

Minutes of the MONAHRO Legislative Committee - September 20, 2017
(Draft Copy pending approval by the Committee)

Senior Vice-President Robert Rorah called the meeting of the Legislative Committee to order at 11:30 a.m. at the Fall Conference Meeting in St. Charles, MO.

Roll Call: The names of those in attendance at the previous meeting of the Legislative Committee were read and a sign-in sheet was passed around. The following members were present;

Carol Branham	Susan McNary	Pattie Preston	David Lange	David Hayes
Matt Moran	Ed Miller	Darrin Taylor	Donna Dunwoody	Diane Morris
Teresa Osborn	Katrena Wolfram	Dave Johnson	Missy Mahurin	Denae Murphy
Tammy Dreyer	Dawn Davis	Patrick Dorrell	James Halliburton	John Morrissey

Minutes of the previous meeting: Robert Rorah asked if there were any corrections to made to the previous meeting minutes. Hearing none, Ed Miller made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. A second of the motion was made by Matt Moran. The motion passed.

Missouri Legislation: Discussion was held and consideration was given on four key legislative items in the next Missouri Congressional Session to watch. They are; **a.** Tax Credit Reform-LIHTC, **b.** Tenants rights to change their own dwelling unit locks, **c.** Landlords ability to regain possession when rent is not being paid, **d.** Tort Reform (MHAPCI)

2018 Appropriations Bill: Discussion was held and consideration was given on the short term continuing resolution that was passed to keep the federal government functional and that it would not negatively impact the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. If the continuing resolution had been passed keeping funding completely the same, they would have exceeded the current FY 2018 budget caps. To prevent this from happening, appropriators enacted a .6791 percent (less than one percent) rescission across all accounts. If Congress does not pass a budget with adequate money or if Congress decides to forgo a budget and instead passes a year-long continuing resolution. HUD's Office of Housing Choice Vouchers Program will issue a "2018 Get Ready Letter" closer to the end of CY 2017 with additional information on potential prorations.

Housing Committee Report: Katrina Wolfram reported the Housing Committee discussed HUD reviews, 2018 Appropriations, Small Housing Authority reform and Supporting the State Tax Credit programs for LIHTC. Katrena also reported she will present a resolution seeking relief from rising fair market rents and flat rents on public housing and payment standards on section 8 residents to the Executive Board for approval.

NAHRO Updates / Action Alerts / Reps. Cleaver and Luetkemeyer: Discussion was held and consideration was given on NAHRO updates, confirmation of Pamela Patenaude (HUD Deputy Secretary), Action Alerts issued in August 2017 along with Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (ranking member of the Housing And Insurance Subcommittee) and Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (longtime chief of staff and top liaison to Congress for HUD Secretary, Ben Carson).

MHDC – HA Collaboration & AFFH Update: 14 Housing Authority's signed up to collaborate with MHDC on their upcoming Consolidated Plan due in Spring 2018. This is a voluntary and good faith gesture to participate with MHDC and prelude to collaboration with MHDC on the AFFH submission. More to come on the AFFH, nothing new at this time, still in the works with MHDC.....

Operating Reserves Litigation: Consideration was given and all Housing Authorities who had funds recaptured in 2012 were encouraged to participate with the PHADA lawsuit who's extended sign up deadline is now September 29, 2017.

Miscellaneous: None

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Committee, Robert Rorah made motion to adjourn, Ed Miller seconded, the meeting adjourned.