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GREEN HILLS REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION

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A Message from the Executive Director

Every year is different for the Regional Planning Commission, different projects, rules, and challenges come and go. This year however is especially unique given it is our 50 year anniversary. Fifty years ago Governor Warren Hearnese came to Trenton and with great fanfare proclaimed the creation of the brand new Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. The Governor spoke to several hundred people at the Trenton High School. He started his speech with the following statement. *"The Green Hills area is doing on a small scale what the 13 commonwealths in the new land of America did nearly 200 years ago in joining together in a fraternity which can only result in the common economic and social good of all participating"*. These past fifty years have seen many changes to the region and to the Commission. Some of the changes were good and some were not. But through it all one thing is still true and consistent: *the region is far stronger working together than working apart*.

When an agency like Green Hills looks back over a certain time period, the temptation is to just look at the financial impact to the region. Certainly that impact can be calculated and would be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. But what is not easily calculated is the impact of jobs created by all the business development and construction projects that have resulted through the efforts of the numerous employees of the Commission. Countless people have benefited from the Workforce Programs delivered by the Commission by receiving retraining services or direct job placement. Those people are now productive, tax paying citizens adding value to the region.

This annual report provides a snapshot of some of the programs, projects, and achievements accomplished by the region's elected officials, economic developers, and GHRPC staff during the past 50 years. It takes all of us working together to accomplish these tasks. That means local, regional, state and federal players must set aside personal biases and find solutions.

This agency delivers state and federal programs to our local governments based upon requests and needs. It is my intention that the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission will always be looked upon as a professional organization deserving of the trust and respect of its members and partnering agencies. Without trust and respect, this agency does not thrive and, more importantly, the region suffers. My vision is for an agency this region can continually be proud of and will always come to for professional assistance.

The staff looks forward to assisting your community in the coming year. If someone from our office has not attended one of your meetings lately and you have concerns you would like to discuss, please give us a call. We pledge to you that we will continue to find ways for the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission to be responsive to your ongoing needs.

Best Regards,



Randall Railsback
Executive Director

TRENTON *Republican - Times*

86th YEAR

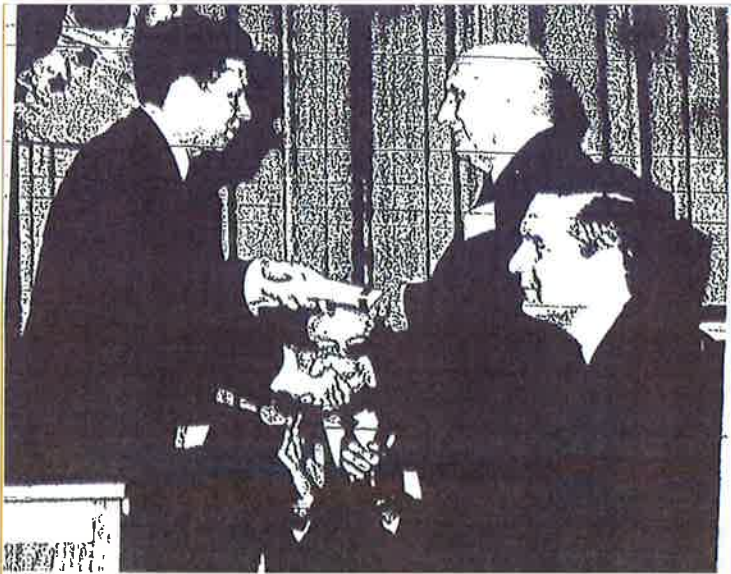
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Governor Warren E. Hearnes dedicated the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission in special ceremonies at the Trenton High School this morning. The Governor is pictured above (at left) presenting the proclamation to Trenton Mayor Charles Holmes. Shown at front right is Philip V. Maher, director of office of state and regional planning and community development. (R-T Photo).

Gov. Warren E. Hearnes Dedicates Green Hills Planning Commission

Says Area Joining Together For Common Good Of All

The Green Hills area is doing on a small scale what the 13 commonwealths in the new land of America did nearly 200-years ago in joining together into a fraternity which can only result in the common economic and social good of all participating. Governor Warren E. Hearnes told a large crowd at the Trenton High School this morning when he dedicated Missouri's third regional planning commission.

Gov. Hearnes said that such commissions do not infringe upon, or dilute, the authority of local governments within the region. "Instead, through a joining of strength, such commissions as this are designed to strengthen a region's governmental components."

He pointed out that one's mode of living through specialized jobs, professions and businesses and is dependent upon others doing different work to provide the diverse services and materials he needs.

No longer can we live our lives apart from of the indi-



Governor Warren E. Hearnes was greeted upon arrival at the Trenton Memorial Airport by Bill Selzer, chairman of arrangements. (R-T Photo).

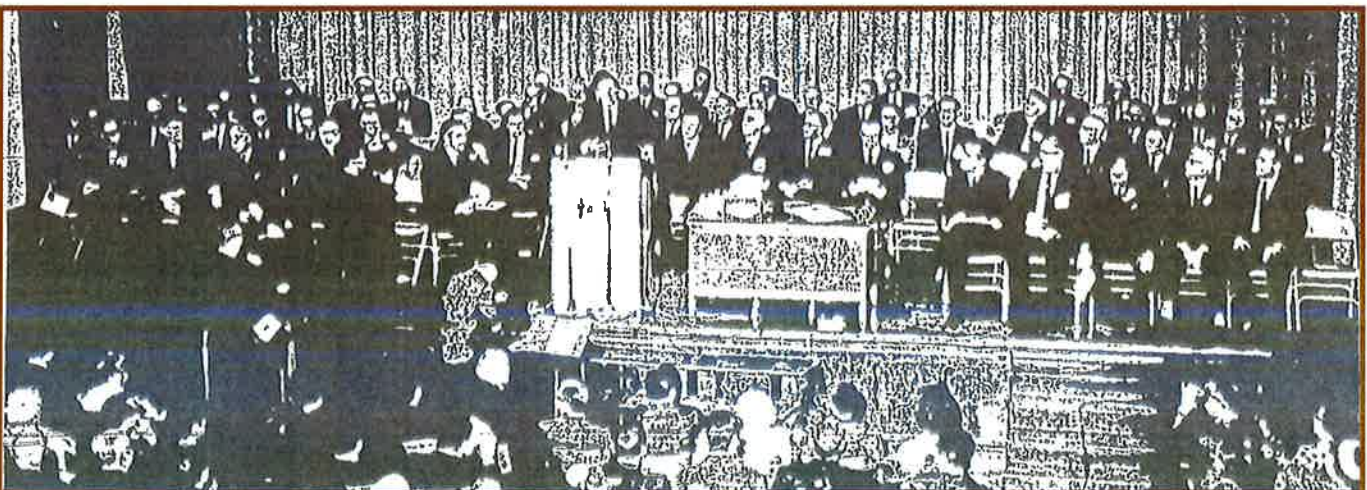
iduals," he said, "and the same is becoming increasingly true in governmental services.

The Governor said the key to most efficient-utilization of resources is to join strength. "Such Regional Planning Commissions as this provide the machinery and blueprints for such cooperation to make use of this collective intelligence and you are to be complimented or your vision," he said.

