MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JANUARY 8, 2015
10:30 A.M. – OKI BOARD ROOM

- Call to Order

President Portune, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

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Kevin J. Lynch
Presdent
Mark R. Polaski
CEO/Executive Director
Board Members, Continued

Mr. Chris Dobrozsi, Montgomery, Ohio X X
Mr. Robert Ashbrock, Reading, Ohio X X
Ms. Marjorie Harlow, Springdale, Ohio X X
Mr. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township X
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township X X
Ms. Christine Matacic, Butler Co Assn of TT&C X X
Mr. Jonathan D. Sams, Warren County Assn. of TT&C X X
Ms. Cathy Flaig, Boone County Fiscal Court X
Ms. Liz Morris, Dearborn Councilmember X
Mr. Joseph Nienaber, Kenton County Fiscal Court X
Mr. Greg Breetz, Boone County Planning Commission X X
Mr. Michael Williams, Campbell Co. Planning & Zoning Comm. X X
Mr. Mark McCormack, Dearborn County Plan Commission X X
Mr. David Okum, Hamilton County Regional Planning Comm. X X
Mr. Marc Hult, Kenton County Planning Commission X X
Mr. Stan Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Comm. X X
Mr. Timothy Bachman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission X X
Mr. Tom Werdmann, Hamilton (City) Planning Commission X
Mr. Martin D. Kohler, Middletown (City) Planning Commission X X
Mr. Craig Beckley, Dearborn County Twp. Assn., Resident X X
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident X X
Mr. William Brayshaw, Resident X X
Mr. Brian Carley, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, Resident X X
Mr. David Ginsburg, Resident X X
Mr. Ralph B. Grieme, Jr., Resident X X
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident X X
Mr. Eric Kranz, Dearborn Co. Chamber of Commerce, Resident X X
Mr. Larry H. Maxey, Resident X X
Ms. Pamela Mullins, Resident X X
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident X X
Mr. Anthony Simms-Lowell, OCHLA, Resident X X
Mr. Thomas Voss, DHL, Resident X X
Mr. Ted B. Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer X X
Mr. Todd Listerman, Dearborn County Engineer X
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation X X
Mr. Robert Hans, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet X X
Mr. Steve Mary, Ohio Department of Transportation X X
Mr. Dwight Ferrell, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority X X
Mr. Brad Williams, Butler County Regional Transit Authority X X
GUESTS

Mr. George C. Kipp, Sr., representing Molly Barber, Indian Hill, Ohio
Ms. Anita Scott Jones, representing Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio
Mr. Jim Lukas, representing Kevin Hardman, Sharonville, Ohio
Mr. Cory Wright, representing Matthew Beamer, Union Township
Ms. Lanita Hanekamp, representing Chris Monzel, Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners
Mr. Andrew Aiello, representing Bill Voelker, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky
Mr. Kevin Mischler, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Bill Wells, City of Covington
Ms. Kelly Will, City of Lawrenceburg
Mr. Grant Hughes, City of Lawrenceburg
Mr. Charlie Coleman, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Daniel Geroni, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Jody Gunderson, City of Hamilton
Ms. Celeste Calvitto, Beacon Newspaper
Mr. Peter Lynch
Ms. Terri Randall, County Administrator, Dearborn County
Mr. Al Abdon, City of Greendale
Mr. Bill Ritzmann, United Community Bank
Mr. Mike Lynch
Mr. Brian Lynch
Mr. Stefan Spinosa, ODOT-District 8
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Ms. Cindy Wallace, TranSystems
Mr. Mike Perleberg, Eagle 99.3
Mr. Randy Maxwell, Dearborn County
Mr. John Maxwell, Dearborn County
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen
Mr. Joe Vogel, AECOM
Ms. Marcie Mathew, DLZ
Ms. Sherri Carbo, Governor Kasich’s Office
Mr. Michael Moore, City of Cincinnati
Mr. Jake Prus, Commissioner Portune’s Office
Mr. Daniel Traicobb
Ms. Guinevere Emery, City of Aurora
Mr. Gordon Perry, City of Blue Ash
Ms. Kathy Binns, Commissioner Portune’s Office

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Edward Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister
President Portune welcomed new Board members and asked them to raise their hand.

