



**Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission**  
**1st Quarter Meeting**  
**February 6, 2014**  
**2:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**State Office Building Room 500 South**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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- 2:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions** S. Johnson
- 2:35 p.m. Approve Today's Agenda & Minutes from 11/14/13** S. Johnson/All
- 2:40 p.m. Presentation** Todd Holman  
**The Nature Conservancy – Mississippi River Initiatives**
- 3:00 p.m. Agency and Regional Updates**
- Lake Itasca to Grand Rapids Salminen
  - Grand Rapids to Brainerd Schaubach
  - Brainerd to Elk River Samp
  - Elk River to Hastings Pierson
  - Hastings to Iowa Border Mulry
  - Agriculture Hugunin
  - Explore MN Tourism A. Johnson/Offerman
  - Historical Society Kajer/Kelliher
  - Natural Resources Parker/Wheeler
  - Transportation Bradley/Zoff
  - National Park Service/MISS Labovitz
- 3:40 p.m. Commission Business**
- FY '14 Budget Status Miller
  - MN-MRPC Priorities S. Johnson
- 3:50 p.m. National MRPC Updates**
- MRPC Board S. Johnson/Samp
  - MRPC Committees Updates Committee Members
  - 2014 Semi-Annual Meeting, Apr 23-25, Alton IL All
- 4:05 p.m. Corridor Management Plan Project** Zoff/Miller/All
- 4:20 p.m. Old Business – Updates**
- Visual Resource Protection Plan Zoff/Miller
  - Marketing Grant - Hospitality Training Project Wheeler/Zoff/Miller
  - Silica Sand Mining – MN MRPC Resolution, EQB Report Miller/Zoff/All
  - CapX 2020 Mulry
- 4:40 p.m. New Business**
- Mississippi River Connections Collaborative/ Geotourism Project Samp
- 5:00 p.m. Wrap Up and Adjourn**



**Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission  
4th Quarter Meeting – November 14, 2013  
State Office Building, St. Paul MN  
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**Commissioners Present**

Rep. Sheldon Johnson – MN-MRPC Chair  
Scott Bradley – Transportation Appointee  
Karl Samp – Brainerd to Elk River  
Sheronne Mulry – Hastings to Iowa Border  
Nancy Salminen – Lake Itasca to Grand Rapids  
Mark Anderson – At Large Member  
Andrea Kajer – Historical Society Appointee  
John Schaubach – Grand Rapids to Brainerd  
Cordelia Pierson – Elk River to Hastings  
Sen. David Senjem  
Adam Johnson – Explore MN Tourism Appointee

David Kelliher – Historical Society  
Cynthia Wheeler – DNR  
Paul Labovitz – National Park Service  
Greg Hubinger - LCC  
Chris Miller - Staff

**Commissioners & Technical Advisors**

**Absent**

Paul Huginin – Agriculture Appointee  
Sen. Patricia Torres-Ray  
Rep. Mike Benson  
Keith Parker – DNR Appointee  
Cheryl Offerman – Explore MN Tourism

**Technical Advisors & Staff Present**

Carol Zoff – Transportation

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The meeting was called to order at 2:35 by Chairman Johnson, followed by introductions. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from 8/22/13 Meeting**

Motion by Scott Bradley and seconded by Nancy Salminen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Scott Bradley and seconded by Karl Samp to approve the 8/22/13 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Agency and Regional Updates**

**Lake Itasca to Grand Rapids:** Nancy Salminen recently visited Lake Itasca State Park and the Bemidji Convention & Visitors Bureau and met with staff. She also has visited some businesses in the region and has completed a partial inventory of Great River Road signs in disrepair or missing.

**Grand Rapids to Brainerd:** John Schaubach attended the grand opening for the Mississippi Northwoods Heritage project, a large parcel of land recently acquired for public use. Wilderness Inquiry canoes were used to get people out on the river during the event. The 2013 Minnesota Bicycle Summit was held at Cragun's and featured an event day in the Cuyuna area on the mountain bike trails. The mountain bike trails are gaining an international reputation, recently voted as one of the top 20 courses in the world.