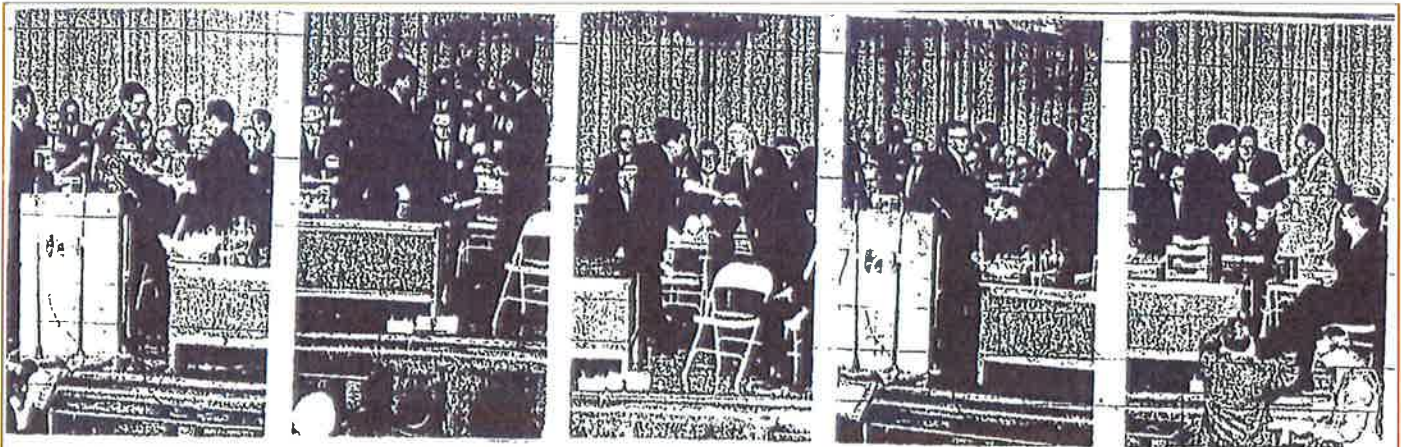
"As I dedicate the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission and sign this official proclamation, I do so with the firm belief a regional plan will be developed that will serve the needs of more people, yet preserve the integrity of local government within it."

The Governor was introduced by Philip Maher, Director of Office of State and Regional Planning.

Willis Alexander, Jr., President of the Trenton Trust Bank was Master of Ceremonies. He introduced Maher and other dignitaries. Alexander read telegrams from Representative William Hungate and Senator Edward V. Long.



Gov. Warren E. Hearnes addressed a large crowd of patrons from the 9-county Green Hills area during dedication ceremonies of Missouri's third regional planning commission. Dignitaries who shared the stage with the Governor at the Trenton High school during the dedication are shown above. (R-T Photo).



Mayor D. L. Pearce, Princeton Mayor Bill Koetting, Laredo County Judge R.B. Tharp Perry Hobbs, Brimson Mayor Fred Stevens, Spickard

Pictured above are representatives of the area towns receiving a proclamation designating a nine-county area as the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission by Governor Warren E. Hearnes. The representatives are pictured with the Governor.

Special music was provided by the Brookfield Glee Club.

In speaking to the high school students of the Green Hills nine-county area, who made up about half of the crowd, Gov. Hearnes said the planning commission which was being established today was designed to each community so that it "can provide the young people with an economic foundation which allows them security in the present and in the future and to fashion an environment in which they and their children can live pleasant and healthy lives."

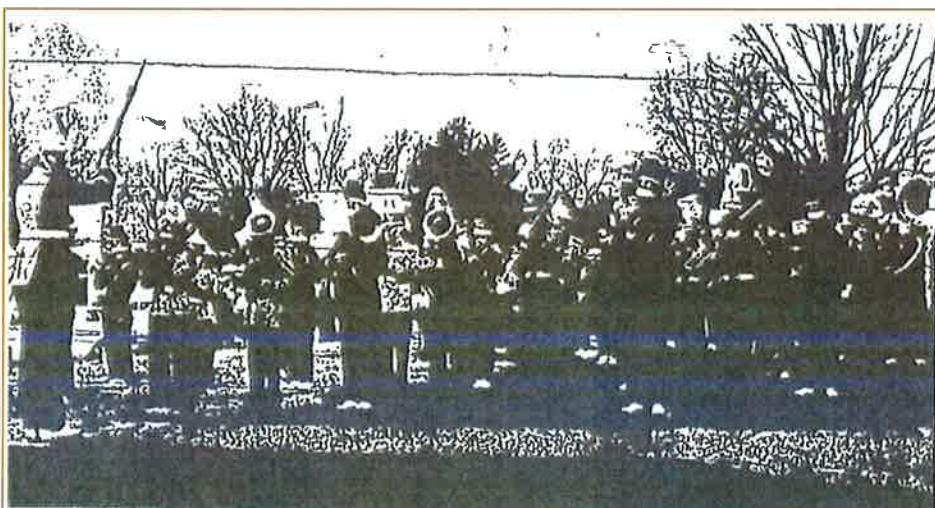
The Governor was introduced by Harry L. Porter, Marceline attorney, who "was master of ceremonies at the airport."

Dennis Davidson, president of the Trenton high school student body, presented a citation to Gov. Hearnes. The citation which was a bronze plaque with the state seal at the top of an outline of the state of Missouri with the following: "Presented to Governor Warren E. Hearnes in appreciation for his great dedication to improving our opportunities for having a successful future in the state of Missouri. Presented by the youth of the Green Hills Regional Planning area, March 2, 1967.

With Dennis when he made the presentation was Bob Carter, Youth Chairman of the Green Hills Planning Commission, Chillicothe.

The invocation was given by the Rev. James Wallick, pastor of the Trenton Church of the Nazarene and the benediction was given by the Rev. Marlon Rowlen, President of Churches For Progress Advisory Council to the Green Hills Regional Commission.

Following the Governor's address at the airport, a motorcade of more than 150 vehicles went to the high school for the dedication of the Green Hills area.



Governor Warren E. Hearnes was greeted upon arrival in Trenton Thursday with music by the Jamesport and Galt-Humphreys high school bands. The Governor was here to dedicate the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. A portion of the bands are pictured above. (R-T photo).



Dennis Davidson, president of the Trenton High School student body, presented an appreciation plaque to Governor Warren E. Hearnes. Pictured from left to right, are Trenton City Mayor Charles Holmes, Bob Carter, Youth Chairman of Green Hills Planning Commission, Davidson and Gov. Hearnes. (R-T Photo).

Trenton To Be Headquarters

Trenton was elected as the headquarters of the Green Hills Planning Commission at an organizational meeting in the Grundy County Circuit Court room in Trenton yesterday afternoon. Mayor Steve Miller of Kingston was elected Chairman.

The Commission is a cooperative effort on the part of nine counties to develop and plan programs to meet community and area needs. The nine counties are Grundy, Harrison, Daviess, Caldwell, Mercer, Linn, Livingston, Sullivan and Putnam.

Other officers elected by the 46 members of the Commission Tuesday are Frank Bonderer, Presiding Judge of Livingston County as Vice Chairman; Laverne Madison, Mayor of Bethany, Secretary, and Alfred Cerney, Mayor of Brookfield, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee will be made up of 18 officials from the nine counties.

The County Court member or elected official will represent each court and a mayor will represent each of the incorporated areas. Those elected are:

Daviess County—Lloyd Petit represents cities and a Mr. Nelson will represent County Court.

Caldwell County - Steve Millet will represent the towns and Guy Airs will represent the County Court.

Grundy County—Robert T. Redd, Mayor, will represent the cities and Jennings Grisamore will represent the County Court.

Harrison County—Laverne Madison of Bethany will represent the cities and Prosecuting Attorney Bill Esely will represent the County Court.

Linn County—Alfred Cerney, Brookfield will represent the cities and G.H. Alexander will represent the County Court.

Livingston County—Acting Mayor Woody Kline will represent the cities and Frank Bonderer will represent the County Court.

Mercer County—Mayor Brown of Mercer will represent the cities and Judge Lloyd Larason will represent the County Court.

Putnam County—Lee Stroud, Mayor of Unionville, will represent the cities and Pearson will represent the County Court.

Sullivan County—Green City Mayor R.D. Smith will represent the cities and Marvin G. Stephenson will represent the County Court.

Calls For Funding For Green Hills EDD

State Representative Charles Broomfield, candidate for the 6th District Congressional seat, called this week for immediate funding for the Green Hills Economic Development district.

Representative Broomfield said he was contacting Governor Hearnes and the Economic Development Administration in Washington to urge their immediate consideration for funding the Green Hills District which included Harrison, Caldwell, Daviess, Grundy, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam and Sullivan Counties.

Representative Broomfield said his request is part of an overall effort to stimulate economic development planning in North Central and North Western Missouri. He is presently working with ABCD Regional Commission, the North Western Regional Commission and the Green Hills Regional Commission to develop coordinated approaches to regional development.

