



**MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
Bimonthly Meeting Notice and Agenda, 10:30 AM, Wednesday, August 10th, 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 June 8th, 2011 Bimonthly Meeting Minutes
3. Decision on Treasurer's Report: (a) June and July 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. Video presentation on the bio-fuel pellet energy industry in the steeped sloped country of Austria and the feasibility of replication in the Mississippi River Region. BL & GF
5. Decision on Resolution authorizing submission of a U.S. Department of Commerce –Economic Development Administration Technical Assistance Grant to determine feasibility – demand, cost and benefits of biofuel pellet plant in the Kickapoo Valley. BL
6. Decision on approval of program and funding amendment to EDA 2011-2014 Planning Grant regarding Renewable Energy Economic Opportunity Study. BL
7. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Meeting Report: (1) Our region's regions. (2) Clusters, value added exports & import substitution. (3) Destination attractions. BL
8. Decision on Village of La Farge Economic and Recreation Development Plan Contract. PF
9. Decision on motion to accept Regional Comprehensive Plan Public Opinion Survey Report. GF
10. Update on Status of Link Wisconsin High Speed Internet -Broadband Planning Project. BL
11. Grant award from the Department of Defense for a Joint Land Use Study for local governments surrounding Fort Mc Coy. BL
12. 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, Viroqua, and Westby Safe Route to School plans
  - c. Wisconsin Department of Commerce – Statewide Post Disaster Economic Resiliency Model
  - d. Food Resource and Agribusiness Network

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- e. Equipment and Metal Manufacturing Industry Cluster Initiative
- f. Pepin County Comprehensive Plan
- g. Monroe, and Crawford Counties' Recreation Plans
- h. Status of Crawford, Pepin, Trempealeau and Vernon Multi-hazard Mitigation Plans
- i. Town of Utica zoning ordinance
- j. County communication interoperability planning
13. Old Business
14. New Business
15. Adjourn

**Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission  
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Bryan Law, Economic Development Planner

***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