**Brainerd to Elk River:** Karl Samp reported that Brainerd and Baxter continue with efforts to create a master plan for the Mississippi River in the area. The initiative is called "Bridge to Bridge." Several mayors in the region have recently become members of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative. This group of mayors from all along the Mississippi focuses on mutual issues and concerns.

**Elk River to Hastings:** Cordelia Pierson reported that the City of Minneapolis continues work on river front planning for the area just south of the Mill City Museum. Also, changes are being considered to the hydroelectric plant at St. Anthony Falls. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 3:30 pm, at the Minneapolis Central Library.

**Hastings to Iowa Border:** Sheronne Mulry circulated a poster about “Doe Days” in Lake City, a new event recently held. A report titled “Restoring America’s River” will be emailed out to Commission members as a reference. 2013 is the tenth anniversary of the Golden Eagle Study. Information was circulated. A Great River Road presentation will be made at the next meeting of the local Izaak Walton league.

**Explore MN Tourism:** Adam Johnson participated in a Metro Marketing Committee event on the river hosted by the National Park Service. Special thanks were expressed to Paul Labovitz for the river experience provided. Red Bull Crashed Ice will be coming back to Saint Paul February 20 – 22, 2014, bringing many visitors to the city. A nationally recognized travel journalist duo will be visiting Saint Paul next June. The Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation will be holding its annual recognition of River Stewards on December 5 at the James J. Hill Center. All Commission members were invited to the “Taste of Saint Paul” holiday reception.

**Natural Resources:** Cynthia Wheeler distributed a written report and shared highlights. Main topics included the Great River Road Hospitality Training Project, potential closure of the Upper St. Anthony Falls and impact on public water access, and an update on fish movement monitoring. A map was shown to illustrate issues related to public water access, especially for small boats and canoes, around St. Anthony Falls. Paul Labovitz noted that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is looking at options to add a boat launch in the gorge. A bill has passed the U.S. Senate that would close the locks at the Upper Falls. Action in the House is pending.

**Transportation:** Scott Bradley provided an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). A funding solicitation was recently released for certain eligible categories previously included in National Scenic Byways and Transportation Enhancements Programs. Some scenic byway activities are eligible for funding but are competing with other programs at the regional level. Area Transportation Partnerships will make TAP funding decisions at the regional level, and also help prioritize other transportation investments in the state. To assist byways in transitioning to the new system, MnDOT is providing funds for byway infrastructure projects in fiscal years 2015 – 2107. Carol Zoff announced that a dedication ceremony will be held for the new Hastings Highway 61 Bridge on November 22 at Hastings City Hall. Design planning is underway for river crossings at Red Wing and Winona. Thanks were expressed to all who assisted with and attended the MRT Phase I Ribbon Cutting in Wabasha on October 2. Phase II (Hastings to Elk River) is planned for project letting January 31, with sign installation in spring-summer 2014. Meetings with local jurisdictions regarding Phase III (Elk River to Lake Itasca) are scheduled to begin in March 2014 with installation planned for the following spring. Historic property restorations have been completed, with planning now underway for ongoing maintenance. The Great River Road Historic Roadside Restoration project received a Minnesota Preservation Award this fall. Thanks were expressed to the Commission for their role in this project and also congratulations to David Kelliher on his Preservation Leadership Award. Interpretive panels are ready for installation at Lake Itasca State Park and Bemidji. Meetings are planned to determine the specific Bemidji location. These installations will bring the project total to 26 panels at six sites.

**Historical Society:** Andrea Kajer and David Kelliher conveyed appreciation for the MN-MRPC’s past letter of support for funds to improve the visitor center at the Oliver Kelley Farm. Funds were not received in 2012, but will be requested in a 2014 capital bonding request. A letter of support from the MN-MRPC would again be helpful. Letters to the Capital Budget Chairs and Governor were requested. Motion by Sheronne Mulry and seconded by Karl Samp authorizing a letter of support for visitor center improvements at the Oliver Kelley Farm. Motion carried. David Kelliher reported a good summer season at historic sites, with visits up approximately 7%. Sites along the Great River Road did very well in July and August.