Funding by EDA will provide planning resources for the area and assistance in development of an Overall Economic Development Plan. Upon approval of the plan and designation by EDA the area will qualify for special financial assistance including a 10 percent bonus on public works in the redevelopment areas, special assistance to development centers (communities such as Chillicothe, Trenton or other growth centers) through grants for public works, loans for public works and business development loans to new and existing employers.

Representative Broomfield said, "With local property taxes at an all time high and with a narrowing tax base in too many of our rural counties, this program can provide the foundation for new growth and development."

Green Hills Regional Planning Commission

Executive Directors

Lee Stroud - March 1967 to June 1974

Leroy Krider - June 1974 to June 1976

Charles St. Clair - August 1976 to May 1977

Michael T. Flahive - August 1977 to November 1977

Bill Chodoir - January 1978 to February 1980

Michael Johns - March 1980 to December 2002

Randy Railsback - January 2003 to present

Wednesday, June 21, 1972



Executive Director Lee Stroud (standing) reported last night to the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission on progress in such areas as public representation on the commission, comprehensive health, aging and economic development.

Other members of the commission left to right are: J.E. Grisamore, Galt, Secretary; LaVerne Madison, Bethany, Chairman; and Mrs. Ruth Ann Galvin, Secretary to the Director. (R-T photo)

Tuesday, October 24, 1972

Commission Seeks Associate Members

The Green Hills Regional Planning and Development Commission is seeking assistance in development of the region through associate memberships.

Due to limited local funds to match federal programs, the demand for additional services and a need for broader representation of the people in the Green Hills Region, associate members are being solicited by the Commission, which now is made up of all county court judges, mayors and a limited number of general citizen representation in the nine-county region.

The associate membership program allows not only financial participation but also for assistance in the planning and economic development process of the region.

Persons wishing further information are asked to contact county courts or mayors.

Monday, August 21, 1972



Joe Easton, left, took over duties today as Law Enforcement Director for the Green Hills Regional Planning and Development Commission. Commission Executive Director Lee Stroud made the announcement.

Monday, August 21, 1972

Group Reveals Member Plan

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission last night disclosed plans for an associate membership program during their regular monthly meeting at the Gables Supper Club.

Associate memberships as explained by development specialist Chuck Elliott, would consist of paid memberships for a period of one year, and would involve a minimum contribution of \$25 for an individual, \$75 for a commercial business or service and \$150 for financial institutions.

The tax deductible monies would provide matching funds to bring federal grants into the area and would entitle associate members to attend an annual meeting and monthly updates on the Commission progress.

Also on last night's agenda was increasing the size of the Commission to 81 by enlisting the service of members of the private community.

The Commission now consists of mayors and county judges from the nine-county Green Hills area. Each county is to have two additional delegates on the commission and three members are to be chosen at large.

Elliott told the Commission that a four-county labor survey is to be underway soon which will provide information for an industrial prospect considering location in Unionville.

In a report on law enforcement, Stroud said that of 75 to 80 law enforcement officers in the region, only 20 to 25 had been attending classes on the subject at Trenton Junior College.

He told the group that it may some day be mandatory for officers to attend the 240 hours of training.

In other business, the Commission reaffirmed its support for the Pattonsburg town relocation and dam project.

Designation of The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission

Whereas the Governor of Missouri is authorized by the State and Regional Planning and Community Development Act of 1966 to create "regional planning commissions" throughout the state with the concurrence of the local units of government located within the region; and

Whereas regional planning is a means whereby municipalities and counties may work cooperatively to solve problems and to plan the future development of human, natural, and economic resources of a region; and

Whereas regional planning is an indispensable guide to local units in accomplishing a coordinated and efficient development of the region which will best promote the public health, safety, general welfare and economic prosperity in accordance with existing and future needs; and

Whereas a public hearing has been held and the need for regional planning has been discussed in detail by State and local officials; and

Whereas local units of government have consented to the formation of a regional planning commission in accordance with the procedures set forth in the State and Regional Planning and Community Development Act of 1966; and

Whereas the boundaries of a regional planning commission's jurisdiction shall take into account the elements of a homogeneity based upon, but not limited to, such considerations as topographic and geographic conformations, extent of urban development, the existence of special or acute agricultural, forestry, conservation or other rural problems, uniformity of social or economic interests and values, park and recreational needs, civil defense or the existence of physical, social and economic problems of a regional character;

Now, Therefore, I, WARREN E. HEARNES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, find that there is a need for a regional planning commission and do hereby order as follows:

One, there shall be created a regional planning commission to be known as

Green Hills Regional Planning Commission; and

Two, the boundaries of the commission's authority shall coincide with the

boundaries of the counties of *Lathrop, Benton, Grundy, Harrison,*

Lincoln, Morgan, Polk and Sullivan.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri on this

_____ day of _____, 196_____



Warren E. Hearnes
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

James C. K. Pate
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE

Tuesday, July 17, 1973

Gov. Bond To Be Here Thursday For Health Office Dedication

July 20, 1973



Bond Urges Involvement In Health Care, Development

Tuesday, September 18, 1973

Russell Streich Assumes Duty

Russell Streich, a former employee of Modine Manufacturing in Trenton, today assumed duties as Industrial Development Specialist with the Green Hills Regional Planning and Development Commission according to Executive Director Lee Stroud.

Before joining the Commission, Streich worked 2 1/2 years in the industrial engineering department at Modine. Prior to that he was a marketing and manufacturing instructor for the Diamond Shamrock Corp., an oil and chemical company based in Amarillo, TX.,

During the later portion of his 12-year career in the U.S. Air Force, Streich, now 38, was stationed in Spain as an instructor in the petroleum industry by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

Streich's wife, the former Barbara Becker, is a native of Jameson. They and their two children currently live in the Daviess County community.

Chuck Elliott, Economic Development Director, said Streich will be concerned with the promotion of the nine-county Green Hills region in order to attract industry.

"He will be working with communities to make them more attractive to industry and with Missouri Community Betterment", Elliott said.



Wednesday, September 26, 1973

Proposed Land Fill Rules Wrong For Green Hills, Commission Says

Wednesday, November 28, 1973

Potential Wealth Of Coal Lays Under Green Hills Area

Monday, January 14, 1974

Commission Discusses Coal Plan With Area Railroad Representatives

Tuesday, January 29, 1974

Industries Look, But Leave Green Hills Area

Area industrial development people, in looking back over their 1973 efforts, have uncovered what they call an unhealthy statistic: The Green Hills region gets more than its share of industry referrals but less than its fair portion of actual plant locations.

Wednesday, January 30, 1974

Regional Communication Center To Link Green Hills Law Offices

A \$20,000 communication center give regional approval last night should result in streamlined law enforcement in the Green Hills, the region's Law Council Director said today.

The system will include a radio console in Chillicothe and a repeater station in Trenton and will link all sheriff's and police in the area together with a single radio frequency.

Saturday, February 9, 1974

Cities, Counties Must Consider Land-Use Planning In Near Future

Tuesday, March 12, 1974

Area Turns Thumbs Down On Green Hills Coal Project

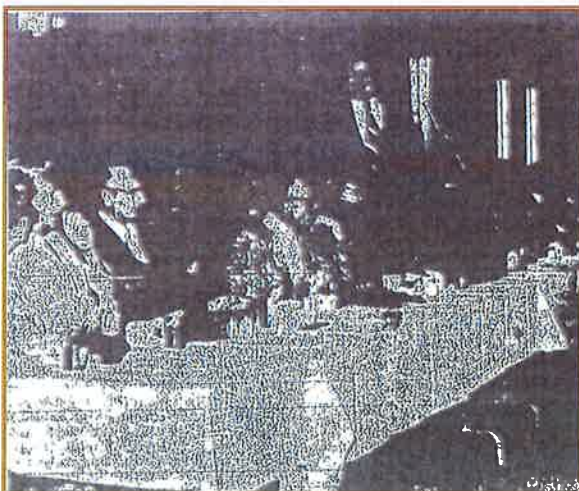
Wednesday, April 3, 1974

Plan Discussion On Proposed Interstate

Members of four Missouri Regional Planning Commissions will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Crown Restaurant to discuss support for and adoption of the proposed northern route of the Kansas City to Chicago interstate highway, Green Hills Commission Director Lee Stroud said today.

