MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
OCTOBER 12, 2017 – 10:30 A.M.
OKI BOARD ROOM

- Call to Order

President Rogers, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS

Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, President
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Edwin H. Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Todd Fortune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Thomas Adamec, Blue Ash, Ohio
Mr. Charles Tassell, Deer Park, Ohio
Mr. Tom Cahill, Erlanger, Kentucky
Mr. Mike Snyder, Fairfield, Ohio
Mr. Gary Winn, Florence, Kentucky
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio
Ms. Kathy Grossman, Mason, Ohio
Ms. Suzi Rubin, Monroe, Ohio
Mr. Chris Dobrozsi, Montgomery, Ohio
Ms. Beth Fennell, Newport, Kentucky
Mr. Matthew Wahler, North College Hill, Ohio
Mr. Steve Dana, Oxford, Ohio
Mr. Dan Bell, Taylor Mill, Kentucky
Mr. Bryan H. Miller, Union, Kentucky
Mr. Jim O’Reilly, Wyoming, Ohio
Mr. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township
Mr. David Linnenberg, Green Township
Ms. Christine Matacic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association
Mr. Jonathan Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Ms. Cathy Flagg, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. Brian Painter, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Marc Hult, Kenton County Planning Commission
Mr. Dennis Andrew Gordon, PDS of Kenton County

T.C. Rogers
President
Mark R. Polcinski
CEO/Executive Director

Serving the Counties of: Boone, Butler, Campbell, Clermont, Dearborn, Hamilton, Kenton, Warren
Members (continued)
Mr. Greg Kathman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Jody Gunderson, Hamilton (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Craig Beckley, Dearborn County Township Association, Resident Member
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident Member
Mr. William Brayshaw, Resident Member
Mr. David Ginsburg, Resident Member
Mr. Eric Kranz, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Larry H. Maxey, Resident Member
Ms. Pamela Mulhins, Resident Member
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, Treasurer
Mr. V. Anthony Simms-Howell, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Resident Member
Mr. Thomas Voss, Resident Member
Mr. Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer
Mr. David L. Painter, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation
Mr. Robert Yeager, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Mr. Dwight Ferrell, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Andrew Aiello, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

GUESTS
Mr. Scott Gunning, representing Judge Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court
Mr. Michael Moore, representing David Mann, Cincinnati, Ohio
Ms. Kathleen A. Wade-Dorman, representing John Armstrong, Indian Hill
Ms. Dora Bronston, representing Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio
Mr. Jim Lukas, representing Kevin Hardman, Sharonville, Ohio
Mr. Geoff Milz, representing Jeff Ritter, Colerain Township
Mr. Cory Wright, representing Matthew Beamer, Union Township
Mr. Caleb Mickler, representing Eric Kearney, Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce, Resident Member
Ms. Gena Bell, representing Chris Monzel, Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners, Resident Member
Mr. Andrew J. Fluegeman, representing Tammy Campbell, Ohio Department of Transportation
Mr. Matt Dutkevicz, representing Christopher Lawson, Butler County Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Greg Brown, DLZ
Mr. Rob Hans, CT Consultants
Mr. Shane Noem, Senator Mitch McConnell’s Office
Ms. Natalie McIntyre, Senator Mitch McConnell’s Office
Mr. Jeff Andrews, Ty Lin International
Mr. Steve McDevitt, Burgess & Niple
Mr. Steve Mary, Stantec
Mr. Jeff Wallace, TranSystems
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen
Mr. Eugene Strong, Visitor
Ms. Marilyn Hyland, I&O/CIND RR
MR. JODY GUNDERSON led the Board of Directors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

President Rogers 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 Rogers reported that Cincinnati was recently ranked as #1 economy in Ohio, over Columbus and Cleveland.

B. Approval of September 14, 2017 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

President Rogers called for corrections and/or additions to the September 14, 2017 minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting. There being none, Ms. Matacic moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Mark Policinski welcomed Shane Noem and Natalie McIntyre from Senator McConnell’s office. He reported that he had the opportunity to meet with them yesterday.