Ms. Liz Morris led the Board of Directors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Portune offered the following outgoing comments as President of the Board:

_I remember a few years back when Christine Matacic was offering her outgoing comments as President of the Board. She remarked at the time one of the things she had a hard time coming to grips with was how quickly the years went by in this position, and it really is true. This has been a tremendous privilege and an honor to serve as your President and to represent the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana region here locally throughout the three states that make up our Council of Governments and nationally at the many conferences that we attended and the many trips to Washington representing the interests of this region. And I cannot thank you enough for affording me this high honor and tremendous privilege._

_I also thank you for all the work that you do. One of the reasons OKI is recognized as it is nationally and throughout the tri-state as the outstanding organization that it is, is because we have such an active Board of elected officials; planning, engineering and other professionals; leaders in business; and leaders in the civic community. OKI is a diverse representative organization that cuts across all party lines, all political boundaries and jurisdictions, all demographics, and it embodies what I think is still the one area where government works—and that is government at the local level, where people do work across all those boundaries and all those lines, rolling up their sleeves and working together in a collaborative process to get things done and to truly represent the best interest of the constituents that we serve and who asked us to be here on their behalf. It is no easy feat at OKI because not only are we a region of those interests, but we are diverse in the sense that we have to represent three states, three different transportation cabinets/departments and others, yet OKI does that. We cross all those boundaries and we work together. So I am very, very grateful to all of you for your commitment to a process that first and foremost has us working together—and by virtue of that, it works. OKI works. It has been a privilege to lead such a great group of individuals, as all of you are, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that privilege, for your service and for your work._
I also want to thank, have to thank--and I'm not going to begin naming names...except for Mark's...will name Mark Policinski--but we all know what a great staff OKI is. Part of the reason why I'm giving these remarks standing is because I want to be able to look over to my left and see the members of the staff who, for the past two years, have made my job incredibly easy, because they are true professionals and they demand nothing less than excellence from themselves. They come to work every day representing the best of this organization, the best of what we want our region to be, and I can't thank them enough. It has been a real treat and a real privilege to be able to work with you in this role and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with all of you in the role I will take at the end of this meeting still as a member of OKI and fully participating. What a great group of people, Mark, that you have assembled on the staff and who serve all of us. You are at the top of your profession. If anyone wants to know what a professional is, they need look no further than the staff at OKI. And I thank all of you for all of your tremendous, tremendous work that you have done. OKI is recognized nationally as one of the best, if not the best, metropolitan planning organizations.

We go to conferences in Washington and elsewhere around the country and OKI is accorded tremendous respect because of the work that we are doing and because of the leadership that we have provided. We have great leadership in the form of Mark Policinski and the roles that he has taken on, on behalf of all Directors and on behalf of MPOs...Ed Humphrey chairs the Homeland Security Committee at the National Association of Regional Councils...Judge Gary Moore is the new President of the National Association of Regional Councils. When we go to these meetings we're active, we're involved, we present on what we are doing. OKI has created new legislation—the RIIZs—that I think that, with all of your help and support, will be one of the challenges that we have in the coming year—to get that legislation adopted, because it will make P3 projects so much more of a reality in Ohio, in Kentucky and in Indiana. OKI is accorded that respect because we work, and we work together.

Locally, over the past couple of years we have released and worked with local jurisdictions—over $80 million that's transforming the region in new transportation related projects. OKI is largely looked at as a transportation-related entity, but we've taken a very key and active role in other areas...partnering with Hamilton County EMA in the development of RAVEN911 system that is taking homeland security and emergency preparedness to new levels; we are working very closely with other jurisdictions in the environmental setting—the Taking Root campaign that's going to plant over 2 million new trees, replenishing those lost through blight and disease, beetles and other things over the past several years; the Where Do We Grow From Here initiative that updated our strategic regional policy plan in areas of housing and economic development, land use planning, transportation and the environment, has really set the stage for an aggressive and bold agenda for the next couple of years to implement the recommendations of our region in those areas...and I trust that OKI will continue to do that, to make those things happen.
And of course on the transportation front, not only the work that we’ve done in terms of the MLK interchange, in making that happen in Cincinnati and Ohio an important regional project that will create jobs as well as reduce congestion; the work OKI continues to do with respect to the Eastern Corridor program of projects that is being done and will have additional developments completed in providing new transportation and transit initiatives for our region, stabilizing neighborhoods and communities in our region; to the ongoing work and leadership in respect to the Brent Spence Bridge; the recommendations from the Freight Working Group; and so on. OKI has been at the forefront of all of these things and really set the table for the next two years’ worth of work that will result in not only the implementation of those things but putting our region on a direct path forward toward a consensus approach that will create a truly regional, integrated, multi-modal transportation system serving the citizens, businesses, residents of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. And I am very proud to have played a part in the role of getting us to this point with all of your help and I look forward to continue to working under the leadership of Kevin Lynch as our next President in making those things become a reality.