Stroud invited all persons interested in the proposed interstate highway to attend the meeting.

Wednesday, May 29, 1974



Lt. Gov. William C. Phelps was the main speaker last night at the Green Hills Regional Planning and Development Commission's annual awards banquet. Phelps spoke on the potential for a coal industry in the Green Hills and about state government re-organization. (R-T photo)

Wednesday, June 6, 1974

Green Hills Region No Longer 9 Counties

The Green Hills Regional Planning and Development Commission who for seven years has been a nine-county region is now only an eight-county area.

Mercer County, a member of the commission since its inception on March 2, 1967; pulled out in March because it could not afford to pay its per capita assessment.

Wednesday, June 26, 1974

Stroud Resigns As Head Of Planning Commission and LeRoy Krider Appointed Acting Director.

Monday, August 12, 1974



Meeting with Governor Bond from the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission (Harrison, Mercer, Putnam, Daviess, Grundy, Sullivan Caldwell, Linn and Livingston Counties) were, left to right: LeRoy Krider (Acting Director), Robert Cullers, Bill Hoyt (Chairman), Governor Bond, Jack Gruber and Senator William J. Esely.

Monday, August 12, 1974

Bond Presents Planning Commission With \$25,000

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.

Governor Christopher S. Bond last week presented a \$25,000 check to the Chairman of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. Checks totaling \$580,000 were presented to each of Missouri's 20 regional planning commissions.

Governor Bond said the funds will develop area-wide governmental programs of use to all counties within each commission's area.

Wednesday, December 18, 1974

RPC Guest Discusses Anti-Regionalism Move

Opposition to the regional planning concept is growing in southern Missouri, according to Eddie Barnett, State Program Coordinator for local and regional planning. Speaking last night at a meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission Executive Board at the Villager Restaurant. Barnett said that local opposition of regional planning often results from misinformation.

Tuesday, March 18, 1975

Business Failures Cloud Regional Job Picture

Wednesday, July 23, 1975

Region To Be Designated As Development District

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT of COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration

Whereas,

The Secretary of Commerce is authorized under Title IV of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to designate appropriate multi-county districts for the purpose of fostering and promoting their economic growth,

and Whereas,

GREEN HILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, MISSOURI

comprising the counties of

Caldwell
Harrison
Mercer

Davless
Linn
Putnam

Grundy
Livingston
Sullivan

has been organized and has submitted an Overall Economic Development Program approved by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and has met the qualifications of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

Now, Therefore,

The above grouping of counties is hereby designated as an Economic Development District and is eligible for program assistance as provided under the Act.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized, do sign this designation on this first day of December 1977.



Robert A. Hall
Assistant Secretary
for Economic Development

James H. Baker
Secretary of Commerce

Thursday, July 1, 1976

Krider Resigns As RPC Executive Director

Thursday, July 8, 1976

RPC Names Flahive As Acting Director

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission last night appointed Michael T. Flahive as acting Executive Director of the Commission. Flahive will serve until the Commission names a new Executive Director to succeed LeRoy P. Krider.

Tuesday, August 17, 1976

Missouri Man to Direct RPC Here

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission is expected to name the Mid-Missouri Council of Governments Administrative Assistant as the RPC Executive Director here during the Commission's monthly meeting at the Family Restaurant tonight.

Charles St. Clair will succeed LeRoy P. Krider, who resigned in June to accept a similar position with the Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission. Michael T. Flahive has served as acting Director here since Krider left.

Wednesday, August 18, 1976

RPC Hires New Director



Charles St. Clair
New Green Hills Regional Planning
Commission Executive Director
(R-T photo)

Tuesday, February 3, 1977

Cities Seek Aid For Water Problems

Tuesday, April 12, 1977

Planning Commission Relies On Members

A successful regional planning commission is one "that is very visible among its own elected officials" Green Hills RPC Executive Director Chas. St. Clair said in an interview.

The GHRPC celebrates its 10th anniversary tonight at a banquet at Trenton High School.

The Green Hills Commission was dedicated in 1967 "as a means for municipalities and counties to work cooperatively to solve problems and to plan the future development of human, natural and economic resources within the region."

Wednesday, April 13, 1977



Grundy County Presiding Judge Billie Davidson (left) was elected to suc-

June 1, 1977

RPC Begins Search For Director

The search for a new Executive Director for the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission "will begin immediately, according to RPC vice-chairman Billie Davidson.

The executive director's position became vacant last week when Char St. Clair resigned for what Davidson called personal reasons. St. Clair will be paid through June 30 but his last day in the office was May 24.

July 1977

RPC Hires New Director

Mike Flahive began duties as Executive Director for Green Hills Regional Planning Commission on August 5 replacing Charles St. Clair.

Wednesday, October 19, 1977

Staff Offices to Move Director Announces Resignation From RPC

Mike Flahive announced last night that he would be stepping down from his position as Executive Director of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, effective Nov. 30. Flahive made the announcement at the RPC's monthly meeting at the Crown Restaurant.

Approval was given for the RPC to move from its present courthouse location to new offices in the basement of the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service building at 815 Main. Treasurer Bob Cullers assured Commission members there was "unpledged dollars" and other moneys in the budget to cover the increase in rent which would have to be paid.

The new offices will have a little over 1,600 square feet of space with room for later expansion to 3,300 square feet.

World Happenings....

1967

Six Day War
Thurgood Marshall—1st African-American to be appointed to the Supreme Court
First human heart transplant

1968

Tet Offensive
My Lai Massacre
Martin Luther King assassinated
Robert F. Kennedy assassinated
60 Minutes premieres
First men on the moon—Apollo 11
Woodstock

1969

Manson murders

1970

Apollo 13 returns safely to Earth after oxygen tank exploded on board
Kent State Massacre
Beatles released final album in 1970 and broke up
Bobby Orr became the youngest NFL Hall of Famer

1971

Indira Ghandi re-elected
Disney World opened

1972

Nixon visited China
Bobby Fischer became the World Chess Champion
Terror at Munich Olympics

1973

Miami Dolphins win Super Bowl (undefeated season)
The Godfather won the Oscar for Best Picture
Secretariat won the Triple Crown
Sears Tower—tallest building in the world
Scandal in the Nixon administration
Twin Towers completed
Pocket calculator introduced

1974

Energy crisis
Hank Aaron set new home run record
Nixon resigned

1975

End of Vietnam War
Jaws
Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win Wimbledon
Saturday Night Live began

1976

Happy 200th birthday America
Barbara Walters became the first woman to co-anchor a major network newscast.
Jimmy Carter was elected 39th president

1977

TV miniseries "Roots" premiered in January 1977

Wednesday, January 18, 1978

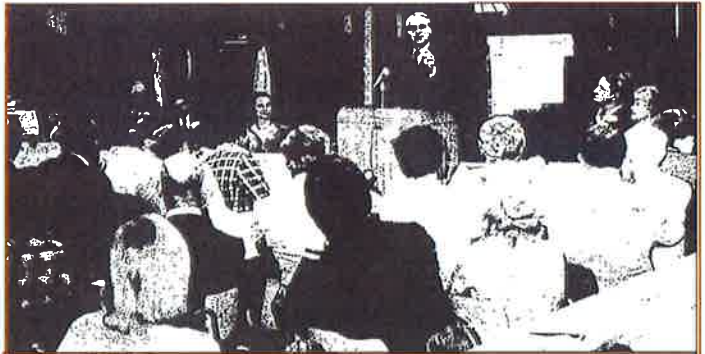
Laredo Man Hired As New RPC Executive Director



The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission approved the hiring of a permanent Executive Director at the monthly meeting held at the Crown Restaurant last night.

William Chadoir, an RPC planner until last month when he became acting Executive Director, replaces Mike Flahive, who left the RPC in November to take a job with the Air Force in Nebraska.

