MEETING MINUTES
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 - 10:30 A.M.
OKI BOARD ROOM

- Call to Order

President Lynch, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners, President
Mr. Jeff Earlywine, alternate for Judge Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, First Vice President
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Past President
Judge Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court, Second Vice President
Mr. Michael Moore, alternate for David Mann, Cincinnati, Ohio
Ms. Sherry Carran, Covington, Kentucky
Mr. Michael Snyder, Fairfield, Ohio
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio
Mr. Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio
Ms. Beth Fennell, Newport, Kentucky
Mr. James T. O’Reilly, Wyoming, Ohio
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township
Mr. Cory Wright, alternate for Matthew Beamer, Union Township
Ms. Christine Matacic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Jonathan Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Ms. Emi Randall, representing Dennis Andrew Gordon, PDS of Kenton County
Mr. Daniel Geroni, alternate for Stan C. Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Bill Brayshaw, Resident Member
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, Treasurer
Mr. V. Anthony Simms-Howell, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Resident Member
Mr. Ted B. Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation
Mr. Dwight Ferrell, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Andrew Aiello, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

Kevin J. Lynch
President
Mark R. Polcinski
CEO/Executive Director

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Mr. Neil Tunison, Warren County Engineer

GUESTS

Mr. Bill Wells, Covington, Kentucky
Mr. Kurt Seiler representing Rich Cox, Mason, Ohio
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Ms. Gena Bell, representing Chris Monzel, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Resident Member
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Mr. Steve Mary, Stantec
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LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Ed Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister

STAFF

Mr. Mark R. Policinski  Mr. Robert W. Koehler  Ms. Marilyn F. Osborne
Ms. Karen Whitaker  Ms. Purcy Nance  Mr. Mark Paine
Ms. Larrie Platt  Mr. Bradley Mason  Mr. Travis Miller
Mr. Andy Reser  Mr. Andy Meyer  Ms. Robyn Bancroft
Ms. Florence Parker  Ms. Mary Luebbers  Mr. Andrew Rohne
Ms. Jane Wittke  Ms. Alex Barnes  Ms. Summer Jones

Mr. David Shuey

Ms. Terri Randall led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

President Lynch reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes. He also reminded everyone that this is an Executive Committee Meeting and that Executive Committee members or their alternates are able to vote, Board members are not able to vote.

ITEM #1:  ADMINISTRATIVE

A. President’s Report

- Annual Luncheon

President Lynch expressed his appreciation to all of the Board members who were in attendance at this year’s Annual Luncheon. He also recognized the hard work and commitment of the staff for their work behind the scenes and leading up to the meeting.

- Appointment of Alternates

President Lynch explained that due to a change in TANK’s Board chairmanship, Ed Kuehne, TANK’s new Board Chair would like to serve as an alternate to Andrew Riello, who will be serving as the Executive Committee member.

Mr. Reed moved to concur with the President’s appointment of Ed Kuehne as an Executive Committee alternate. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.

President Lynch also stated that Karl Schultz would like Jeff Wright, Miami Township Administrator, to serve as his alternate.

Mr. Humphrey moved to concur with the President’s appointment of Jeff Wright as an Executive Committee Alternate. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried.
• KY 536 Public Meeting

President Lynch announced that a Public Open House for the KY 536 Scoping Study has been scheduled for October 5. More information is available on the flyer that was distributed around the table and included in the mailing, or on OKI’s website.

B. Approval of June 11, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

President Lynch called for corrections and/or additions to the June 11, 2015 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.

There being none, Mr. Portune moved that the June 11, 2015 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting be approved as mailed. Mr. Mosby seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Policinski reported that the annual luncheon was a tremendous event with 462 reservations, which is an all-time high. He stated that the response has been positive in regard to the speaker—Peter Rogoff, Under Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation—and the venue. He commented that the region has never been more united as it is today and the luncheon showed that. Mr. Policinski thanked the Board for their support and the staff for their great work coordinating the event.

