

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
January 12, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.
OKI Boardroom

OKI Board President David Painter called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Karl Schultz led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Painter, President, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Rick Probst, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
Charlie Cleves, Bellevue, KY
Christopher Reinersman, Independence, KY
Steve Krehbiel, Indian Hill, OH
Doug Moorman, Madeira, OH
Chris Dobrozsi, Montgomery, OH
Susan Hoover, Norwood OH
Jeffrey P. Anderson, Springdale, OH
Dale Perry, Trenton, OH
Seth Thompson, Villa Hills KY
Gailen Bridges, Kenton County Planning Commission
Katherine Keough-Jurs, Cincinnati Planning Commission
Greg Kathman, Fairfield Planning Commission
Liz Hayden, Hamilton (City) Planning Commission
Craig Beckley, Resident
Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Eric Kranz, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce
Christine Maticic, Resident
Pete Metz, Resident, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce
Pamela Mullins, Resident
Alicia Reece, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Mark Welch, West Chester Township
Bonnie Batchler, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
J. Todd Listerman, Dearborn County Engineer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS or their ALTERNATES

Mark Jeffreys, Cincinnati, OH
Susan Vaughn, Hamilton, OH
Talbot Moon, Middletown, OH
Dan Driehaus, Wyoming, OH
Josh Gerth, Anderson Township
Tony Rosiello, Green Township
Jeff Wright, Miami Township
Lauren O'Brien, City of Newport

Michael Logue, Union Township
Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association
Jonathan D. Sams, Warren Co. Assoc. of Township Trustees & Clerks
Brian Painter, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Sharmili Reddy, PDS of Kenton County
Ryan Cook, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Chris Wahlman, INDOT
Mike Bezold, KYTC
Darryl Haley, SORTA
Gina Douthat, TANK
Roger L. Kerlin, Resident
Larry Maxey, Resident
Kenneth F. Reed, Resident & Treasurer
Karl Schultz, Resident
V. Anthony Simms-Howell, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Resident
Thomas Voss, Resident

GUESTS

Tracie Braun, Clermont County BCC
Scott Falkowski, Forest Park
Nicole Daily, Dearborn County Planning Commission
Khaled Shammout, SORTA
Jennifer Haley, Clermont County BCC
Ben Pendery, Ft. Thomas
Dan Pozniak, DSD Advisors
Scott Brow, ODOT D8
Chris Harding, Hamilton County Commissioners Office
Nicole Ard, Trenton
John Brazina, City of Cincinnati
Jeff Wallace, CT Consultants

LEGAL COUNSEL

Aaron Herzig, Taft

STAFF

Lorrie Platt
Regina Fields
Travis Miller
Jenny Newcomb
Andy Meyer
David Shuey
Florence Parker
Suzanne Parkey
Jim Pickering
Gaby Waesch
Michael Outrich

Liren Zhou
Brett Porter
Katie Hannum
Ting Zuo
Hue Xie
Mark Policinski

Item #1A - Administrative

President Painter welcomed all in attendance and noted this is his last board meeting as the OKI president of the board.

Item #1B - Approval of the November 10, 2022 meeting minutes

President Painter requested approval of the November 10, 2022 board of directors meeting minutes. Mr. Ken Reed moved that the minutes be approved as provided. Ms. Christine Maticic seconded the motion; motion carried.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

Mr. Mark Policinski stated the entire region received important news a couple of weeks ago when USDOT announced the Brent Spence Bridge would receive \$1.63 billion to build the companion bridge next to the current bridge. He noted there have been many individuals who have provided decades of support, along with the teams at ODOT and KYTC in the planning and design of the new bridge. Additionally, he mentioned Senator Rob Portman and President Biden's ability to work together to solve major infrastructure hurdles in a bipartisan manner. He named Mr. Bob Castellini from the Cincinnati business community and Mr. Brent Cooper, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce as individuals who relentlessly pressed on the urgency of a new bridge.