Monday, April 10, 1978



Missouri Senator Thomas Eagleton told a group at the Trenton High School commons last night that there had been a rumor of a trade-off between President Carter signing the Talmadge Farm Bill and the Senate supporting the Panama Canal Treaty. Eagleton was speaking at a banquet of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission and the Green Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council. (R-T photo)

Wednesday, May 16, 1979

Danforth To Attend RPC Sponsored Forum

It was announced at Tuesday night's monthly meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission that Sen. Jack Danforth will make an appearance at the RPC sponsored local Public Officials Forum.

"The Forum will allow local government officials the opportunity to discuss their needs and concerns with the Senator", said Bill Chadoir, Executive Director for RPC.

Wednesday, March 19, 1980

RPC Names Johns As Executive Director



The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission at the regular meeting last night agreed to make RPC Senior Planner Mike Johns the new Executive Director. Johns had been serving as acting Executive Director since the resignation of Bill Chadoir became effective in February. Johns was picked from a field of 18 candidates for the position.

Wednesday, November 19, 1980

Commission Discusses Fuel Shortage Proposal

Wednesday, May 20, 1981

New Unit Proposed To Aid In Regional Development Projects

The Board of Directors of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission is considering the establishment of a subsidiary organization designed to help local elected officials implement various kinds of programs.

The Board, at a meeting Tuesday night in Trenton, tabled formal action on the proposal so that directors could have more time to study details of the plan. The matter is expected to be discussed at the RPC's session next month.

The by-laws of the proposed Green Hills Rural Development Corp. were submitted by Mike Johns, RPC Executive Director.

He said the organization would be an "entity separate from the RPC" and would compensate for some of the present limitations of the Planning Commission.

Wednesday, June 17, 1981

RPC Approves Proposal For Program Delivery Organization

Approval of a motion establishing an independent non-profit corporation to deliver necessary programs for the area came at Tuesday night's meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission.

The corporation would be called "Green Hills Rural Development, Inc." and would operate such programs as the existing Green Hills RMI Program, Housing Management Assistance programs and various other programs including Head Start.

Wednesday, September 16, 1981

Officers Are Chosen For Rural Development Group

Officers for the Green Hills Rural Development, Inc. were elected Tuesday night prior to the regular meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission.

Harrison County Court Associate Judge Robert Allen was elected President while Daviess County Court Presiding Judge Robert Owings was elected Vice President. Grundy County Court Presiding Judge Billie Davidson was elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

Tuesday, September 29, 1981

Grant Received For Rail Study

The Economic Development Administration has approved a \$30,600 grant to the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission to finance a railroad preservation feasibility study.

Tuesday, March 9, 1982

Survey Eyes Transportation Needs

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission—a nine-county planning and economic development agency serving this area—is circulating a questionnaire on freight transportation service in this region.

Monday, April 19, 1982

Carnahan To Speak Here Tuesday

State Treasurer Mel Carnahan will be the featured speaker at the 15th annual meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission and Green Hills Rural Development, Inc.

Wednesday, April 21, 1982



Missouri Treasurer Mel Carnahan addresses the annual banquet of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission as RPC Executive Director Michael Johns looks on. Carnahan was presented after the meeting with a shirt which read "Give 'em Mel" and a 50-pound bag of popcorn.

Tuesday, August 10, 1982

Planning Commission Wins SBA Certification



Powell with Coleman
"Another tool"

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission has been named a "503 Certified Development Company," Tom Coleman announced.

This will put the GHRPC in a stronger position as it seeks to attract economic development to the area.

Wednesday, February 16, 1983

Funded By Gasoline Tax Highway 65 Project Eyed

Local officials, including Trenton, want to get traffic rolling on Highway 65 using monies from the government's five-cent per gallon gas tax.

A plan by Marshall city officials was announced at Tuesday night's meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission which would have city officials along the highway meet and examine ways the highway could be improved.

Tuesday, May 3, 1983

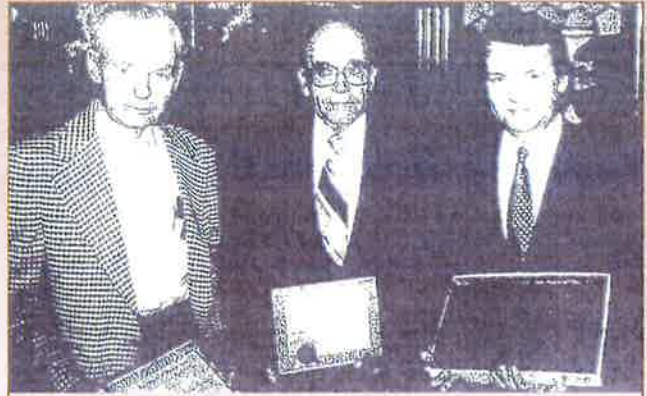
Four Job Training Act Counties To Protest Area Assignment

Four counties in the St. Joseph area will appeal a preliminary ruling by Gov. Christopher Bond that an 18-county area, including the nine Green Hills area counties be established as a Service Delivery Area for the government's new Job Training Partnership Act.

Green Hills Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Michael Johns received word on Monday that preliminary approval had been given by the Governor to establish a Northwest Missouri Service Delivery Area Consortium for the JTPA. The RPC, along with the Green Hills Human Resources Corp. developed the idea of combining the counties of ABCD, Northwest and Green Hills into a SDA to handle delivery of the job training program.

But ABCD (Atchison, Buchanan, Clinton and DeKalb), was never pleased with being put in the same category as the other 14 counties and will appeal to the Governor to form its own four-county SDA.

Friday, May 6, 1983



Daviess County Court Presiding Judge Robert Owings, Livingston County Presiding Judge Bill Hoyt and Bob Cullers, Jr. of Trenton, display their certificates and plaques give to them during Thursday night's 16th annual Green Hills Regional Planning Commission meeting. Owings and Hoyt were honored for 10 years of service on the Commission's Board of Directors while Cullers was presented the award for 10 years of "Outstanding Service to Local Government." (R-T photo)

Thursday, August 11, 1983

TJC Selected To Administer Federal Job Program

Trenton Junior College has been selected to administer a federal job training program under the Job Training Partnership Act for an 18-county area in Northwest Missouri.

Wednesday, October 26, 1983

Job Training Partnership Act Placed On Hold By St. Joseph Economic Opportunity Corp. Protest

Monday, November 21, 1983

Appeal To Halt Job Training Partnership Act Denied

An appeal which halted the Job Training Partnership Act in Service Delivery Area No. 1 has been denied by Gov. Christopher Bond.

Wednesday, January 18, 1984

Directors Urged To Contact Governor Concerning Funding Elimination

Green Hills Regional Planning Commission Board of Director members were urged Tuesday night to contact Governor Christopher Bond in hopes of reversing the governor's decision to eliminate RPC funding for fiscal year 1985.

Wednesday, June 20, 1984

Regional Planning Retains State Funding

World Happenings

1977

Star Wars opened in theaters in May
David Berkowitz—Son of Sam arrested
Apple computers introduced the Apple 11
Elvis Presley died
Atari 2600 was released
Saturday Night Live starring John Travolta

1978

Village People debuted
Louise Brown became first test tube baby
Peace in the Middle East
New Pope—Pope John Paul II
Jonestown Massacre
Walkman was introduced by Sony

1979

Three Mile Island—worst nuclear accident in US
Margaret Thatcher was elected first female Prime Minister
SALT II talks
Ted Bundy stands trial
Iran Hostage Crisis
Mother Teresa won the Nobel Prize

1980

Mt. St. Helens erupted
CNN debuted—the worlds first 24 hr. TV news network
Moscow Olympics were boycotted by United States
Pac Man
Death of John Lennon

1981

President Reagan shot
Assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II
Sandra Day O'Connor—first female on Supreme court
IBM introduced the IBM—PC personal computer
Charles & Diana married
Anwar Al-Sadat assassinated
John Belushi died

1982

War in the Falklands
Epcot Center opened
CD was invented
Leonid Brezhnev died

1983

Marine barracks bombed in Beirut
Cabbage Patch Kids

1984

Olympics in Sarajevo Kosevo
Geraldine Ferraro—first female Vice President presidential candidate
Indian Prime minister Indira Ghadhi killed
Bhopal India—poisonous gas incident killed estimated 15,000 people
TWA Flight 847 hijacked—Pilot John Testraken—17 day ordeal

1985

Titanic was discovered

1986

Space shuttle Challenger exploded
Jack Nicklaus won his 6th Masters title
Chernobyl meltdown
Halley's Comet

Thursday, February 14, 1991

Solid Waste Regions Set In Missouri

Wednesday, May 22, 1981

For Area Solid Waste Management RPC OKs Go Ahead With Plan

Wednesday, October 16, 1991

Waste Authority Organizes...

