

# Notes

## Missouri Tax Credit Review Commission

### Distressed Communities Tax Credit Committee

November 29, 2012

The Distressed Communities Committee of the Missouri Tax Credit Review Commission met on November 29, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Martin Community Center, 1985 South Odell, Marshall, Missouri 65340 and via conference call.

#### Commission members present:

Troy Nash

Luana Gifford

#### Department Staff Present:

Sallie Hemenway                      Department of Economic Development

Jason Zamkus                         Department of Economic Development

#### Interested Parties Present:

Ernesto Segura, Husch Blackwell

Cecile Landrum, Gamble, Schleimeier

Khris Heisinger, Stinson, Morrison, Hecker

Rodney Crim, SLDC

Brian Pratt, GreenStreet Development

Amy Broadwater, Rubin Brown

Jim Farrell

William Green

Kathy Green, Chairwoman, Marshall School Board

Connie Latimer, Marshall City Administrator

Mark Gooden, Mayor, City of Marshall

Sam Moten, City Council

Stacy Sadler, Sterling Consulting

Corey Carney, Mid-Mo Properties

Kelsey Almbaugh, Marshall Democrat

Katie Cox, Pioneer Trails

Emily Wilson

Gary Grigsby

Bill Riggins, Marshall Saline Development Corp.

Ron Ott, CEO, Fitzgibbon Hospital

## **WELCOME**

Having not achieved a quorum of the Committee, Chairman Nash proceeded with the meeting acting as a sub-committee.

## **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION**

The Committee discussed the recommendations for each of the tax credit programs (Brownfield Jobs and Investment, Brownfield Remediation, Distressed Area Land Assemblage, Neighborhood Preservation, New Markets, Rebuilding Communities) from the 2010 report including legislative activity relative to the tax credit programs.

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

The Committee heard testimony from:

Rodney Crim, SLDC testified in support of the tax credits and their impact on the City of St. Louis and stated that his agency will provide specific comments on any written reports from the Committee.

Rob Monsees, Advantage Capital, provided information on how the credit works in Missouri, the need for working capital and gap financing by small businesses that cannot access it

otherwise, and the economic impact of the New Markets Tax Credit in Missouri. Mr. Monsees spoke in favor of many of the recommendations from the 2010 report. He acknowledged the issue of the fees in the program and explained that Advantage Capital does not take their fees up front. Mr. Monsees testified that the state credit should be reauthorized. (See attached documents.)

Kathy Green, Chairman of the School Board, testified that tax credit spending is out of control. She spoke to the fact that schools are starving for resources and suffering deep cuts in educations. Mrs. Green stated that the excessive use of credits with no real oversight is sending the wrong message about the importance of education in the state. And, Mrs. Green spoke about the need for an educated workforce in Missouri.

Gary Grigsby, a small business owner, testified that any investments made by tax credits should only be done if there is a positive fiscal return to the state. He stated that more investments should focus on small business. And, he stated that the General Assembly needs to return more funding to education.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gifford stated that reaffirms the report as written for this Committee.