



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

10:30 A.M.

**OKI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1-A



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DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2009

TO: OKI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: MARK R. POLICINSKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION

The Federal Executive Board has again asked OKI to recognize individuals from throughout the tri-state region who contributed outstanding public service as a public or non-profit employee or as a volunteer. Up to ten individuals selected by OKI will be recognized with other honorees at an event on Cincinnati's Fountain Square on Wednesday, May 6 during Public Service Recognition Week.

Nominations for OKI's regional public service awards should be submitted **ONLY** by OKI Board and Executive Committee members. If necessary, OKI's officers will review your nominations and submit the names of no more than 10 award winners to the PSR-C committee.

For 12 years, OKI has had a seat on the Federal Executive Board's 25-member Public Service Recognition-Cincinnati (PSR-C) committee. The group includes representatives from NIOSH, National Park Service, Social Security Administration, Ohio Attorney General's office, Hamilton County, City of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky Area Development District and other agencies. It exists for five months each year to honor public service and exceptional public employees or volunteers.

Please use the enclosed form to record your nomination(s), and return it to us by **Friday, April 3**.

Thank you for participating in this effort. If you have any questions on this matter, do not hesitate to contact me or Summer Jones of our staff.

Steve Pendery
President

Mark R. Policinski
Executive Director

2009 AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

Regional Public Service Recognition Nomination Form

Purpose: To recognize and reward superior performance by a public employee or public service volunteer beyond the expectations of the position held, and which serves as an example to others.

Background: Nationally, *Public Service Recognition Week* is May 4 through 10, 2009. Exemplary public service in the tri-state will be recognized at a **Fountain Square** event on May 6 at Noon. The Federal Executive Board invited the OKI Regional Council to make awards to up to 10 **outstanding** individuals in the tri-state at the May 6 event. Nominations for OKI's regional public service awards should be submitted **ONLY** by OKI Trustees and Executive Committee members.

Instructions: Please complete this form **AND attach a typed statement of no more than one page**, summarizing the individual's qualifications for special recognition, using the following criteria. (NOTE: If the employee or volunteer performed in an outstanding manner as part of a team, the entire team may be nominated.)

Criteria: The nominee:

- Is not an elected official;
- Has been an integral or essential part of a significant improvement of public service (internal or external to his or her organization);
- Achieved a significant or positive outcome or result;
- Made efficient use of resources, including personnel, time, funding, or supplies while increasing quality or productivity;
- Set an example for other employees or volunteers;
- Has had excellent performance and attendance records, exemplary overall service, and contributions to the region.

Name of Nominee: _____
(Please Print)

Nominee's Employer and/or Nonprofit Organization: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____
(Please Print)

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

Nominated By: _____
(Please Print) OKI Trustee or Executive Committee Member

Address: _____
(Please Print)

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

Return to: Marilyn Osborne
OKI Regional Council of Governments
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Questions? Contact Summer Jones at OKI:
513/621-6300

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009

EXHIBIT 1-B

MEETING MINUTES



**MEETING MINUTES OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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**OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**JANUARY 8, 2009
10:30 A.M. – OKI BOARD ROOM**

- Call to Order

President Matacic called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

<u>Member</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Ms. Christine L. Matacic, Butler County Assoc. of Township Trustees & Clerks, President	X	X
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court	X	X
Mr. Edwin Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Comm.	X	X
Mr. Jeff L. Hughes, Dearborn County Board of Comm.	X	X
Mr. Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Comm.	X	X
Mr. Steve Brun, Bellevue, Kentucky	X	X
Mr. James Sumner, Blue Ash, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Steve Megerle, Covington, Kentucky	X	X
Mr. Steve Jaeger, Edgewood, Kentucky		X
Mr. Thomas Cahill, Erlanger, Kentucky	X	X
Mr. Michael Snyder, Fairfield, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Archie Johnson, Hamilton, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Randy Shank, Harrison, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Joseph Beech, III, Indian Hill, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Mark Fitzgerald, Loveland, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio	X	X
Ms. Lynda Roesch, Montgomery, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Victor Schneider, Norwood, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Kenneth H. Bogard, Oxford, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Robert Ashbrock, Reading, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Mark Quarry, Silverton, Ohio	X	X
Ms. Kathy McNear, Springdale, Ohio	X	X
Mr. David Linnenberg, Green Township, Ohio	X	X
Mr. Robert McGee, Union Township, Ohio	X	X

