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**Bimonthly Meeting Notice and Agenda, 10:30 AM, Wednesday, October 12th, 2011
Best Western River Front Hotel – River Jacks, 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin**

< BIMONTHLY MEETING AGENDA >

1. Roll call and guest introductions
2. Decision on August 10, 2011 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) August and September 2011 Account Balance, and Revenue & Expense Reports. (b) Revolving Loan Fund Reports: (1) Business Capital Fund, (2) CMV Growth Fund (3) La Crosse County Loan Fund (4) Monroe County Loan Fund. VB/GF/BL
4. Aligning MRRPC Initiatives with the new Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's Strategic Plan for economic development programs and funding. GF
5. Commissioner input on Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis for regional economic development. GF
6. Report on Grant Award from U.S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration for Technical Assistance Grant to determine feasibility – demand, cost and benefits of biofuel pellet plant in the Kickapoo Valley. Approval of \$3,000 of MRRPC funds towards this grant. BL
7. Update on Status of Link Wisconsin High Speed Internet - Broadband Planning Project. BL
8. Report on Fort McCoy Joint Land Use Study's September 27th Public Meeting. PF
9. Commissioners questions and comments on the following projects listed in the written staff report:
 - a. Crawford County shore land-floodplain zoning ordinance
 - b. Spring Valley and Viroqua/Westby Safe Route to School plans
 - c. Wisconsin Department of Commerce – Statewide Post Disaster Economic Resiliency Model
 - d. Food Resource and Agribusiness Network
 - e. Village of La Farge Development Plan
 - f. Hidden Valleys Tourism Trout Stream Mapping Project
 - g. Equipment and Metal Manufacturing Industry Cluster Initiative

<AGENDA CONTINUED>

- h. Pepin County Comprehensive Plan
- i. Monroe, and Crawford Counties' Recreation Plans
- j. Status of Crawford, Pepin, Trempealeau and Vernon Multi-hazard Mitigation Plans
- k. Town of Utica zoning ordinance
- l. County communication interoperability planning
- m. Jackson County CDBG Public Facilities Grant for \$400,000 for County Road P Improvements to serve Badger Mining Corp operations, \$1.2 million project
- n. Wisconsin CDBG/ Pierce Co. \$500,000 forgivable loan to The Bergquist Company for 202 jobs retained, 45 created and \$10 million manufacturing line expansion
10. (a) Old Business (b) New Business
11. Adjourn

**Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission
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A Nine County Economic Development District Providing Assistance to Local Governments

- Land Use Planning ▪ Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances ▪ Transportation Planning ▪ Economic Development Planning
- GIS Mapping ▪ Recreation Planning ▪ Revolving Loan Fund Administration ▪ Grant Writing ▪ Socioeconomic Data Dissemination
- Assist Local Interests in Responding to State and Federal Programs ▪ Advisory Service on Local Planning Issues
- Coordinating Agency for Programs and Activities ▪ Public Advocacy on Issues Affecting Our Region