Mr. Policinski stated that one of the virtues the Board has mentioned about the meetings is that they are kept to about an hour. Staff is vigilant to provide a great deal of information, but are mindful of members’ precious time. He added that since this change was instituted many years ago, attendance has risen. He explained that while the printed agenda seems a bit light today, this is because at the end of the meeting Lorrie will be asking everyone to take a survey regarding OKI’s efforts to enhance its media and social media outreach into members’ communities.
Mr. Policinski stated that at last month’s Executive Committee meeting, he explained that on a semi-regular basis, staff will be presenting the many useful and informative apps that OKI has developed for use by communities. Last month, the Trees and Stormwater app was shown. This month, staff will present the Environmental Viewer.

Mr. Policinski stated that OKI hosts the Regional Planning Forum on a regular basis. This Friday the forum will host a unique panel, including representatives from Kroger, dunnhumby, Steiner and Associates, as well as Greg Dale with McBride Dale Clarion. They will discuss emerging technologies changing the way we shop and ultimately the spaces where we shop. This information will be valuable for how communities plan long term. He invited members to attend the forum and thanked Andy Meyer for putting together this panel.

Mr. Policinski reported that in the past few days, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber met with House Transportation Chairman Shuster and OKI met with the staff of Senator McConnell to discuss what is happening in DC on transportation funding. These meetings provided an affirmation of OKI’s belief that any movement on transportation legislation will happen in 2018, not this year. Repatriation, asset recycling, 3 Ps and other financing alternatives are on the table. The next milestone is in the next few weeks when the White House will be sending “guiding principles” to the Hill to formulate legislation. Mr. Policinski thanked our partners at the Chamber for sharing their meeting with OKI.

Mr. Policinski reported that last month, the Ohio River Trail from Salem to Sutton was not presented to the Executive Committee for approval because the local match was withdrawn. The local match is $946,000. The Committee did direct staff to set aside the project in order to allow time to find other sources of the local match. Staff has notified the parties involved that OKI can extend the deadline for the local match until January 2. If local match is not identified by that time, OKI will have to return the funds to the statewide committee for distribution. If this deadline passed, funds for this project could not be allotted until after 2023.

Mr. Policinski introduced Brandon Rudd, OKI’s new Senior Planner and Demographer.

In regard to the Ohio River Trail, Commissioner Portune reported that Hamilton County and the TID continue to work on the issue. A meeting was held with Michael Moore with the City of Cincinnati and he also spoke with Josh Gerth with Anderson Township. He stated that all parties are interested in continuing discussions about the project and are working in earnest to figure out possible local funding.

D. Legislative Update

Ms. Lorrie Platt stated that, as Mr. Policinski mentioned, staff would appreciate everyone’s candid feedback on the survey that was distributed around the table. Additional copies were available on the back table. She explained that the communications department is implementing a communications plan to build the OKI brand. She explained that board members are our biggest asset in getting the OKI brand out to their communities. The survey will provide insight on members’ communication channels, with the focus being on how staff can communicate through
social media. She explained that staff will continue to reach out to traditional media, such as radio, TV and print. She asked that everyone take some time to complete the survey. A link will also be sent out if anyone preferred to take it digitally.

Ms. Platt reported that Congress is in session and much of their attention is focused on developing relief packages for victims of the hurricanes and the fires out west.

Ms. Platt explained that last month she shared that the House had passed a bipartisan bill that lays out a basic framework for autonomous vehicle regulation. As an update, last week, the Senate Transportation Committee approved its own bipartisan legislation. Like the House bill, it is aimed at speeding up the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles by gradually waiving traditional automobile standards. The bill now heads to the floor. She will provide an update on any progress next month.

Ms. Platt reminded everyone that the OKI annual luncheon is just two weeks away. She explained that Board members receive complimentary admission, however, they do need to register and select your lunch choice. She invited members to see Marilyn Osborne after the meeting so she could get them registered.

E. Finance Officer’s Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, staff, reported that the Finance Officer’s Report was distributed around the table. She explained that this report contains both July and August financial statements and that she would be reporting on the more current August information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of October 5, OKI had $540,826 in the PNC checking account, $20,190 in the HSA/FSA checking account and $455,935 in the STAR Ohio money market mutual fund. Ms. Nance 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 August 31. She reported that Cash and Investments are down 8% from this time last year. Receivables are up 11% from this time last year due to the Boone County study and timing of routine invoices. Ms. Nance reported that at August 31, there were $944,000 in receivables, $763,000 associated with July and August invoices and $181,000 outstanding from June and earlier. She further stated that payables are up 7% or $60,000 from this time last year due to the Boone County study activity and timing of routine invoices.