Mr. Policinski also noted that much of the data used over the past 20 years came from OKI's transportation department headed by Bob Koehler along with the traffic counts and travel demand modeling by Dr. Liren Zhou. Both of their efforts were essential in the work submitted to state and federal authorities, including adherence to the NEPA process. He also mentioned that the board's involvement in the Brent Spence Bridge project was decades-long determination and support at many levels, including all the way up to the halls of Congress.

Mr. Policinski continued on to mention that the OKI board for 2023 would be seated at the end of the meeting. He thanked outgoing members for their service and remarked that the dedication of all board members reflected the traditions of cooperation, coordination, communication, and consensus – "each board member came here to get something done without rancor or partisanship". He commended the board in having a successful 2022.

In his final remarks, Mr. Policinski recognized President Painter's leadership to the board for the past two years, especially during the challenging time of the pandemic. He noted his leadership was persistent and provided calm guidance to OKI and himself. He presented a plaque to thank President Painter for his service and dedication.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed via Constant Contact email to all in advance with a printed copy distributed at their seats. Ms. Hannum reported the Council's financing activities, as of January 6, 2023, OKI had:

\$583,407 in PNC Bank Commercial Checking
\$20,434 in PNC Bank - HSA/FSA Checking
\$917,032 in the STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund

Ms. Hannum reported there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit, and that there is no outstanding balance at report date. She further reported on Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense information.

The report concluded with the general fund balance information and the total funds committed to active projects.

President Painter requested a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner TC Rogers motioned to approve the Finance Officer's Report and Commissioner Rick Probst seconded the motion; motion carried.

Item #2 SORTA/Metro Update

Mr. Khaled Shammout provided an update on Transit Infrastructure Fund, which was a result of Issue 7 being passed in 2020. He provided an update on round two of funding that occurred in 2022 (awarded \$39 million). They received 39 proposals from 26 jurisdictions, to date they have awarded \$266 million, of which \$205 million was awarded to the Western Hills Viaduct project (spread over 25 years). Funding for the next round (three) will be announced in March 2023 and recommended if a jurisdiction is in Hamilton county to consider applying for funding.

Mr. Shammout proceeded to share information about a new app called MetroNow, a mobile on-demand tool that will debut in May of 2023 (in two zones). A study determined which six zones within their service area would be in the initial rollout. There is a possibility of additional zones being added in phase 2.

SORTA/Metro has projected 350,000 users for this service which will be accessible for all, providing localized mobility, and connect to/from the fixed transit network. The fare will be \$2 one-way per trip.

Item #3 OKI Strategic Regional Policy Plan

OKI staff Travis Miller shared that staff is updating the OKI Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) as part of the FY23 Work Program. He noted the SRPP compliments OKI's Long-Range Transportation Plan and serves as a local resource for the local governments across the region as they conduct local planning updates. It was first adopted in 2005, it is a living document with annual updates (full update in 2014) and its website, Howdowegrow.org is a resource to use if you are not familiar with the plan. Mr. Miller also shared the highlights from focus groups that were conducted in fall of 2022. He noted he will present in next month's meeting specific actions he will ask of board members in promoting engagement from the community.

Item #4 Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI staff stated the ICC met on January 10, 2023. He shared that the following OKI staff presented:

- Travis Miller provided an update to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan
- Michael Outreach, OKI demographer provided information on the process of updating population projections in the OKI region
- Dr. Elizabeth Niese proposed a methodology for evaluating safety as part of the Project Prioritization Process

He further noted the ICC approved a TIP Administrative modification and two resolutions were recommended for board approval. The first resolution was a Memorandum of Agreement between INDOT and OKI on the planning process and the second was a TIP Amendment.

In closing, he provided the ICC attendance report for 2022 which reflected an average attendance of 36 members per meeting (does not include staff or guests), this was the average for 2021 as well, though it is a bit lower than the 10-year average.