Mr. Policinski discussed the results of the survey which was sent to all Board members and Executive Committee alternates (approximately 150). He thanked the 43 respondents for taking the time to fill out the survey and for providing valuable input, most of which was positive. He highlighted some of the responses:

• The average tenure was 7.5 years
• 75% attend 1 meeting per month at OKI, but almost 25% attend more than 1
• 98% like the meetings to last 1 hour
• 83% believe the meetings allow time for Board members to interact with staff, about 20% would like more time
• 95% found staff reports to be relevant and interesting
• 97% said they would change nothing
• 85% have visited the new website

Mr. Policinski highlighted some of the comments:

• Provide more information on what projects look like before and after completion
• Allow more opportunity for discussion, flow of information seems staff-to-Board
• Allow members to discuss what is happening in their communities
• Ask Board for help in making contact with the federal delegation and state houses
Mr. Policinski announced that the Ohio Conference on Freight will be held the following week for the first time in Cincinnati. There are almost 400 individual registered representing 26 states and Canada.

Mr. Portune thanked Mr. Policinski for the report regarding the survey results. To the point as to whether members have enough discussion or enough time for matters of policy, he raised the issue and suggested that the Board consider when to have this policy discussion. He stated that there is discussion about whether the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) will be calling for a sales tax to be placed on the ballot in 2016 in Hamilton County to help to underwrite the cost of SORTA and Metro. He commented that it is an issue he feels will be hotly debated as to whether a sales tax in Hamilton County is appropriate, whether it would be right for consideration next year, or if any new measure is going to be considered whether it should be a regional measure. He invited President Lynch to consider, perhaps with input from other members of the Board, how OKI might be able to take up this important policy consideration. President Lynch stated that he would be happy to participate in any discussion regarding the issue, along with any other members who might be interested.

Mr. Policinski introduced OKI’s new staff member Andy Meyer.

D. Legislative Update

Ms. Platt, staff, reported that Congress returned to work this week after a five-week summer recess. She highlighted some recent activity. In late July, the House voted to pass a short-term extension of MAP-21 which extends the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund until December 18, 2015.

Also in late July, the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) reached out to its members asking for support of the Wicker-Booker Amendment which would allow more local control of transportation funding. This amendment was part of a multi-year transportation reauthorization Senate bill called the DRIVE Act. There was a significant part of the bill that needed to be fixed regarding STP funds. The Wicker-Booker Amendment allowed an increase in overall STP funding and increased suballocation.

Ms. Platt reported that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is moving forward on a long-term surface transportation bill and has it tentatively scheduled for markup on September 17. Details of the House Surface bill have been held very tightly. Committee members have not yet seen the legislation and will be meeting with their respective Committee leaders this week to discuss the legislation. She stated that she will keep members updated as specifics become available. She added that the committee is very aware of the Brent Spence Bridge and that it could be part of a group of projects called Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS). PNRS has been a part of past bills but funding has been very small and the funds were never appropriated by Congress. She explained that it is her understanding that PNRS will be expanded and funded, and it is believed the bridge will be a part of this program. However, she pointed out that it is a very
competitive with a lot of mega projects, including ports and port infrastructure. If funds are provided, they will likely be limited.

Ms. Platt announced that the Federal Rail Administration will spend approximately $2.7 million on a planning initiative to study passenger rail in the Midwest and Southeast regions. Exact details have not yet been released. Ms. Platt stated that she will provide updates as study information becomes available. She pointed out that control of the study is with FRA, not with the states.

E. Finance Officer’s Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, staff, reported that the Finance Officer’s Report, dated September 10, 2015, was distributed around the table. She explained that the report contains both May and June financial statements and she would be reporting on the more current June information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of September 4th, OKI had $69,169 in the PNC checking account, $12,019 in the HSA/FSA checking account and $203,219 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 page 3 contains the balance sheet as of June 30. She reported that Cash and Investments are down approximately 18% from this time last year. Receivables are up 24% from this time last year due to the KY 536 Scoping Study, traffic data collection project and increased activities in the FTA New Freedom pass through program. As of June 30, there were $1,021,000 in receivables, $1,004,000 associated with May and June invoices and $17,000 outstanding from April and earlier. She further stated that payables are up approximately 16% or $38,000 from this time last year due to the KY 536 Scoping Study and purchase of bike/pedestrian counters.

Ms. Nance stated that: Revenue information is located on page 4. She reported that as of June 30, OKI is 100% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 93%, which is on budget. She noted the following items: Federal revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing and administration of the New Freedom pass through projects; Miscellaneous Revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of OKI’s annual meeting; and Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to timing of the New Freedom pass through projects and over match received in the Clean Air and RideShare programs.

Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that overall, expenses are at 92%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is under budget; Professional Development and Board Travel are under budget due to the timing of budgeted activities and savings experienced, which are offset by Travel which is ahead of budget and Agency Memberships which are ahead of budget; Category 4, Printing, Marketing and Contractual is under budget: Technical Consultants is behind budget due to the timing of the KY 536 Scoping Study and Professional Services is behind budget due to the timing of the spring traffic data collection project; Category 6, Contributed Services is ahead of budget due to the timing of the New Freedom pass through projects and over match received in the Clean Air and RideShare programs.
Ms. Nance stated that page 6 contains the General Fund Balance information. She reported that the General Fund Balance has had a net decrease of approximately $107,000 year to date, resulting in a year to date fund balance of $1,064,000. Of this amount, $193,000 is committed to active projects. Ms. Nance explained that during FY 15, $111,000 was used to match FY 14 projects carrying into FY 15, resulting in a $4,000 increase in fund balance associated with FY 15 project activities to date. She explained that we will need $128,000 to match FY 15 projects carrying into FY 16. After all FY 15 projects are completed, OKI anticipates a fund balance decrease of $124,000 from FY 15 activities, this is $11,000 less than was budgeted for the year.

There being no discussion, Mr. Reed moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Finance Officer’s Report dated September 10, 2015. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2016 UPDATE PRESENTATION #1

Ms. Bancroft, staff, reported that today’s presentation marks the official kick-off of the OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan’s 2016 Update. The 2016 Update will be the first completely web-based OKI Regional Transportation Plan (2040.oki.org). This means that as information is developed it will be uploaded to the website creating a very dynamic and interactive planning experience for the public. She and Ms. Platt provided a general overview of federal requirements, progress made since the 2012 Update, the timeline, public involvement activities planned, and hit some regional demographic highlights using data now available on the website.

Mr. Mosby asked for clarity regarding Millennials in the OKI region. Ms. Bancroft explained that data collected shows that Millennials in our region do not follow the national trend. Rather, Millennials in the OKI region are shown to be driving more and not less. She mentioned that the reasoning is not clear, perhaps it is because people rely more on personal vehicles within the OKI region for their travel.

Mr. Rogers commended that this is great information and he will provide a link to the transportation plan update website on Butler County’s website. Ms. Bancroft thanked him and invited others to also provide the information to their constituents and help spread the word.

ITEM #3: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mark Paine, staff, reported that the ICC met on September 8. The committee also heard the 2040 update presentation. In addition, the group approved Administrative Modification #1 of the OKI TIP which included minor changes to several highway projects in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Mr. Paine reported that the ICC recommends approval of five resolutions that were presented, including Resolution 2015-22, the FY 2015 Performance and Expenditure report; Resolutions 2015-23 and 2015-24, amendments to the FY 2016-2019 TIP; Resolution 2015-25, regional prioritization of CMAQ applications; and Resolution 2015-26, an update to the current Plan and TIP prioritization processes.
A. **OKI FY 2015 Transportation Planning and Performance and Expenditure Report**

Mr. Paine explained that each spring, Mr. Koehler presents the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to the ICC and the Executive Committee. The UPWP lists all the work items to be undertaken by the agency over the coming fiscal year. Each month, a progress report is prepared and sent to the ICC for review, listing the activities undertaken that month. In September, staff prepares a year end progress report, called the Performance and Expenditure Report. This report details all the work completed during the fiscal year, including the budgeted amount for each work item, the amount of funding used and any funding that is carried over to the next fiscal year. In addition to the work that OKI completed, the transportation planning undertaken by the six transit agencies in the region is also reported. A copy of this Performance and Expenditure Report was provided in the mailout information for review.

Mr. Portune moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2015-22 accepting the 2015 Performance and Expenditure Report and directed staff to forward the report to ODOT, KYTC, INDOT, FHWA and FTA. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. **Amendment #2A (exempt projects) of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Paine reported that last spring there was a special call for STP projects. He explained that there is approximately $7.5 million available and projects must be awarded in the State Fiscal Year 2016 (by the end of June 2016).

OKI received 15 applications totaling a request of about $22.5 million. Mr. Paine highlighted each of the applications and presented the draft factor scores. He explained that the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee met on July 21 and reviewed all the STP applications. The Prioritization Subcommittee of the ICC also met on August 11 and reviewed each of the STP applications in detail.

Mr. Paine pointed out that the recommended projects are included in two separate TIP amendment resolutions—projects exempt from air quality analysis and those requiring air quality analysis. Exempt projects can proceed once funding is approved; analyzed projects require a review by FHWA and EPA, which may take up to 30 days. If the projects were included in one resolution, the exempt projects would need to wait for the analyzed projects to be processed before they could be approved.