Ms. Nance stated that Revenue information is located on page 4. She reported that at August 31, OKI was approximately 17% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 17%, which is on budget. She noted the following items: Federal revenues are behind budget due to the timing of FTA New Freedom pass through project activities; Local revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of county funding payments; Miscellaneous Revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of OKI’s annual meeting; and Contributed Services are behind budget due to timing of the Clean Air outreach campaign.
Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that overall, expenses are at 16%, which is on budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is behind budget due to the timing of agency memberships; Category 4, Printing, Marketing and Contractual is behind budget due to the timing of FTA projects and Traffic Counts which are scheduled for spring 2018, offset by timing of the Boone County study and the seasonal nature of the Clean Air outreach campaign, Category 5, Other Expenditures is ahead of budget due to timing of maintenance contracts and OKI’s annual meeting; and Category 6, Contributed Services is ahead of budget due to the seasonal nature of Clean Air outreach campaign offset by the timing of FTA projects.

Ms. Nance stated that page 6 contains the General Fund Balance information. She reported that the General Fund Balance has had net increase of approximately $69,000 year to date. The two components of this increase are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include a $93,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and $61,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining $37,000 increase is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects. Resulting in a year to date fund balance of $1,188,000. Of this amount, $365,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors accept and file the Finance Officer’s Report dated October 12, 2017. Mr. Dana seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: MAPS AND APPS PRESENTATION – ENVIRONMENTAL VIEWER

Mr. Travis Miller explained that the maps and apps gallery on OKI’s website contains a couple dozen interactive maps. The intent is to provide as much data as OKI has available for communities’ use. He explained that the Environmental Viewer is an interactive mapping tool. It was originally developed to inform our long range transportation plan, but it was recognized as a useful resource for community planning.

Mr. Miller demonstrated the features of the tool. He explained that information included in the viewer is deemed relevant for NEPA review and document preparation. The newest addition is parks and preserves. These are lands deemed protected because they are owned and managed by public entities or non-profits dedicated to land preservation for recreation and/or ecological function. Other relevant layers of interest include Streams with Habitat Value and Historic Places.

Mr. Miller encouraged everyone to take a moment to explore the available resources and to let him know if they have any questions or suggestions for improving it for their community’s use.

President Rogers stated that most subdivisions require an area for greenspace. He asked whether this land is included. Mr. Miller explained that if the land is owned by a homeowner’s association,
it would not be included. However, he stated that this is a great suggestion for possible future inclusion.

Ms. Mullins asked how to navigate to the maps and apps gallery. Mr. Miller explained that it is located at http://www.oki.org/mapsapps/.

Mr. Bryan Miller asked how often the information is updated. Mr. Miller explained that the data is monitored on an on-going basis and updated as information is made available.

ITEM #3: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Andy Reser, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, October 10. Ashley Patrick and Brad Mason presented the Legislative and Technology report. The committee heard a presentation from Steve Sievers of Anderson Township about the new Continuous Flow Intersection at Beechmont and Five-Mile. They also heard a presentation from Wade Johnston of Tri-State Trails for the Cincinnati Riding or Walking Network (or CROWN). CROWN is a vision for a 104 mile trail network connected by a loop around Cincinnati’s Urban Core. Bob Koehler presented information about OKI’s Ohio River Bridge Traffic Counting project. The committee approved Administrative Modification #4 and recommended Amendment #4 for approval.

A. Amendment #4 of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Reser reported that Amendment #4 to the FY 2018-2021 TIP adds two federally-funded Recreational Trail Projects in Campbell County Kentucky. He pointed out that since the mailout, there was a revision to a local match amount, and a revised Amendment was distributed around the table. He explained that the first project is $35,000 for the Alexandria Community Park and the second is $49,000 for the Ohio Riverfront Trail in Fort Thomas. Mr. Reser reported that these projects are exempt from air quality conformity and notice was posted on OKI’s website. No public comments have been received.

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2017-25 regarding Amendment #4 of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Snyder seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #4: CONSENT AGENDA

President Rogers stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. This mailing included the September Consent Agenda items. Mr. Fortune moved that the Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as mailed. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried. There were no committee announcements and/or updates.

ITEM #5: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.
ITEM #6: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

T.C. ROGERS, PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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