**National Park Service:** Paul Labovitz recently returned from a two month assignment as acting superintendent at Indiana Dunes National Park. The Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventure program (UWCA) served 12,000 youth in the Twin Cities this summer, providing canoe experiences on the Mississippi River. 17 cities were served by the Canoe Mobile. These activities increase awareness of outdoor experiences available in urban areas. Wilderness Inquiry will be receiving funds from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council to expand the programs. The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area hosted the U.S. Secretary of the Interior last week to discuss youth engagement. November 18 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. Winners of the Big River Art Contest

are being announced tonight at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Winning art by area youth will be displayed for one year.

### **Commission Business**

**FY '14 Budget Status:** Treasurer Mark Anderson referred to the budget status report in the meeting packet. He reported that things are on track and that at nearly halfway through the year, the Commission has spent less than half of available funds. However start-up of Corridor Management Planning activities will likely involve costs. Any funds remaining at the end of FY '14 can be carried forward into FY '15. A few things were noted to watch – including careful timing of grant cash flow and consideration of funds needed for implementation after the Corridor Management Plan is completed. Motion by Sheronne Mulry and seconded by Andrea Kajer to accept the budget report as presented.

### **National MRPC Updates**

**MRPC Board:** Karl Samp was elected MRPC Pilot Pro Tem at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis. He reported that the board has been working on a contract with the National Office management team. Geotourism has been an important topic of discussion.

**2013 Annual Meeting:** Rep. Johnson, Sen. Senjem, Karl Samp, Nancy Salminen, Sheronne Mulry and Carol Zoff attended the Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Recognition of the Great River Road's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a highlight, including a press conference at the Gateway Arch with good media coverage. The meeting provided opportunities for attendees to share anecdotes about the history of the Great River Road and MRPC, and information about activities taking place in all the partner states. The raw potential of marketing the Mississippi River as a destination was noted. The National Office and Mississippi River Country continue work on marketing to Japanese visitors. Bob Miller of Wisconsin is the new MRPC Pilot, and it was reported that the Culture and Heritage Committee has several new members. Illinois will host the 2014 Semi-Annual Meeting.

**Mississippi River Connections Collaborative:** Karl Samp and Carol Zoff reported on an initiative presented at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis. The Mississippi River Connections Collaborative is a partnership of the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Mississippi River Trail Inc., working with a network of local, state, federal and non-profit organizations to provide physical and thematic connections to the river. A fact sheet was included in the meeting packet. The group is moving forward with plans for a geotourism project with National Geographic. A copy of the project proposal was included in the meeting packet. Geotourism is tourism that sustains or enhances the geographic character of a place – its environment, heritage, aesthetics, culture, and the well-being of its residents. National Geographic has worked with several locations around the world on similar projects. Information is available at [www.solimarininternational.com](http://www.solimarininternational.com), then click on National Geographic Sustainable Destinations. An inventory of attractions would be developed with products to include a website and printed map guide along with workshops and marketing strategies. Most of the information would be submitted by attractions and businesses along the route, and then reviewed/approved by the Geotourism Stewardship Council, which would also oversee the project long term. Though all will be welcome, emphasis will be on smaller local businesses and attractions, providing a marketing platform for them. Corridor/distance from the river for attractions is still being determined but will be flexible. The Gulf States' website was shown as an example.

The Collaborative is currently seeking letters of support, additional partners who would sign on to the Memorandum of Agreement, and funding. Participating as a partner is not contingent on providing funding. Members asked if the MRPC is a partner. The MRPC has a defined relationship with MRT Inc., but also could sign on as a partner with the Collaborative. Paul Labovitz had positive comments about National Geographic and the partnerships already in place and noted that National Geographic is committed to assisting in securing funds necessary for the project. Carol Zoff described the benefits of the mapping that would be included and that further discussion would be needed to determine how it could align with upcoming Corridor Management Planning. Karl Samp reported that National Geographic is the third most recognized brand in the world.