The exempt projects recommended for inclusion as part of Amendment #2A include:

**Ohio Projects**
- Butler County – Princeton Road (Butler County Engineer)
- Butler County – Liberty Fairfield Road (Butler County Engineer)
- Hamilton County – SR 4 SB lane addition (Springdale)
- Hamilton County – IR 75 railroad bridge replacement (ODOT)
• Hamilton County – Reading Road (Evendale)
• Hamilton County – Sharon Road (Sharonville)
• Hamilton County – US 22 Sidewalks (project deleted) Sycamore Township

Kentucky Projects
• Boone County – US 42 and KY 842 intersection (KYTC)
• Kenton County – Electric Alley Pedestrian Improvements (Covington)
• Kenton County – Turkeyfoot Road Sidewalks (Lakeside Park)

Transit Projects
• Butler County RTA – 3 replacement buses
• SORTA – 2 replacement buses

Mr. Paine pointed out that in addition to the bus replacement projects listed above, there are also transit projects for BCRTA, CTC, SORTA and TANK included in the amendment.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2015-23 regarding Amendment #2A to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Amendment #2B (analyzed projects) of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine explained that the three highway projects included in Amendment #2B all require air quality analysis. These projects were recommended by the Prioritization Subcommittee and ICC.

Ohio Projects
• Butler County TID – South Hamilton Crossing
• Cincinnati – Duck Creek Road Extension
• ODOT – I-75 (Phases 1 and 2 of Thru the Valley)

Mr. Hubbard moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2015-24 regarding Amendment #2B of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Fortune seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. Regional Prioritization of Applications for Ohio Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding

Mr. Reser, staff, reported that there was a call for projects this summer. The statewide committee decided to program projects for 2021. Projects must show an air quality benefit in order to qualify for funding.

Mr. Reser reminded members that CMAQ funding is now awarded through a statewide process. This is the second year the process has been run by the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee
(OSUCC). He pointed out that the process relies heavily on cost effectiveness in reducing congestion and vehicle emissions.

Mr. Reser reported that 7 applications were received, totaling $14 million. He pointed out that the average OKI annual allocation prior to the statewide program was approximately $11 million.

Mr. Reser reviewed the scoring process and timeline for project funding. OKI’s recommendations will be submitted to OSUCC on September 11 and the MPO Executive Directors will review and approve projects for funding by December 31.

Mr. Reser highlighted the applications received. As a result of the scoring process, the following is the FY 2021 Draft Funding Plan as recommended by the Prioritization Subcommittee and ICC. Mr. Reser pointed out that upon review of the applications, OKI staff and the Prioritization Subcommittee determined that the City of Deer Park application was not eligible for CMAQ funding.

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Mr. Reed moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2015-25 regarding the regional prioritization of applications for CMAQ funding to be submitted to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee. Ms. Matasic seconded the motion; motion carried.

E. Plan and TIP Prioritization Processes

Mr. Bob Koehler, staff, stated that OKI’s prioritization process has been in place for several years and has been cited as “best practice” by the Federal Highway Administration. He explained that MAP-21 included the requirement that performance measures be included in the evaluation of projects so while staff is in the process of updating the 2040 OKI Regional Transportation Plan, he took a look to compare the prioritization process for both the Plan and TIP. He highlighted aspects of the process and the recommended changes. He reminded everyone that the Plan is composed of the long-term projects and includes more general information as compared to the TIP which is near-term, contains more detail and includes only projects that are federally funded and/or regionally significant.

Mr. Koehler explained that the proposed changes to the Plan prioritization process would be applied to the 2040 update scheduled for application in November/December 2015 with planned adoption by the OKI Board in June 2016. The proposed changes to the TIP prioritization process
would be applied to the project scoring processes beginning in 2016 and performance measures will be incorporated to the extent possible.

Mr. Koehler reviewed the proposed changes. He pointed out that one new category is Bike/Ped. In the previous processes, bicycle and pedestrian projects were evaluated using the roadway factors. Another significant improvement to the process is the inclusion of an economic vitality score which will be based on the existing jobs within a half mile buffer of the project area, with an additional five bonus points earned for documented investment value or jobs created.

Mr. Koehler reported that the proposed changes were discussed at length and recommended by the Prioritization Subcommittee and ICC.