I want to close out these remarks by mentioning this...one of the things that I am the most proud of that we done over the past two years is we took the Martin Luther King Interchange project, and with creativity and a unique approach to that program, used it as a catalyst: not to just doing something important for the region through that project alone, but used that as a catalyst to look at other important programs that need to be addressed in Kentucky and in Indiana as a direct outgrowth of the MLK project. We moved forward and committed to advance and complete the KY536 corridor study that is directly going to lead to a major new transportation initiative and project development serving our region and reducing congestion. It’s something that’s been long thought of for needing to be done in the Commonwealth, but will be done, and our focus on that was catalyzed by the work that was done on the MLK project. And second, in Indiana, the work that is being started—working with the leadership of Commissioner Lynch and his colleagues from Dearborn County...many of whom are here today, and I want to acknowledge them publicly and thank all of them for being here to support Commissioner Lynch. In doing that, we’ve also made a concerted effort to put the “I” back in OKI in a very real and important way because the state of Indiana is critical. Southeast Indiana, in particular, is critical to the success of our region, and what will happen in the Bright 74 Connector Study is going to lead to a program that will create new opportunities and jobs that will serve not only the citizens and residents of Dearborn County but also of southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky as well. Those things have happened as a consequence of the MLK study, and OKI is truly providing great leadership on behalf of this entire region.

In closing I just want to end where I began, and that is to thank all of you for these past two years and for the privilege to have served. I look to the past leadership in this role. OKI has been in great hands before—with its staff it is also in terrific hands—and with the election of Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Commissioner as the next
President of the Board of OKI, it is going to be in great hands. As OKI continues to move and grow in a positive way for our region, so too will our region grow in positive ways as we do the things that will transform this region for generations to come.

I thank you again for the privilege.

- Announcements

President Portune reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes. He also reminded everyone that this is a Board of Directors Meeting and that Executive Committee Alternates are not able to vote.

ITEM #1: ADMINISTRATIVE

A. President’s Report

President Portune reported that the current ICC Chair, Valerie Griffin, has resigned her position with the City of Middletown. James Fausz and Laurence Fronk were elected 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair respectively. Since Ms. Griffin’s resignation, President Portune recommended appointing James Fausz as Chair and Laurence Fronk as 1st Vice Chair. President Portune also recommended the appointment of James Foster as 2nd Vice Chair.

Mr. Reed moved to concur with the President’s appointments for the Intermodal Coordinating Committee for Fiscal Year 2015. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Approval of November 13, 2014 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

President Portune called for corrections and/or additions to the November 13, 2014 minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting.

There being none, Mr. Bogard moved that the November 13, 2014 minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting be approved as mailed. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Polcinski announced that David Shuey of the staff has been nominated to receive a 2015 Public Technology Institute GIS Vision Award.

Mr. Polcinski reported that Transportation for America is releasing a book: The Innovative MPO: A guidebook for metropolitan transportation planning which will highlight best practices from across the country and outline new ideas for MPO staffs looking to better achieve their community’s vision. He announced that OKI is mentioned in this guidebook as having best practices.
Mr. Policinski reported that in November of 2014, the RAVEN911 system registered its 2,000 users. He pointed out that over 1,500 are local government users from within the 15 county SOSINK region. Those 1,500 users represent a variety of organizations across our region including fire and police departments, EMA offices, 911 dispatch centers, hospitals, public health districts, the Red Cross, K-12 schools and universities. He explained that RAVEN911 also has users outside our region from a variety of state and federal organizations. He highlighted a few of those organizations: The Bureau of Lard Management, City of Boston, City of Columbus, Ohio, Department of Defense, FBI, FDA, FEMA, Los Angeles Fire Department, New York City Fire Department, Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio EPA, Ohio National Guard, Ohio Homeland Security, Ohio State Police, Ohio University Police, TSA, US Air Force, US Army, US Coast Guard, US Customs & Border Protection, US Department of Energy, US Department of Homeland Security, US Department of the Interior, US Marshall Service, US Marine Corp., US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, US Secret Service, US State Department and US Treasury.