Terry Eastin of the Collaborative and MRT Inc. has offered to come to Minnesota in early December to present information to the Corridor Management Plan Project Management Team and other Commission

members interested. Dates will be sent out for consideration and next steps will be determined after the presentation.

**Great River Road Interpretive Center Checklist:** A checklist for all sites designated as National Great River Road Interpretive Centers was discussed by the Culture and Heritage Committee. The checklist, included in the meeting packet, is intended to serve as a guide for annual visits to the centers. Sheronne Mulry asked that regional commissioners visit centers in their areas. She also reported that updated overlays are being developed for the signs placed at all Great River Road interpretive centers. The overlays are funded by a grant coordinated by Ruth Hawkins of Arkansas. The Culture and Heritage Committee also continues to seek river stories/oral histories for its compilation.

**MRPC Foundation/Endowment:** Sheronne Mulry reported that the MRPC Endowment Committee met in St. Louis, and that a letter will be coming out soon to request contributions from all Commission members.

### **Old Business – Updates**

**Corridor Management Plan Project:** Chris Miller and Carol Zoff reported on activities including the MRT Phase I ribbon cutting event, MRT Phase II and III planning, and printing of the National Park Service Mississippi River Companion. These were the first tasks funded under the project, using grant funds from the National Park Service. Completion has taken more time than initially expected but it was necessary to complete these tasks prior to release of the Corridor Management Plan RFP due to the funding flows set up for the project and staff time required.

**Visual Resource Protection Plan:** All field work has been completed. A final report will be available soon and will be forwarded to Commission members.

**Marketing Grant – Hospitality Training Project:** This is the last main task under the Commission's marketing grant and will be completed through a partnership with the DNR to prepare materials and coordinate hospitality training through state parks along the Great River Road. Regional Great River Road map tablets will be used, to showcase things to see and do. State forests and OHV trails are being added to the maps along with updated Minnesota Grown information.

**CapX 2020:** Sheronne Mulry referred to a local newspaper article in the meeting packet.

### **New Business**

**Wabasha County – Letter of Support for TAP Application:** Wabasha County intends to seek Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds to pave shoulders on approx. 3.7 miles of Wabasha County Highway 30 (a segment of the MRT), connecting existing paved shoulders in the City of Wabasha and Highway 61. A letter of support from the MN-MRPC has been requested. Motion by Karl Samp and seconded by Sheronne Mulry authorizing a letter of support from the MN-MRPC for Wabasha County's TAP Application. Motion carried.

### **Consideration of Proposed Resolution 2013-01**

**Introduction:** Rep. Johnson introduced MN-MRPC draft resolution 2013-01 for consideration. The resolution urges the development of proper procedures and regulation in siting and operation of silica sand mining and processing facilities in the Great River Road National Scenic Byway Corridor of southeastern Minnesota. The draft has been posted for public review. Written testimony has been received and is included in meeting packets. The resolution will be taken off the table to receive testimony, followed by discussion, than placed back on the table for consideration. Motion by Karl Samp and seconded by Scott Bradley to proceed as outlined. Motion carried.

**Public Testimony:** Rep. Johnson provided background on the resolution development process. At the last MN-MRPC meeting, action was taken authorizing development of a resolution for consideration. A subcommittee was designated and developed the resolution which was then posted for public review and testimony.

Don Arnosti testified on behalf of Audubon Minnesota members. He distributed a handout specifying concerns related to groundwater; rare habitats and species; and outdoor recreation and tourism. He requested strengthened resolution language including support of exclusion zones.

Jody McIlrath testified on behalf of the Save the Bluffs citizen group, the Florence Township Planning Commission, and counties as listed in her letter included in written testimony. A request was made to revise the resolution as shown in the attachment to her letter.

Larry Sonnek of Save the Bluffs and Hay Creek Township testified in support of Ms. McIlrath's revised resolution wording.

Kristen Eide-Tollefson of Florence Township testified requesting that support/background materials be provided along with the resolution. Materials that help clarify terms and context would be helpful.