The North Missouri Solid Waste Management Authority took steps Tuesday night in Trenton to become a working organization following its official formation last month.

...As RPC Agrees To Administer Services

Wednesday, June 19, 1991

Johns Urges Area Community Action Solid Waste Plan Could Be Leader

The Green Hills Region could be the first to officially form a Solid Waste Management District and get a jump on the rest of Missouri for possible state funding according to the area's top planning official.

During a meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission Tuesday in Trenton, its Executive Director, Michael Johns urged government officials from the nine-county area to join the effort as soon as the state announces district boundaries later this month.

Wednesday, December 11, 1991

RPC Adds 10th County to Service Area

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission is expected to expand by one county following a vote of its members in Trenton Tuesday night.

The Commission's Board of Directors voted without descent to endorse Chariton County as a new member. Formal acceptance by Gov. John Ashcroft is not expected until next spring.

Friday, January 24, 1992

RPC Membership Increases To 11 Counties

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission grew again Thursday as members voted to grant membership to Carroll County.

Friday, March 26, 1993

Highway Projects Top RPC Agenda

Wednesday, December 8, 1993

Update Heard On Solid Waste Plan

The Board of Directors of the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District met Tuesday night to hear an update on the District Waste-Reduction Plan.

Board Chairman Charlene Coleman reported that the plan has been submitted to the state and that all local governments in the District have voted to participate in the plan. The plan is now being evaluated by the state and will be returned with suggestions.

Michael Johns, Executive Director of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, reported that public service announcements have begun airing on area radio stations. The announcements are designed to inform area residents about the plan and what it hopes to accomplish.

The Board agreed to file an application to receive computers, software programs, and training necessary to participate in a pilot development of the Missouri Recycling Information Systems. If selected for the program, the District would be able to share market information on recyclables.

Friday, February 18, 1994

To Comply With SB530

Meeting Held On Waste Reduction

The North Missouri Solid Waste Management Plan and funding available to implement recycling and other waste reduction projects were among the topics discussed at a meeting in Trenton Thursday night.

The Solid Waste Plan, which has been adopted by 31 communities in an 11-county area of North Missouri is being implemented as the result of SB530, a state solid waste management law passed in 1989. The goal of the local plan is to help the area and the state meet the state's goal of 40 percent waste reduction by 1998.

Charlene Coleman, who is Chairman of the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District's Advisory Board, pointed out the District was not in the business of owning landfills or recycling centers but, instead, is encouraging and assisting communities within the District to set up their own programs to meet the state-minded goal. She noted that it is the District's aim to encourage recycling and composting, help set up plans for rural collection and try to be a resource center for those communities, individuals and businesses who are working on waste reduction projects.

Pattonsburg Flood 1993



Aerial photo of Pattonsburg, MO- 1993



Main Street, Pattonsburg, MO



Many headstones and markers were recovered after the floods, but the caskets and bodies were never located.

Moving Pattonsburg



Moving of 2 homes to the new town site.



Depot building being moved from Old Pattonsburg to it's new home.



These two buildings remained in the old town.



These two buildings also remained in old Pattonsburg. Part of the High School building was torn down, but the rest remains.

New Pattonsburg



View of the new town



Downtown strip mall



High School



Movie filmed in Old Pattonsburg after the movie was complete.

Wednesday, March 22, 1995



Paul Hildebrandt, Economic Development Representative with the Economic Development Administration, was the guest speaker at Tuesday night's meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors. Hildebrandt discussed the functions of the agency and how it is changing. (R-T photo by Ronda Lickteig)

Thursday, September 28, 1995



Career Center Open On NCMC Campus

The ambassadors of the Trenton Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting last Friday at the Work Connections Career Center, located on the campus of North Central Missouri College. The Center, which is open to the public, is the product of a joint effort among NCMC, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, Green Hills Community Action Agency and the Private Industry Council. Other agencies involved in the Center are the Missouri Division of Employment Security, the FUTURES program, Vocational Rehabilitation, New Perspectives and Green Thumb. Some of the services available at the Center include job search assistance, employment and training programs, career guidance and resume preparation. The center serves the nine-county Green Hills area and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. (R-T photo by Ronda Lickteig)

Monday, January 27, 1997

Area Residents Offer Comments On Transportation

A continued push for construction of a connecting road between Highway 65 at Trenton and Interstate 35 at Bethany and the four-laning of Highway 65 to Trenton dominated much of the discussion on transportation needs during a public forum held Friday in Trenton.

1996



Town Memorial Erected to Commemorate Wakenda Village—Town Site Abandoned 1996

Friday, May 9, 1997



Gallatin Mayor David Pierce, right, accepts the Green Hills Economic Development Achievement Award from Linn County Commissioner Buck Farrenkopf during Thursday night's annual meeting of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. The City of Gallatin and the IDC were recognized for their achievements during the past year along with Pattonsburg Mayor David Warford, who was named the recipient of the Bill Hoyt Outstanding Government Service Award (R-T photo by Diane Raynes)

World Happenings.....

1987

Baby Jessica—18 month old who fell in an abandoned well.

Black Monday—Dow Jones dropped 500 points

1988

George H.W. Bush was elected president

Lockerbie disaster

1989

Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons of oil

Teanamen Massacre

Berlin wall came down

1990

Germany was reunited after 45 years of separation

South Africa's Nelson Mandela was freed

Lech Walesa became the first President of Poland

Hubble Telescope was launched into space

1991

Operation Desert Storm—first Gulf War

Jeffrey Dahmer was arrested

South Africa repealed its apartheid laws

Copper Age man was found frozen in a glacier

Soviet Union collapsed, officially ending the Cold War

1992

Beginning of the genocide in Bosnia

Los Angeles riots after the Rodney King trial verdict

1993

World Trade Center was bombed

Branch Davidian cult in Waco, TX was raided by ATF

Lorena Bobbitt was in the news

1994

Nelson Mandela was elected president of South Africa

Genocide was occurring in Rwanda

Channel Tunnel opened connecting Britain and France

1995

O.J. Simpson was found guilty of murdering Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman

Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was bombed, killing 168

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated

Calvin & Hobbes comic strip was published

First successful air-balloon ride was made over the Pacific

1996

Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta was bombed during the Olympic Games

Mad cow disease hammered Britain

JonBenet Ramsey was murdered

Unabomber was arrested

Dolly the Sheep, the first cloned mammal, was born

1997

Harry Potter hit the book shelves

Hale-Bopp comet became visible

Wednesday, January 21, 1998

Landfill Closing Causes Concerns For Residents

The only landfill located within the 11-county area of the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District expects to close its doors within the next six months and a meeting has been set for next week for area government officials to discuss the future of solid waste disposal in this region.

Wednesday, July 1, 1998

CDBG Awards Are Announced

Six area communities are among those receiving community Development Block Grant funds for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

Four of those communities had grant applications prepared by the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission and include \$486,000 to Gilman City for water; \$265,000 to Linn County for water, \$278,000 to South Lineville for neighborhood development, and \$198,900 to Bucklin for water. A total of 19 grants were submitted by the RPC from the Green Hills Area.

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

RPC Per Capita Rate Is Increased

Tuesday, December 26, 2000



A fire which started at the end of the 900 block of Main Street will cause the town to lose 2 buildings and force the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission to move because of smoke and water damage.

October 2001

Plaza Apartments

In October, 2001, the rehabilitation of the former Plaza Hotel in downtown Trenton became a reality. For over two years, the Regional Planning Commission and the North Missouri Rural Housing Coalition provided administrative and organizational support to the rehabilitation project. Through funding made available through the Missouri Housing Development Commission's federal and state Low-Income Housing tax credit program, and Historic federal and state tax credits, the former hotel was rehabilitated into a 23 unit apartment complex.

