s two-year contract renewal clause, noting no increase in retainer fees. Motion by Wisconsin to extend contract. 2nd by Minnesota. Motion passed unanimously.
- **2008 Budget:** Ramacitti reviewed the 2008 budget. Illinois made a motion to approve the budget. Iowa made a 2nd motion. The 2008 budget was unanimously approved.
- **Future Meeting Dates:** Hayes reported the need to move the Executive Committee and Board of Director meetings back one week to allow additional time to process month-end financial reports. The next BOD teleconference meeting is Friday, March 21 at 9am.

- **Other Business**

Wisconsin questioned when state assessment invoices would be sent out. The National office just mailed those out to the addresses provided during a survey earlier in the year.

Mississippi noted gratitude to the National Office for a good year.

Meeting concluded at 9:30 am

Next Meeting: Friday, March 21 at 9:00 am CST.