Sheronne Mulry provides testimony on behalf of the Friends of Wabasha. They are in favor of the proposed changes to the resolution as listed in written testimony, because local communities need data and assistance.

**Discussion:** Rep. Johnson thanked everyone for their testimony and opened discussion. It was noted that the National MRPC recently contributed funds for a study of potential silica sand mining and transport impacts. The study will be coordinated in Iowa and will include multiple states. The National Park Service recently completed a study of economic impact related to habitat and water quality; providing improved data but with more to be done. Discussion took place on implications of changing the resolution, including the possibility of including some but not all of the proposed changes. A subcommittee developed the draft and sought input from others within their agencies. All have agreed that the resolution in its current form is in keeping with the MN-MRPC's mission and is supported. It was noted that Commission members wish to provide something soon for local governments as they consider options. The proposed changes to the MN-MRPC draft resolution are not likely to be supported by all agencies and could result in voting abstentions or delays in action. Members commented that the current wording would not have negative impact on anything local governments are considering or have recently adopted; and respects decision making at the local level while providing information. It was suggested that any background/resource materials provided should be specifically related to the byway intrinsic qualities. Members advised posting resource materials on the MN-MRPC meeting webpage, to be referenced in a cover letter sent with the resolution. It was also advised that along with being sent to cities, counties, and townships in the Hastings to Iowa border region, the cover letter and resolution should be copied to the League of Minnesota Cities, Association of Minnesota Counties, and Association of Minnesota Townships. Further discussion on resource materials resulted in a recommendation to use materials that were provided to the subcommittee as they developed the resolution. Members thanked all guests for attending the meeting.

**Action:** Motion by Sen. Senjem to place the resolution back on the table for consideration. Motion adopted. Motion by Scott Bradley and seconded by Mark Anderson to adopt the resolution as presented except for the change of spelling out all acronyms throughout the document. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

2014 meeting schedule to be announced in January.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



## Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Minnesota Agency Updates – November 2013

### Department of Natural Resources – Cynthia Wheeler, Technical Advisor

#### **Marketing Grant – Hospitality Training Project**

DNR staff has been working to update print (map tablets) and web materials to include state forests and OHV trails along the Mississippi River/GRR corridor. The MN Grown information is being updated as well. The goal is to have the designs completed and print ready in January, with the map tablets and training materials developed by March.

#### **Potential Closure of Upper St. Anthony Falls/Impact on Public Water Access**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill last month that would close the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam on the Mississippi River in Minneapolis. Under the legislation, environmental and economic impact assessments will be completed as well as a report on the annual tonnage in the last 5 years. If the annual tonnage is less than 1.5 million tons, the dam will be closed. The bill was passed on the Senate side previously.

The closure will impact boating opportunities through the MNRRA corridor. DNR, working with other units of government, will be exploring opportunities for boater access above and below the dams.

#### **Fish Movement Monitoring**

Radio tagged fish have been tracked moving up and down stream through Lock and Dam 1 (Ford Dam).

Two small mouth buffalo (native fish) have been recorded traveling downstream from Pool 1 to Pool 2, and a common carp (non-native fish) has been recorded moving upstream from Pool 2 to Pool 1. A freshwater drum (native fish) was recorded traveling from Pool 1 to Pool 3 (at Hastings).

The Coon Rapids Dam provides a barrier to native and non-native fish, although it is possible that the Dam could be by-passed at flood stage.