The former hotel has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and recently was honored by the State of Missouri for the Historic Preservation Merits of the project.



Friday, November 16, 2001

RPC Offices Will Relocate Next To City Hall

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission will have new offices early next month after approving a resolution to lease a building currently owned by the City of Trenton.

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Railsback Hired To Head RPC Office

Randy Railsback has been hired as the permanent Executive Director for the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission.

Railsback formally accepted the job during a meeting of the RPC Board of Directors on Thursday night. He had been serving as the Interim Director since Nov. 1, when former Director Michael Johns was placed on administrative leave. Johns was not offered an extension on his contract, which expired on Dec. 31.



"After an exhaustive search, we feel we have selected the best candidate and look forward to working with Randy in the years to come", said David Tolen, who serves as Chairman of the RPC Board of Directors.

Friday, August 8, 2003

RPC Role Expansion Seen

The role of the Regional Planning Commission has greatly expanded since its inception nearly 35 years ago.

Commonly known for their assistance in grant writing and other funding activities, commissions are now being looked at by the state to provide information in other areas, including transportation and emergency planning.

In the area of transportation, the state has asked planning commissions to provide input from residents in their area to assist the Missouri Department of Transportation in its long-range planning. The Green Hills RPC has formed a Transportation Advisory Committee, which in the past has helped survey individuals and businesses within the 11-county area to determine transportation needs and concerns. That information has then been passed on to MoDOT and used to develop the five-year plans that are now being used.

A current project in which regional planning commissions are involved is assisting with the development of County Hazardous Mitigation Plans. The State Emergency Management Agency has asked commissions to work with counties on these plans, which are designed to put measures in place to reduce the chances of serious damage and loss of life when a disaster occurs. Two counties within the Green Hills RPC area, Chariton and Carroll are among the counties chosen to have their plans done initially. The local RPC is now working with those counties, who will receive funding from SEMA to have their work done.

Thursday, October 9, 2003

RPC Receives Honor

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, based at Trenton, was among five organizations receiving the Achievement award today during the Workforce Development Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Former RPC Director, Planner Are Indicted

Two former officials with the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission were indicted Thursday by a Federal Grand Jury on public corruption charges.

Michael R. Johns, 52, and Denise K. Stottlemire, 52, were charged in a 19-count indictment returned by a federal Grand Jury in Kansas City. Todd Graves, US Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, said that Johns and Stottlemire were alleged to have received nearly \$400,000 in unauthorized wages, and that companies they operated and controlled received \$543,872 in unauthorized loans.

RPC Statement

Editor's Note: The following statement was released today by the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission.

"The announcement of these federal indictments culminates an extensive one and one-half-year federal investigation and validates the previous efforts of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission/Green Hills Rural Development, Inc. Board of Directors and staff. In December 2002, the GHRPC Board terminated former Director Michael Johns and Denise Stottlemire and referred to the board's concerns to the FBI for further investigation. At this time, we would like to express our gratitude to the many communities, agencies, elected officials and individuals who supported the agency during this very difficult and unfortunate period in the agency's history. We look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead and to developing this agency to its maximum potential".

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

Former RPC Official Arraigned

Michael Johns and Denise Stottlemire have been formally arraigned on federal charges brought against the pair by the Grand Jury in September.

The two were arraigned on Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the Western courts alleging receipt of nearly \$400,000 in unauthorized wages and that companies they operated and controlled received \$543,972 in unauthorized loans. The charges are in connection with alleged incidents that occurred while they were employed by the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, where Johns was Executive Director and Ms. Stottlemire was a Community Planner and Assistant Director, as well as their association with the Green Hills Rural Development, Inc. where Johns was an Assistant Vice President on the board as well as Executive Vice President while Ms. Stottlemire performed grant work for the organization.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, both individuals pleaded not guilty and were released on a personal recognizance bond. They are scheduled to return to court on Dec. 6, at which time a date for trial is expected to be set.

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Former RPC Official Pleads Guilty

RPC Statement

"The announcement of the guilty pleas that were offered in Federal District Court by Michael R. Johns and Denise K. Stottlemire culminate two and one-half years of investigation of the former employees of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission". RPC Executive Director Randy Railsback said. "Throughout this period, the Board of Directors and staff have remained resolute in the belief that the eventual outcome would confirm the removal of Johns and Ms. Stottlemire taken by the Board in October 2002. Throughout this period of time, the agency has continued to provide uninterrupted services to the 75 towns and 11 counties within the Green Hills service area. The GHRPC staff would like to express their appreciation to the communities, agencies, elected officials and individuals who supported the agency throughout this time. We look forward to continuing to provide professional services to the GHRPC Region and to developing the agency to its maximum potential".

Thursday, January 4, 2007

Railsback Appointed To Board

Randy Railsback, Executive Director of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission has been appointed to serve on the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Affordable Housing Advisory Council with a three-year term that began Jan. 1.

With more than 20 years of experience in rural community and economic development, Railsback has received national attention for innovative community development practices. He has served as Executive Director of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission for over four years and has overseen projects intended to foster improved quality of life throughout communities in an 11-county region. He previously served as Executive Director of the Northwest Regional Council of Governments in Maryville for more than 11 years. He is Past President of the Missouri Rural Opportunity Council and the current President of the Missouri Association of Councils of Government. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Small Business Development Center, Northwest Workforce Investment, Heartland Community Foundation and Bank Midwest Community Reinvestment Corporation.

World Happenings

1997

Hong Kong was returned to China after years as a British Crown Colony
Pathfinder sent back images of Mars
Tiger Woods won the Masters Golf Tournament
Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris

1998

President Bill Clinton was impeached but escaped conviction

Viagra hit the market

1999

The euro made its debut as the European currency
Panama got the Panama Canal back
John F. Kennedy Jr. and wife, Carolyn Bessett and her sister, Lauren Bessette died in a plane crash
Columbine High School killing spree

2000

Turn of the millennium
The Pyrenean Ibex went extinct
Vladimir Putin is elected president of Russia
Concorde crashes in France, killing 113
Personal home computers break the 1 GHz barrier
Sydney hosts the Olympic Games

2001

Wikipedia is launched
George Bush is sworn in as the 43rd President
Space station Mir is deorbited
The world's first space tourist
Terrorist attack on 9/11 leaves 3,000 dead
Apple launches the iPod

2002

The Euro enters circulation
Apple introduces the iMac G4
The dwarf planet Quaoar is discovered

2003

Space Shuttle Columbia disaster
The invasion of Iraq
MySpace is launched

2004

The first recorded hurricane in the South Atlantic
George W. Bush is re-elected
Athens hosts the Olympic Games
Train bombings in Madrid kill nearly 200 people
Mars exploration rovers
Facebook is launched
Indian Ocean earthquake

2005

YouTube is launched
USB flash drives replace floppy disks
Hurricane Katrina floods New Orleans

2006

Pluto is demoted to "dwarf planet" status
West African black rhino is declared extinct
Saddam Hussein is executed

2007

Global economic downturn

World Happenings

2007

Apple debuts the iPhone
Arctic sea ice hits a record low
Amazon releases the Kindle
Benazir Bhutto is assassinated in Pakistan

2008

Dmitry Medvedev is elected president of Russia
Oil prices hit a record high
The internet continues to boom
Beijing hosts the Olympic Games

2009

Barack Obama is sworn in as 44th president
Major breakthrough in cancer research
Water is discovered on the Moon
Mercury is 98% mapped

2010

Haiti is struck by an earthquake
Apple debuts the iPad
Macular degeneration is curable
One-fifth of Pakistan is flooded

2011

British forces withdraw from Afghanistan
Prince William married Kate Middleton
Japan has a 9.0 earthquake and tsunami
The death of Osama bin Laden
The world's first synthetic organ transplant
South Sudan becomes an independent nation
The Space Shuttle fleet is retired

2012

The diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II
London hosts the Olympic Games
Mars Science Laboratory explores the Red Planet
Voyager I crosses the heliopause
Windows 8 is released
Mayan calendar reaches the end of its current cycle

2013

North Korea conducts its third nuclear test
A meteor explodes over Chelyabinsk
The first cloning creation
Birth of a royal baby
The first gene therapy in the Western world
China's first unmanned Moon landing

2014

The 100th anniversary of World War I
The MAVEN probe arrives at Mars
The new World Trade Center is opened

2015

The first self-regulating artificial heart
Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning monarch in British history
The New Horizons probe arrives at Pluto

2016

Completion of the Panama Canal expansion project
Donald Trump is elected president

2017

The remaining JFK files are released
Total solar eclipse in the US
The world's first HIV vaccine is commercially available

Economic Development



ConAgra Foods, Trenton, MO



North Missouri Logistics, LLC, Trenton,

Transportation



Ribbon cutting for the MoDOT project to realign Highway 6 between Gallatin and Jamesport.—2007



The ValuPro 2012 speed trailer is designed to help communities control speeds at a designated site while simultaneously collecting data related to average speed and vehicle volume.

