

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
January 11, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

Attendance chart for OKI board members along with guests and staff follows the minutes.

Item #1A - Administrative

OKI Board President Gary Moore called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. He asked Resident Member Christine Maticic to lead the Pledge of Allegiance as this is her final meeting as an OKI board member. He reminded everyone to sign in, silence cell phones and to state your name when making a motion, second or comment.

President Moore welcomed everyone in attendance and remarked that the 2024 board of directors' election would take place towards the end of the meeting. He reminded board members of the OKI Annual Luncheon, which is January 26th at Turfway Park in Florence. He shared that Amy Spiller from Duke Energy is the keynote speaker. He noted that board members receive complimentary admission; however, an RSVP is needed for head count/food orders by COB (to Lorrie Platt). He also thanked the many table partners/sponsors in the room.

Item #1B - Approval of the November 9, 2023 meeting minutes

President Moore requested approval of the November 9th executive committee meeting minutes as distributed. Mr. Ken Reed, Treasurer moved that the minutes be approved as presented with a second from Councilmember Mark Jeffreys; motion passed, and minutes approved unanimously.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

Mr. Mark Policinski began with an Amendment to Employees 401(a) Retirement Plan. This amendment lowers the age (from 70) to 65 or older or are former OKI employees with the opportunity to take partial distributions from the 401(a) Plan. President Moore requested a motion for Resolution OKI 2024-01, which was provided by Commissioner David Painter with a second from Resident Member Christine Maticic; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Policinski recognized OKI staff, Dr. Margaret Minzner, Senior Environmental Planner, in co-authoring a chapter in a recently published book, *Routledge Handbook of University-Community Partnerships in Planning Education*. The chapter title is "Leveraging University & MPO Partnerships to Support Environmental Planning in Greater Cincinnati Region." He commended Dr. Minzner for her continuing contributions.

Mr. Policinski reminded the board of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. OKI has been asked to lead a 16-county group for putting together a CPRG plan. The Plan allows OKI to petition the federal government for massive amounts of funds; the smallest grant is \$2 million dollars with

the largest grant at \$500 million. There is an extremely aggressive timeline with the due date for the Plan by March 1, 2024. Then a month later, due by April 1, is the list of potential projects that fit into the Plan. He asked the board to review the Plan to see if there are projects in their jurisdiction, any project that will reduce greenhouse gases would be eligible. He shared that OKI staff, Andy Meyer and Travis Miller are running point with this grant and available for any questions.

He next shared information about the Carbon Reduction Grant (\$20 million in a 5-year cycle) to build out a viable EV charging station network. He reminded members that applications are due February 1st.

Lastly, Mr. Policinski shared that board member Christine Maticic's last day is today. She began serving on the OKI board in 2002 and was board president 2007 and 2008. He noted that every OKI president leaves their mark and for Christine, it was freight, the movement of goods. She and fellow member Tom Voss helped create OKI's Freight Plan. She was responsible for OKI meeting with CSX in setting up the initial meeting with their president. He remarked that she helped put OKI's freight plan on the national scene.

He invited Christine Maticic to the podium, and she shared that OKI has come a long way. She advised members to take advantage of the networking opportunity of the influential persons on the board along with asking questions of the staff. She praised Mark's leadership that helped OKI to become known and more respected in the community. She expressed great appreciation to OKI and for the opportunities presented to her in representing Butler County.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed to all in advance with a printed copy at their seats. Ms. Hannum reported the Council's financing activities, as January 5, 2024, OKI had:

\$224,576 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account
\$23,302 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account
\$861,290 in the STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

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.

President Moore requested a motion to approve the financial report. Treasurer Ken Reed provided a motion; Resident Member Hank Menninger seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser shared the 2023 Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC) attendance, which was included in the board meeting materials packet. The average monthly attendance is

34 committee members for the nine meetings in 2023 (60 members in ICC). He also provided the average attendance chart for the past 10 years.

He next stated that the ICC met on January 9th with a presentation from Andrea Henderson, ODOT-8 regarding their local funding opportunities. Additionally, a TIP modification was approved along with two resolutions that were recommended for board approval: 1. Resolution 2024-03, authorizing a contract for stormwater basin inventory evaluation and stormwater management capacity analysis for Ohio Counties and 2. TIP Amendment #5 of the 2024-2027 TIP.

Item #3 – Amendment #5 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Andy Reser stated Resolution 2024-02 is Amendment #5 to the FY24-27 TIP. He noted that periodically throughout the year, he will present to the board the changes to the TIP, which is a four-year program of projects in the OKI region that make use of available federal aid highway and transit funds.

The amendment includes five highway projects and two transit projects in Ohio. He further elaborated the Amendment moves \$651,000 in OKI-STBG funds from the existing Western Hills Viaduct project to a related new project, which is a building demolition needed to make way for the new Viaduct.

Additionally, the Amendment postpones two bridge painting projects and increases local funds for the Great Parks Winton Woods to Glenwood Gardens Trail.

For transit, the Amendment adds new ODOT federal funds to SORTA for Bus Stop Enhancements and expanded MetroNow, an on-demand service. He shared that all projects are exempt from air quality conformity requirements and the Amendment was posted to OKI’s website since December 20th with no comments were received.