Mr. Policinski also reported that Board Member Kevin Lynch recently was named the Most Enterprising Commissioner in Indiana.

Mr. Policinski stated that near the end of this board meeting, we will mark a transition in OKI’s leadership. As such, President Portune will become Past President Portune. He spoke the following words about President Portune:

*I have always said the essential reason for OKI’s success over the past decade starts with the fact that it has great officers. The past presidents that I have served under have established a lineage of dedication and excellence. Todd has proven to be another distinguished OKI president.*

*Now, anyone who knows Todd understands that he has one speed...which is fast...faster than anyone. Todd is one persistent fellow and he makes you follow through on what needs to be done to push the ball down the field. Todd is someone who always knows more than you do because he does his homework and checks it...he checks it twice. Todd is not someone who bends for personal gain; he treats the truth like an old friend, not a casual acquaintance. And, he demands you always shoot straight with him and others.*

*It is for all these wholesome attributes that I cannot wait for him to move on! Working with “Mr. Perfect” is no bed of roses, I wanna tell you!*

*No, the truth is that Todd has been great to work with and for.*

*However, what I think distinguishes Todd is not that he is a great politician, which he is...but that he is a true public servant and an amazing man. I have seen this man work weeks, even months, with no days off. He is as likely to send a thoughtful, bold*
and extensive email at 10:00 pm as he is at 10:00 am. I have seen how this man loves interaction with constituents and his manner is gracious and sincere. A few years ago, I asked this man if he was going to be in any Labor Day parades. He said, “Five of them. And, I am going to walk every one, the entire way.” And, this man did.

I will always be indebted to this man for how he treated the staff of OKI. It does not matter if you are the CEO or the receptionist, this man treated all of us like we were the important ones, not him, the president. This past Christmas season, this man came to OKI and walked to each staff person’s desk to wish them “Good Tidings”.

The point is that this man cares. He cares about his family, he cares about his constituents, he cares about his work. And, over the past two plus years as President, he has shown how much he cares about OKI. No president has worked harder or taken on more at OKI than this man.

And so, as this transition takes place we honor a president, but, I believe we also honor this incredible man. Ladies and Gentleman of the board, I say “Ye, Todd Portune.”

Mr. Policinski presented President Portune with a plaque in honor of his dedication to OKI. He received a standing ovation.

D. Legislative Update

Ms. Platt, staff, stated that she is looking forward to meeting and working with the new Board members. She reported that the 114th Congress will be sworn in today and for the first time since 2006, Republicans have control of both chambers of Congress. Kentucky’s Mitch McConnell is Senate majority leader and John Boehner is expected to win a third term as Speaker of the House, despite rumblings in the Tea Party.

She reported that in the coming months, lawmakers will be up against a significant time crunch as they try to figure out how to fund highway and transit programs past May and come up with the billions of dollars in extra money needed for a long-term bill.

Ms. Platt stated that the six year surface transportation bill would require about $100 billion in additional funding just to maintain current levels – money that is going to be hard to come by when many lawmakers are publicly resistant to raising the gas tax and there aren’t many other funding options both readily available and politically palatable.

Locally, a few weeks back, Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear was in Covington for a Northern Kentucky Chamber luncheon. Once again, he stated his support of building a new bridge and supported 3P legislation to help fund it. He shared with the audience that each year we wait to build the bridge, the price goes up by $79 million, which is a little over six and a half million dollars each month.
E. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Nance, staff, introduced herself and informed the Board that she has been with OKI since 1985 and has served as the Director of Finance for the past eight years.