**Urging the development of proper procedures and regulation in siting and operation of silica sand mining and processing facilities in the Great River Road National Scenic Byway Corridor of southeastern Minnesota**

*Whereas* the statutory role of the Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission, established under Minnesota Statute 161.1419, is to work toward the planning, construction, maintenance, and improvement of the Great River Road or Mississippi River Parkway and

*Whereas* the Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission mission is to promote, preserve, and enhance the resources of the Mississippi River Valley and to develop the highways and amenities of the Great River Road (National Scenic Byway) and

*Whereas* the Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission promotes, supports, and advances actions, responsibilities, procedures, controls, operational practices, and strategies to maintain the intrinsic archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities that support National Scenic Byway designation and

*Whereas* in response to input and requests from stakeholders the Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission passed a motion to draft a resolution related to its mission and byway intrinsic qualities and

*Whereas* there has been an identified need for more guidance in the approval process and oversight in affected counties and local governments and

*Whereas* silica sand operations create concern over potential negative effects; e.g. air & water quality, public health, traffic flow & safety, highway & bridge quality, property value, and aesthetic qualities within the region (all affecting tourism and community quality of life) and the Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission supports the efforts of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and

*Whereas* the potential for silica sand jobs and an economic boom within the Great River Road corridor are significant, there is also the potential for significant adverse economic impacts to the Great River Road's tourism industry and

*Whereas* the value of the land and silica sand resources are significant for owners as are profits for the mining industries

***Therefore be it resolved,*** that

The Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission encourages local units of government to refer to and work with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Silica Sand Technical Assistance Team and

The Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission supports zoning ordinances and other land use practices that protect the archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities of the Great River Road National Scenic Byway and the Mississippi River.



**Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Minnesota**  
**Agency & Regional Updates**  
**February 2014**

**Brainerd to Elk River – Commissioner Karl Samp**

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- Attended Brainerd-Baxter Mississippi Riverfront Partnership Meeting on December 19. Meeting included an excellent presentation by a consultant working with Brainerd-Baxter on storm water runoff. There is new software and best management practice (BMP) out now that can help communities determine the best investment in projects that will reduce total phosphorous load and total suspended sediment load. Todd Holman of the Nature Conservancy would like to present at the next MN-MRPC meeting. Tim Terrel was introduced as new staff of the Mississippi Headwaters Board, and extended an invitation to present MN-MRPC information at the MHB meeting on Dec. 20.
- Provided a brief MN-MRPC update at the Mississippi Headwaters Board meeting on December 20. A more in-depth presentation will be scheduled for a future meeting. At that time, we may have a CMP process timeline to share. There was discussion on what defines the GRR corridor for the CMP project. MHB is considering doing a conference around water quality and inviting cities to hear about the Urban Storm water Best Management Practices (BMP) model that was presented in Brainerd-Baxter. A brief presentation on the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative might be a good fit at that conference, to build interest from mayors in the MHB region.

MN-MRPC FY '14  
Operating Budget Status- 1/29/14

Obj Code	Description	FY '14 Budget	Spent	Pending	Remaining	Comments
41070	Other Benefits (Per Diem)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,467.00		\$ 533.00	Commissioner Per Diems: MN-MRPC quarterly mtgs, MRPC Annual Mtg & Semi-Annual Mtg, work group mtgs, commission representation at meetings and events, special projects.
41110	Printing & Advertising	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 317.99		\$ 682.01	Commission meeting copies, materials
41130	Prof/Tech Services	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 14,294.05		\$ 23,705.95	Admin contract, marketing grant match, possible additional staff time on CMP grant, other services as needed, temporary cash flow on CMP grant project.
41150	Computer & System Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 814.00		\$ 186.00	Website hosting, stats and email. Minor updates and programming changes.
41155	Communications	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 339.61		\$ 660.39	Postage/deliveries, MN MRPC phone line and conference calls, shipping costs.
41160	In-State Travel	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 2,581.37		\$ 2,868.63	Commissioners/Advisors/Staff: quarterly mtgs, work groups, events, related projects.
41170	Out-State Travel	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,307.16		\$ 3,692.84	MRPC Annual & Semi Annual Meetings - St. Louis in September 2013, Illinois in April 2014.
41180	Employee Development	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 915.00		\$ 785.00	Meeting and conference registration fees
41300	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ (86.08)		\$ 586.08	General office supplies for Commission projects. Donations for GRR maps are placed in this line item.
43000	Other Costs (MRPC Dues)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -		\$ 7,500.00	1/2 of MRPC dues for 2015
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 66,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,950.10</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 41,199.90</b>	



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