President Moore requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2024-02, which was provided by Mr. Gailen Bridges, Kenton County Planning Commission with a second from Commissioner Alicia Reece; motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Consultant for Conducting a Stormwater Basin Inventory Evaluation & Stormwater Management Capacity Analysis for Ohio Counties

OKI staff, Mr. David Rutter shared that the study would identify basins that are ripe for retrofits or modifications which will allow them to handle more stormwater. A motion was provided from Trustee Jonathan Sams with a second from Commissioner David Painter; motion passes unanimously for OKI Resolution 2024-03.

Item #5 – Election of 2024 OKI Board of Directors

Mr. Karl Schultz, Nominating Committee Chair stated that the nominations/elections for the 2024 Board of Directors will take effect at the end of the meeting. He also reminded members that the Board is made up of Directors appointed by other groups and entities and Directors elected by the Board.

Chair Schultz shared that Roger Kerlin, Tom Voss and Shannon Hartkemeyer are members of the nominating committee. He stated that the committee met on December 14th to review candidates and positions, review applicable sections of the Articles of Agreement and By-laws, review nomination applications, attendance, and past activity. Chair 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 2023 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 8 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, Chair 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 9 and 10 of the Nominating Committee Report were declared to be members of the OKI Board of Directors.

Chair 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 11 of the Nominating Committee Report. Chair Schultz declared those individuals to be voting ex-officio members.

Chair 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 12 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 13 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 12 and 13 of the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Tom Voss seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chair 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 14 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Tom Voss moved to place in nomination the following names found on page 14 of the Nominating Committee Report with a second from Ms. Shannon Hartkemeyer, motion passes.

The 2024 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

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

Organization of the 2024 Executive Committee

Chair 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.

Chair 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.

Ms. Shannon Hartkemeyer placed in nomination those individuals listed on pages 15 and 16 to be named to the executive committee; Mr. Roger Kerlin seconded; motion passes. Chair Schultz asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there were none.

Chair 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, including Roger Kerlin Tom Voss, Shannon Hartkemeyer, the OKI staff, and members of the Taft law practice for their help and work in this process.

Chair Schultz turned the meeting over to 2024 OKI Board President, Gary Moore who thanked the committee for their time and work.

President Moore asked for a motion for the election of the 2024 Board of Directors. A motion was provided by Commissioner T.C. Rogers with a second by Commissioner Rick Probst; motion passed unanimously. President Moore welcomed all new and returning board members.

Item #6 - 2024 Budget Committee Appointments

President Moore shared that the following are members of the budget committee:

1. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, OKI Treasurer, *Chair*
2. Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court, President
3. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township, First Vice President
4. Rick Probst, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners, Second Vice President
5. David L. Painter, Clermont County Board of Commissioners, Past President
6. Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court
7. Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
8. Alicia Reece, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
9. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
10. David G. Young, Warren County Board of Commissioners

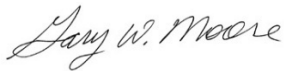
He requested a motion to accept the 2024 budget committee, which was provided by Ms. Christine Matacic with a second from Mr. Karl Schultz; motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 – Other Business

President Moore reminded everyone there is a board member orientation before the February meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Item #8 - Adjournment

President Moore requested a motion to adjourn, which was provided by Treasurer Ken Reed with a second from Ms. Christine Matacic; motion passed (meeting ended at 11:23 a.m.).



Gary W. Moore, President



Mark R. Policinski, Secretary

Last Name	First Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jurisdiction/Organization												
				Jan. 11 - Board	Feb. 8 - E.C.	Mar. 14 - E.C.	Apr. 11 - Board	May 9 - E.C.	June 13 - Board	Sept. 12 - E.C.	Oct. 10 - Board	Nov. 14 - E.C.			
Wessels	Bernie		Ft. Wright, KY												
Wideman	Melissa		Kenton County Airport Board	E											
Wilkins	Gregory		Butler County Engineer												
Williams	Stan	Ryan Cook	Warren County Regional Planning Commission												
Winn	Gary		Florence, KY	Y											
Wyatt	Krista		Lebanon, OH												
Yeager	Robert	Mike Bezold	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Y											
Young	David		Warren County Board of Commissioners												

GUESTS

Jennifer Haley Clermont Co. BOC
 Jennifer Shuey DLZ
 Steve Hayden Covington Commissioner
 Julie Smith-Morrow Newport Commissioner
 Scott Brown ODOT D8
 Bob Hill Lochner
 Matthew Kremer City of Ft. Thomas
 Floyd Croucher City of Trenton
 Jeff Wallace CT Consultants
 Jay Hamilton Mead Hunt
 Emily Ahouse City of Cincinnati
 Ben Thaeler Congressman Davidson office
 Mike Robison Congressman Davidson office
 Veronica Haywood City of Mason
 Chris Harding Commissioner Driehaus
 Vince Karsteter Greendale Mayor
 Dan Pozniak DSD Advisors
 Brian Gath Blue Ash
 Patricia Stern Indian Hill

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Terry Summers	Indiana DOT
Glen Lovitt	Sharonville
Jim Lukas	Sharonville