Ms. Nance stated that the Finance Officer’s Report, dated January 8, 2015, was distributed around the table. She pointed out that this report contains both October and November financial statements, she would be reporting on the more current November information.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 2 is the current information. As of January 2, OKI had $352,789 in the PNC checking account, $8,332 in the HSA/FSA checking account and $603,162 in the PNC savings account. She reported that there has been no recent activity on OKI’s line of credit and there is no outstanding balance at report date.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 3 is the balance sheet as of November 30. Cash and Investments are down approximately 5% from this time last year. She stated that Receivables are up approximately 6% from this time last year due to the timing of routine invoices. At November 30, there were $695,000 in receivables, $661,000 associated with October and November invoices and $34,000 outstanding from September and earlier. She further stated that payables are down approximately 20% or $22,000 from this time last year due to the timing of routine invoices.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 4 is the Revenue information. She reported that at November 30, OKI is approximately 42% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 39%, which is on budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: Federal revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of the Solar Ready and New Freedom pass through projects. State of Ohio and State of Kentucky revenues are behind budget due to the timing of the FIAM program and water projects. Local revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of county funding payments. Contributed services are ahead of budget due to overmatch received in the Clean Air program and timing of the New Freedom pass through projects.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 5 is the Expense information. She reported that overall, expenses are at 38%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 3, Professional Development and Board Travel are under budget due to the timing of budgeted activities; Category 4, Technical Consultants is behind budget due to the timing of the KY 536 study. Professional Services is behind budget due to the timing of the spring traffic data collection project, and Marketing and Promotions is ahead of budget due to the seasonal nature of the Clean Air advertising campaign; Category 5, Equipment Repairs and Maintenance is ahead of budget due to timing of maintenance contracts; and Category 6, Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to the overmatch received in Clean Air program and timing of the New Freedom pass through projects.
Ms. Nance stated that on page 6 is the General Fund Balance information. She stated that the General Fund Balance has had a net increase of approximately $26,000 year to date. The two components of this increase are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include a $73,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and $42,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining $5,000 decrease is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects. Resulting in a year to date fund balance of $1,197,000—of this amount, $234,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Rogers moved that the Board of Directors accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated January 8, 2015. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Paine, staff, stated that the ICC met on Tuesday, January 6. He reported that the group heard the legislative update that Ms. Pratt presented earlier and was also provided an update on the Ohio CMAQ program of projects. A listing of the CMAQ projects recommended from the OKI region is posted on the website.

Mr. Paine stated that the ICC recommends approval Resolution 2015-01, Amendment #12 to the OKI TIP.

Mr. Paine reported that staff announced that we anticipate having a call for projects this spring for transportation projects located in the urbanized areas of Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties that will be funded with OKI sub-allocated SNK federal funds. He pointed out that specific dates are not available at this time, but stated that he will keep the Board and ICC informed as a timeline is developed. He explained that it is anticipated that about $7 million will be available in federal funds for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

A. ICC Attendance Sheets

Mr. Paine reported that a copy of the monthly 2014 attendance sheets for the ICC was included in the meeting packet. This information is presented to the Board once a year for their information.

B. Amendment #12 of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine stated that the proposed resolution lists four highway projects in Ohio and one transit project for Clermont Transportation Connection that are recommended for addition or revision in the current TIP. He pointed out that one of the highway projects is in Butler County, two are in Hamilton County and one is in Warren County. One of the projects in Hamilton County is the Cincinnati Bike Share project which is funded with TAP funds. The Executive Committee approved this project in June, however the project is able to be moved to the current fiscal year.
Mr. Humphrey moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution OKI 2015-01
concerning Amendment #2 of the Fiscal Years 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement
Program. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #3: CONSENT AGENDA

President Portune stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed
to the Board of Directors. This mailing includes the November and December Consent
Agenda Items.

Ms. Maticic moved that the Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as mailed. Mr.
Hubbard seconded the motion; motion carried.

There were no committee announcements and/or updates.

ITEM #4: ELECTION OF 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Karl Schultz, Nominating Committee Chair, reminded everyone that the elections and
appointments will take effect at the end of the meeting. He also reminded them that the
Board is made up of Directors appointed by other groups and entities, and Directors elected
by the Board.

Mr. Schultz reported that the Nominating Committee, which includes members Gary Moore
and Kevin Lynch, met on December 11, 2014 to talk through the candidates and positions.
He explained that they reviewed applicable sections of the Articles of Agreement and By-
laws, nominations and applications, and attendance and past activity. Mr. Schultz stated
that the Nominating Committee comes to the Board today with a unanimous
recommendation.

Mr. Schultz reviewed the current officers of OKI:

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Treasurer
Past President
Secretary & Executive Director

Todd B. Portune
Steve Arlinghaus
Kevin J. Lynch
Kenneth F. Reed
Edwin H. Humphrey
Mark R. Policinski

Mr. Schultz proceeded with the appointments and election of the 2015 Board of Directors.
Appointment from Local Jurisdictions

Mr. Schultz explained that first he will present the appointments to the OKI Board. He explained that the Articles of Agreement of OKI call for certain units of local government to appoint their representatives to the OKI Board of Directors.