Workforce Development



Show Me Hero Award to Karen Bryant



Left to right— Justin Hirniak, Randy Railsback, Karen Bryant - Workforce Development Specialist, Bobby Barlow

CDBG Rehabs & Demos

Chillicothe Rehab—2002



Mercer Rehab—2002



Milan Demo —2003



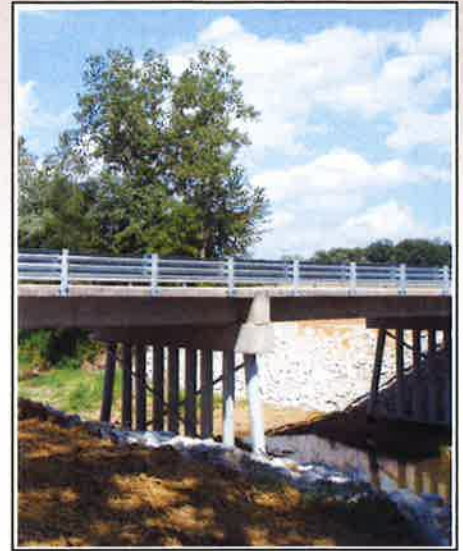
Trenton—2011



CDBG—Public Facilities



Mercer County Bridge in Progress



Mercer County Bridge Completed



Keytesville Water Towers (Old and New)—2007

Solid Waste Management District



Textile Recycling Trailer—2007



Ann Hamilton, Nate Walker, Representative, Randy Railsback



Lisa Colson, Lance Ranes, Matt Walker, GHRPC/SWD Staff



HHW Collection in Linn County hosted by the City of Marceline



HHW Collection in Grundy County hosted by the City of Trenton. Cars in line to drop off banned items.



Car Batteries from a collection event.



Matt Walker tries out an SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)



Electronics ready for shipping



Ann Hamilton dumping paint at a recycling collection.

DNR Tire Round Up– Region B -2014



Livingston County—19,441 Tires—August 9, 2014



Sullivan County—4,179 Tires—October 25, 2014



Grundy County—6,807 Tires, September 27, 2014



Harrison County—5,556 Tires, October 25, 2014

Green Hills Rural Development, Inc.

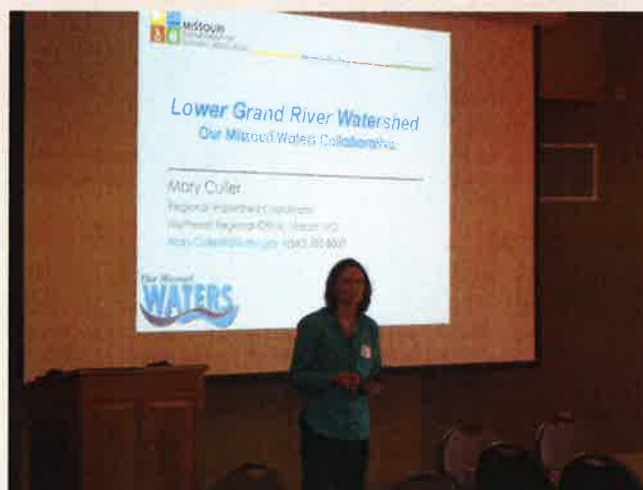


North Missouri Logistics, LLC, Trenton, MO

Watershed Meetings - 2015 and 2016



Lower Grand River



Crooked River

Past Annual Meetings

2006



Dr. Leon G. Schumacker



2007



Chris May, Chairman, Randy Railsback, Executive Director



Harry Truman Impersonator

Past Annual Meetings

2008



Randy Railsback, Executive Director, Catherine Jones and Mark Russell, Department of Natural Resources



2009



Dr. Neil Nutall, President of North Central Missouri College



Past Annual Meetings

2011



Randy Railsback, Executive Director



2013



Sarah Parker Pauley, Director of Natural Resources

Past Annual Meetings

2015



Lawrence Hinnen being honored by Randy Railsback, Executive Director for being a board member for 41 years.

2016



Andy Papen, Manager of DED's Community Development Block Grant Program, Randy Railsback, Executive Director, Chris May, Chairman



Andy Papen, Randy Railsback

GREEN HILLS RPC * Open House On Dec. 15

50 Years And Counting

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission will celebrate 50 years of service to the community with a luncheon and public open house next month.

The RPC will celebrate its accomplishments during the annual meeting of the Board of Directors at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the First Christian Church. A public open house and reception will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 15 at the RPC office, located at 1104 Main St., with a ribbon cutting by the Trenton Area Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 a.m.

On March 2, 1967, in response to federal legislation that allowed county governments to join together to collectively address the economic and social needs of a region, Gov. Warren E. Hearnes visited the City of Trenton to officially dedicate the Green Hills RPC.

At a crowd-filled special ceremony, held at Trenton High School, Gov. Hearnes presented a proclamation which dedicated the third regional planning commission to be placed in service in the state of Missouri. The commission was declared a regional organization whose mission was to serve the counties and cities within a nine-county rural region in north central Missouri, otherwise known as the Green Hills region.

In his comments, the Governor stated that commissions such as the GHRPC do not infringe, or dilute, the authority of local governments within a region.

"Instead, through a joining of strength, such commissions as this are designed to strengthen a region's governmental components," Gov. Hearnes said.

He further stated "no longer can we live our lives apart from other individuals and the same is becoming increasingly true in governmental services."

Fifty years later, the Governor's comments on that day continue to ring true today. During the past 50 years the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission has been directed by a Board of Directors, which has selected and employed executive directors and professional staff to apply their talents and available resources to lead the region to collectively impact the many challenges and diversity the cities and counties within the region face.

As a result of this dedication to the Region, the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission has leveraged millions of dollars of federal and state funds to address and improve the Region's infrastructure, transportation system, economic and workforce development needs and the overall well-being and quality of life of the people who reside in the region's challenged rural area.

Recognized as one of the most successful RPC's in the state of Missouri, now serving 11 counties, the Board and staff continue to represent, promote and advocate for necessary funds and programs to continue to positive development of the region. Currently, much like the Commission's priorities 50 years ago, the needs of the Region are diverse and at times critical.

Issues facing the Region today that threaten the stability and future growth of the Region include maintaining a diverse infrastructure system which includes transportation and water/wastewater systems. As populations continue to decline and local businesses adapt to the challenges of internet commerce the ability to retain and grow a small business presence threatens small rural communities as never experienced before.

Downtowns are facing an epidemic of abandoned, dilapidated buildings and community leaders are working to redefine the purpose of "Main Street" in their communities.

Keeping up with the educational and skill needs of today's workforce continues to impact the employers and educators who are forced to react to a fast paced, ever-changing technological environment.

Agriculture continues to represent the largest economic sector in the region, however, the market share for family farms has decreased while large corporate farms and processing facilities contribution to the economy has increased.

Through the strength that comes from joining forces, in a regional approach, as envisioned by Gov. Hearnes some 50 years ago, the Green Hills RPC stands ready to lead and respond to the challenges of today.

Those with questions about the RPC are invited to contact the agency's Executive Director Randy Railsback at 660-359-5636, ext. 11.



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