Item #5 Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and OKI

Mr. Robert Koehler, OKI Deputy Executive Director presented a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between OKI and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). The MOA specifies the roles and responsibilities of OKI and INDOT in the conduct of the metropolitan (3C) planning process. It specifies details on development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program. OKI agrees to conduct a performance-based planning process along with a Public Participation Plan for public outreach. OKI also has similar agreements with ODOT and KYTC.

President Painter requested a motion in the Adoption of Resolution 2023-01, which was provided by Mr. Craig Beckley, Resident member with a second from Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident member; motion passes.

Item #6 Amendment #17 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2021-2024 TIP

Mr. Andy Reser presented TIP Amendment #17 resolution which includes seven highway projects and two transit projects in Ohio. They are as follows:

- Clermont County, the New Richmond roundabouts project, construction will not be ready for FY24 and moved to FY25
- Western Hills Viaduct Construction is also moved to FY25, there are five phases for the Western Hills Viaduct that are affected
- Warren County, the SR63 widening project now includes \$5m in a discretionary grant for construction
- Transit side - ODOT has awarded Carbon Reduction Funds for two new City of Cincinnati Streetcar maintenance and rehab projects

Mr. Reser further stated there are two projects in this amendment, the New Richmond and the SR63 Widening project which are subject to air quality conformity requirements and OKI is relying on a previous regional emission analysis. He noted that the Interagency Consultation Group has reviewed the draft amendment and it was made available for public comment on oki.org since December 21st, with no comments received.

President Painter requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2023-02 which was provided by Mr. Mark Jeffreys. A second was provided by Ms. Christine Maticic; motion carried.

ITEM #4 Amendment 16A of the OKI Fiscal Years 2021-2024 TIP

Mr. Reser noted that TIP Amendment 16A includes a funding change to the Donaldson Road widening project in Boone County between Houston and Mineola. The construction amount is increasing from \$9.4 million to \$19.7 million. He shared that due to this large increase in cost an amendment is necessary, and any major widening project requires air quality conformity to be done. He added that it was sent to the Interagency Consultation Group and that there is no change in the timing or project scope due to the amendment and we can rely on a previous regional emissions analysis.

The second item in this amendment is the removal of project 6-460 from the TIP. This is a project for improved access to a new NKU mixed-use development at the corner of US27 and Nunn Drive. This project was awarded SNK funds in 2018, but the development has stalled, and there is little hope to get it started in the short term. OKI made the decision to remove the project from the TIP. The County can reapply in the future if they choose. The amendment has been posted to our website since October 26th for public comment and no comments were received. President Painter requested a motion to approve Resolution OKI 2022-32, which was provided by Mr. Ken Reed and seconded by Mr. Mark Jeffreys; motion carried.

Item #7 Election of the 2023 Board of Directors

Mr. Karl Schultz, chair of the nominating committee, reminded all in attendance 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 selected by the Board.

Mr. Schultz reported that the Nominating Committee, which included members Roger Kerlin and Tom Voss, met on December 8, 2022 to review applicable sections of the Articles of Agreement and By-laws, nomination applications, attendance, and past activity. Mr. Schultz stated that the Nominating Committee comes to the Board with a unanimous recommendation. He also stated that the nominating committee report was printed and distributed to all board members in attendance.

Mr. Schultz proceeded with naming the 2022 Officers and thanked them for their service.

Next, he stated that there are individuals who have been appointed to the OKI Board of Directors by various governmental units or by Associations of Township Trustees or Clerks who are listed on pages 1 through 9 of the Nominating Committee Report. He stated those individuals who have been appointed to the OKI Board of Directors were declared to be members of the OKI Board of Directors.

Moving on, Mr. Schultz stated that there are vacancies reserved for representatives of certain planning agencies listed under 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 10 and 11 of the Nominating Committee Report were declared to be members of the OKI Board of Directors.