Mr. Hubbard questioned the reason for changing the congestion measure of Level of Service (LOS) to Travel Time Index (TTI). Mr. Koehler explained that TTI is a more realistic representation of actual conditions. The use of TTI is a trend that is being seen nationally and the travel time index or some variation of it is used by several agencies including the Texas Transportation Institute.

Mr. Brayshaw moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2015-26 regarding the Plan and TIP prioritization processes. Mr. Portune seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #4: REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF OKI’S DESIGNATION FOR AREAWIDE WASTE TREATMENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING IN INDIANA

Mr. Policinski explained that Section 208 of the Clean Water Act deals with water quality planning on a regional scale in metropolitan areas like OKI. The intent was to avoid local duplication of effort and stretch taxpayer dollars for wastewater treatment. In 1974, OKI was designated by the state of Indiana as the areawide “208” agency for Dearborn and Ohio counties. In 1978 the original “208” Plan was adopted by OKI and was certified (approved) by Indiana in 1979. In 1984, Ohio County opted out of OKI.

In 2010, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) asked OKI to update the Plan for Dearborn County. OKI submitted the update in 2011 and awaited certification from IDEM. After eight months, OKI met with IDEM in February 2012 and was told it would take an indefinite time for the review of the OKI update. Over the next three years, staff made several inquiries regarding certification of the Plan update and finally met with IDEM again in June 2015.

Mr. Policinski stated that at that June meeting, it became clear that IDEM would never certify the OKI update. IDEM expressed concern that the differences between the OKI update’s recommendations and state practices are likely to cause confusion or delay in future wastewater permitting for the county. Because OKI does not want to contribute to any confusion or delays in solving water quality problems, staff recommends that a request be made to the Indiana Governor to “de-designate” OKI as the areawide agency for waste treatment management planning in Dearborn and Ohio Counties. He explained that after de-designation of an areawide agency, the State of Indiana becomes directly responsible for continued water quality planning and oversight of implementation within the affected area.
Mr. Portune asked what the differences were between OKI’s recommendations and the state’s practices that IDEM had expressed concern about, and whether water quality will be hurt in any way by making this change. Mr. Policinski explained that the basic difference is how OKI defined areas for service by specific sewer districts and how the state defines them. He also noted that Dearborn County is the only county in Indiana where an areawide agency like OKI has prepared a recent “208” Plan update, with IDEM doing water quality planning for the rest of the state. In terms of any impacts on water quality, it appears that IDEM will act more quickly on water quality permitting in Dearborn County if OKI removes itself from “208” planning there.

Mr. Humphrey commented that he was Board president when OKI created the Dearborn County plan update, and he was very familiar with the planning process for it. He said that while it was sad that OKI needs to request to be removed as the designee for areawide waste treatment management planning in Indiana, he understands the need. Mr. Humphrey moved that the Executive Committee adopt Resolution 2015-27 regarding the removal of OKI’s designation for areawide waste treatment management planning in Indiana. Mr. Portune seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #5: RATIFICATION OF ENTERING INTO A FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD OF DOMESTIC GRANT WITH THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE STATE & PRIVATE FORESTRY, COOPERATIVE FORESTRY

Mr. Travis Miller, staff, explained that approval of the resolution would enable OKI to proceed with a grant received in August by the U.S. Forestry Service. He explained that the purpose and result of the grant will be to produce a guide for local decision makers, titled ‘Integrating Trees into Stormwater Management Design and Policy’.

Mr. Miller explained that OKI will be the lead agency of this two year project and partnering with three organizations: Virginia Tech University, Davey Resource Group and NARC.

He explained that with approval of the resolution, OKI will proceed with preparing agreements with each of the partners, finalizing the work program with U.S. Forestry and formulating a project advisory committee.

Mr. Miller invited any members who would like to be engaged in the project to contact him.

Ms. Carran moved that the Executive Committee adopt Resolution 2015-28 regarding the ratification of entering into a federal financial assistance award of domestic grant with the USDA, Forest Service State & Private Forestry, Cooperative Forestry. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.
ITEM #6: CONSENT AGENDA

President Lynch stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. He stated that this mailing includes the June through August Consent Agenda items.

Mr. Fortune moved that the Executive Committee approve the consent agenda as mailed. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #7: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

ITEM #8: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the Executive Committee. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

KEVIN J. LICHT, PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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