Various Governmental Units or Associations of Township Trustees or Clerks

Mr. Schultz stated that the individuals who have been appointed to the OKI Board of Directors by various governmental units or by Associations of Township Trustees or Clerks are listed on pages 1 through 10 of the Nominating Committee Report. Those individuals who have been appointed to the OKI Board of Directors by units of local government or by Associations of Township Trustees or Clerks are hereby declared to be members of the OKI Board of Directors.

Representatives of Certain Planning Agencies – County, Regional and City (with population of more than 40,000), County and Regional Planning Commissions

Mr. Schultz stated that there are vacancies reserved for representatives of certain planning agencies – County, Regional and Cities of more than 40,000. These representatives are selected by their respective planning commissions. The individuals who have been appointed to the OKI Board of Directors by those commissions are listed on pages 11 and 12 of the Nominating Committee Report are hereby declared to be members of the OKI Board of Directors.

Ex-Officio Members

Mr. Schultz stated that the Articles of Agreement of OKI also call for the appointment of certain voting ex-officio members of the OKI Board. Those members are listed on page 13 of the Nominating Committee Report. Those individuals are hereby declared to be ex-officio members.

Election of Other Members of the Board of Directors

Mr. Schultz stated that the Articles call for additional members to be elected by the Board of Directors, he presented those next.

Mr. Schultz stated that the Articles provide for the election of up to 20 residents to the Board of Directors. The nominations are listed on page 14 of the Nominating Committee Report.
Mr. Schultz stated that the Articles provide for the election to the OKI Board of Directors of up to 10 Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to elected officials. The nominations are listed on page 15 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Lynch moved to place in nomination the names of the individuals proposed by the Nominating Committee found on pages 14 and 15 of the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Election of New Officers**

Mr. Schultz stated that the Articles call for the election of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer. The Articles also authorize the appointment of other officers, and the Committee is recommending the election of a Past President. The proposed nominees are listed on page 16 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Judge Pendery moved to place in nomination the following names of the individuals proposed by the Nominating Committee as found on page 16 of the Nominating Committee Report:

- **President**: Kevin J. Lynch
- **First Vice President**: T.C. Rogers
- **Second Vice President**: Kris Knochelmann
- **Treasurer**: Kenneth F. Reed
- **Past President**: Todd Portune

Mr. Bogard seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Schultz stated that the Articles provide that the Executive Director (in this case Mark Policinski) shall be the Secretary of OKI. He stated that with this election, the slate of officers is now complete.

**Organization of the Executive Committee**

Mr. Schultz stated that the officers of OKI (other than the Past President and the Secretary), members of the OKI Board of Directors who are appointed by member counties, members of the OKI Board of Directors who are appointed by townships and municipalities having population of over 40,000 and members of the OKI Board of Directors who are appointed by area or regional planning agencies are hereby declared to be members of the OKI Executive Committee. They are listed on page 17 and 18 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Schultz stated that the Voting, Ex-Officio members of the OKI Board of Directors are hereby declared to be Voting, Ex-Officio members of the OKI Executive Committee. They are listed on page 18 of the Nominating Committee Report.
Mr. Schultz stated that the names of the persons nominated for the Executive Committee from cities of less than 40,000 in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana; from townships of less than 40,000 or from member counties or municipalities in Kentucky or Indiana; from Resident Members of the Board of OKI; and at-large members from the Board of Directors of OKI are found on page 18:

- Indiana Cities Under 40,000
  (Only 1 city qualifies in Indiana)
  - Dennis Carr

- Kentucky Cities Under 40,000
  - Elizabeth Fennell

- Ohio Cities Under 40,000
  - James T. O'Reilly

- Ohio Townships of Less than 40,000 or
  Kentucky or Indiana Counties or Municipalities
  - Christine L. Matacic
  - Brian Painter
  - Jonathan D. Sams
  - Joe Nienaber

- Resident Member
  - Larry Maxey
  - Ken Bogard

- At-Large Director
  - Bill Brayshaw
  - Anthony Simms-Howell
  - Ted Hubbard

Mr. Lynch moved to place in nomination the names of the individuals proposed by the Nominating Committee as found on pages 18 of the Nominating Committee Report. T.C. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Schultz stated that the election of the new Board of Directors and Executive Committee was complete. He thanked the members of the Nominating Committee—Judge Gary Moore and Kevin Lynch—and OKI staff for their work in this process.

Mr. Schultz turned the meeting over to OKI Board President Kevin Lynch.