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 were listed on page 12 of the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Schultz declared those individuals to be voting ex-officio members.

Mr. Schultz stated that the Articles call for additional members to be elected by the Board of Directors. He explained that the Articles provide for the election of up to 20 Residents to the Board of Directors. The nominations were listed on page 13 of the Nominating Committee Report. In addition, 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. Those nominations were listed on page 14 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Roger Kerlin moved to place in nomination the names of the individuals proposed by the Nominating Committee found on pages 13 and 14 of the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Ken Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Schultz stated that the Articles call for the election of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer and the election of other Officers. The proposed nominees were listed on page 17 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Tom Voss moved to place in nomination the following names found on page 17 of the Nominating Committee Report with a second from Mr. Roger Kerlin, motion passes.

The 2023 Officers are:

President	Gary W. Moore
First Vice President	Josh Gerth
Second Vice President	Richard Probst
Past President	David L. Painter
Treasurer	Kenneth F. Reed

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

Organization of the 2023 Executive Committee

Mr. Schultz stated that the officers of OKI (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 were declared to be members of the OKI Executive Committee. They were listed on page 15 and 16 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Schultz stated that the Voting, Ex-Officio members of the OKI Board of Directors were also declared to be Voting, Ex-Officio members of the OKI Executive Committee. They were listed on page 16 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Ken Reed placed in nomination those individuals listed on pages 16 and 17 to be named to the executive committee; Mr. Tom Voss seconded; motion passes.

Mr. Schultz stated that the election of the new Board of Directors and Executive Committee was complete. He thanked staff and the members of the Nominating Committee, Roger Kerlin and Tom Voss, OKI staff and members of the Taft law practice for their help and work in this process.

Mr. Schultz turned the meeting over to 2023 OKI Board Past President David Painter as newly elected OKI president Judge/Executive Gary Moore had a scheduling conflict.

Past President Painter asked for a motion for the election of the 2023 Board of Directors. A motion was provided by Mr. Karl Schultz and seconded by Mr. Mark Jeffreys; motion carried. A congratulations was provided to all by Past President Painter.

ITEM #8: 2023 Budget Committee Appointments

Past President Painter referenced a memo that was shown on screen which listed the budget committee members. He stated that per the OKI By-Laws and Articles of Agreement, Article IV, Budget and Financing, the following individuals be appointed to serve on the OKI Budget Committee for the Calendar Year 2023.

Members

Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court, President
Josh Gerth, Anderson Township, First Vice President
Rick Probst, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners, Second Vice President
David L. Painter, Clermont County Board of Commissioners, Past President
Kenneth F. Reed, Resident member, Treasurer
Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court
Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Alicia Reece, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
David G. Young, Warren County Board of Commissioners

Past President Painter requested a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Committee appointments, which was provided by Mr. Ken Reed and seconded by Mr. Karl Schultz; motion carried.

Item #9 Other Business

President Painter shared that there will be a board orientation before next month's executive committee meeting, starting at 9:30 a.m. Both new and returning board members are welcome to attend. He stated that if any member has questions or needs more information to please contact Lorrie Platt, OKI's board administrator.

President Painter provided outgoing comments on his term as OKI board president. He thanked everyone who allowed him to serve; he shared accomplishments of the team at OKI, which included:

SolSmart Program – first MPO to receive a Silver Designation

Ohio River Digital Guide – NARC's Achievement Award

Introduced Tree For Me app for free tree distribution

Inaugural commuting survey

FIAM -Fiscal Impact Model

OKI Moves Travel Survey

OKI Freight Plan – 2-year project

OKI has invested \$56 million in FY21 and \$69 million in FY2022 – both record-breaking amounts in local transportation projects

Progress on the Brent Spence Bridge Project

Item #10 Adjournment

Adjournment was motioned by Mr. Ken Reed and seconded by Ms. Christine Maticic; motion carried.



David Painter, President



Mark R. Policinski, Secretary