**ITEM #5: 2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

President Lynch stated that per the OKI By-Laws and Articles of Agreement, Article IV, Budget and Financing, the following individuals will be appointed to serve on the OKI Budget Committee:
Gary W. Moo-e, Boone County Fiscal Court
T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Edwin H. Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Kevin J. Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
Todd B. Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court
David G. Young, Warren County Board of Commissioners
Kenneth F. Ræd, Resident Member, OKI Treasurer

Mr. Portune moved that the Board of Directors concur with the President’s appointment of the 2015 OKI Budget Committee Members. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion.

ITEM #6: OTHER BUSINESS

President Lynch provided the following words:

Thank you to my family and friends. I appreciate you all being here with me today.

Board members, I am honored that you have chosen me to serve as your President.

Today, you made history, as I am the first President of OKI from Dearborn County, Indiana. Dearborn County continues to grow its participation and collaboration throughout our region. Today, you helped all of us grow a little bit more and I thank you.

A long line of great individuals have previously served in this capacity. I am proud to know some of them and call them my friends. Todd has set the bar high.

I look forward to working closely with our Executive Director, our great staff and all of you.

I am a lover of history and the history of our region is long and rich.

Millions of years ago the Greater Cincinnati area was sculpted by the glaciers giving us the rolling beauty and natural resources that made and make our region so viable.

During the riverboat era, the river and its bluffs were the focal point which caused the early settlers to establish many cities and towns. And, those bluffs became home to Ft. Thomas, Mt Adams and many others.

Throughout our history, individuals came to our region with an idea and made it a reality. Our natural springs and regional aquifer were the reason that breweries,
distillers and manufacturing not only came to this area, but thrived in this area. Many people and commodities were transported by way of the Ohio River, as our nation grew and expanded.

Individuals like Jesse Hunt and Zebulon Pike came to Dearborn County. Zebulon Pike, the namesake for Pikes Peak, was dispatched by President Jefferson to determine the Louisiana Purchase’s southwestern borders.

Richard Probasco, who lived in Greendale, Indiana was the brother of Henry Probasco, a Cincinnati businessman who made his fortune in the hardware trade and gave the city of Cincinnati a fountain in honor of his deceased business partner and brother-in-law, Tyler Davidson. This fountain stands on Fountain Square, considered by some to be Cincinnati’s center point. This square was originally called Probasco Square.

Dearborn County’s name sake, Henry Dearborn, a revolutionary and War of 1812 veteran fought at Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the Battle of Yorktown; served as a member of the US House of Representatives and later as Secretary of War under President Thomas Jefferson.

Daniel Boone, Samuel Chase, William Howard Taft, Nicolas Longworth, William Henry Harrison and others left their mark on not just our region but our country as well.

A lesser known individual in our region’s lore was Peter James Lynch, my grandfather, who owned and operated Lynch Poultry, a family business started by his father in Walnut Hills in 1880. From the number of fishing licenses (dated from 1909 – 1930 issued in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana), it appears that my grandfather was an avid fisherman who traveled the region frequently. Which I am sure was no easy task at that time.

Around this same time, another, maybe slightly better known Cincinnati businessman, Powell Crosley, Jr. traveled from Cincinnati to Dearborn County on many hunting and fishing adventures. Powell Crosley, along with some friends, started a hunting club which is now known as the National Muzzle Loaders Association.

All history pays tribute to strong leadership. OKI has been successful because of the unique ability of this Board to think regionally, while we advocate for our jurisdictions. I doubt such consensus leadership is present anywhere else in this region.

I have a vision for our region; these are not my ideas but what I feel should be a continuation, if you will, of what a lot of other people in our history have shown to be possible. To be direct, our future will reach its full potential only if we keep cooperation as our hallmark.
OKI’s cooperation, not just our words but action, must extend to all 196 jurisdictions, to our state capitols and Washington D.C. The deep respect that OKI has results from our ability to be the best partners, best team player and best confidant anyone can have. At OKI it is the results, not the credit, that is important.

We have been given a great trust...we must continue to lead boldly and creatively. We need not be perfect but we must pray to be wise. We must provide real world answers to the challenges facing our region.

So, I thank all of you for your hard work in the past and ask for your help so that we may continue to build OKI and bring to life the vision that is our region’s future.

ITEM #7: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

TODD B. PORTUNE, 2014 PRESIDENT

KEVIN J. LYNCH, 2015 PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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