Steve Pendery
President

Mark R. Policinski
Executive Director

MEMBER CONTINUED:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Mr. T. J. Corcoran, Clermont County Township Assoc.		X
Mr. Elmo Rose, Warren County Assoc. of TT & C	X	X
Mr. Ken Rehtin, Campbell County Fiscal Court	X	X
Ms. Cathy Flaig, Boone County Fiscal Court	X	X
Mr. Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court	X	X
Mr. Greg Breetz, Boone County Planning Commission	X	X
Mr. Michael F. Juengling, Butler County Planning Comm.	X	X
Mr. Andrew Johns, Clermont County Planning Comm.		X
Mr. Ralph B. Grieme, Jr., NKAPC	X	X
Mr. Robert T. Craig, Warren County Regional Plann. Comm.	X	X
Mr. Charles Graves, Cincinnati (City) Planning Commission	X	X
Mr. Timothy Bachman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission	X	X
Ms. Teri A. Whitmore, Hamilton (City) Planning Commission	X	X
Mr. Martin D. Kohler, Middletown (City) Planning Commission	X	X
Mr. Craig Beckley, Dearborn County Township Association	X	X
Ms. Joyce Kinley, The AMOS Project	X	X
Mr. Larry Maxey, Resident Member	X	X
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member	X	X
Mr. James W. Ritter, Resident Member	X	X
Mr. Mike Rozow, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	X	X
Mr. V. Anthony Simms-Howell, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs	X	X
Mr. Courtney E. Combs, Ohio State Representative	X	X
Mr. Dennis Andrew Gordon, NKAPC	X	X
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation	X	X
Mr. Stephan Louis, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority	X	X
Mr. Brad Williams, Butler County Regional Transit Authority	X	

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Edward Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister

GUESTS

Ms. Kimm Coyner, (representing Mr. Young) Warren County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Mel Martin, representing Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Andy Flueggeman, (representing Mr. Jindal) Ohio Department of Transportation
Mr. Andrew Aiello, (representing Mr. Furtwengler) Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky
Mr. Karl Schultz, Miami Township
Mr. David Wormald, URS Corp.
Ms. Cindy Wallace, TranSystems

Guests continued:

Mr. Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Mr. Mike Duncan, Blue Ash, Ohio
Mr. Mike Kerlin
Ms. Kathy Binns, Commissioner Todd Portune's Office

STAFF

Mr. Mark R. Policinski	Mr. Robert W. Koehler	Ms. Marilyn F. Osborne
Ms. Purcy Nance	Mr. Brian Cunningham	Ms. Nicole Kudrna
Mr. David Shuey	Mr. Andrew Rohne	Ms. Robyn Bancroft
Ms. Larisa Sims	Mr. Mark Paine	Ms. Margo Lindahl
Ms. Florence Parker	Ms. Mary Luebbers	Ms. Jane Wittke
Mr. Bruce Koehler	Ms. Katie Lauber	Ms. Summer Jones
Ms. Gayle Foster	Ms. Karen Whitaker	

- Announcements

President Matacic reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes. She also reminded everyone that this is a Board of Directors Meeting and that Executive Committee Alternates cannot vote.

ITEM #1: ADMINISTRATIVE

A. President's Report

President Matacic welcomed the new members and welcome back to those who are familiar faces.

President Matacic stated that this was her last meeting as President. She thanked staff for their assistance over the past two years. She thanked the Board member for their support over the years. She stated that she will continue to be active in OKI and particularly the Freight Working Group.

B. Approval of November 13, 2008 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

President Matacic called for corrections and/or additions to the November 13, 2008 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting.

There being none, Mr. Bogard moved that the November 13, 2008 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting be approved as mailed. Mr. Rose seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Policinski stated that it is a great time to be a member of the OKI Board of Directors. He stated that there has been great progress in linking transportation issues with economic development. He stated that all regional projects that use federal for funding must go

through OKI to get approval and meet regulation standards.

Mr. Policinski stated that there is a lot of activity regarding the Brent Spence Bridge. He stated that they are reaching critical points in the timeline of the Brent Spence Bridge. He stated that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has been working together on a "Conceptual Alternatives Study", where the bridge will be built. He stated that the study is now in draft form. He stated that OKI has an informal group, the Bridge Builders. Members include Hamilton County, Covington, Judge Pendery, both chambers of commerce and representatives of congressional offices.. He stated that their objectives are to greatly reduce the number of alternatives in the study that will be furthered for advancement. He stated that this will save time and money. He stated that a report will completed by January, sent to an Advisory Committee where they will issue an opinion.

Mr. Policinski stated that in the past month OKI staff has been recognized by the General Accountability Office in Washington D.C. He stated the Environment and Public Works Committee in the Senate has asked the GAO to send our questionnaire to MPO's . He stated that he anticipates that the survey will be regarding our governmental structure, efficiency of disbursing funding, our project review process, etc. He stated that OKI will participate in the pre-testing of the survey. He stated that they acknowledge that OKI is one of the best MPO's in the country.

Mr. Policinski stated that OKI was notified that the American Planning Association (APA) has given OKI an award, "The National Associations National Planning Achievement Award for a Hard Won Victory". This was in regard to the Drinking Water Protection Plan for the Village of New Miami. OKI coordinated nine communities in order to prepare a plan on how to protect the drinking water system. The results were the Village of New Miami Drinking Water Protection Plan. Ohio EPA has endorsed the plan and the New Miami council strengthened the plan. He acknowledged Mr. Bruce Koehler for his work on the project.

Mr. Policinski stated that in December the Federal Highway Administration conducted their four year certification process. He stated that the two day interview was headed up by Robert Koehler, OKI's Deputy Executive Director. He stated that the Federal Highway Administration stated that they have never had as many accolades for an MPO. Their review commended OKI on public outreach, work with environmental justice, the prioritization plan, the work with the OKI Board and its impact on the communities. FHWA commended OKI on the cutting edge work with the Freight Working Group, OKI's Benefit Cost Analysis and the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model.

D. Legislative Update

Mr. Cunningham, Staff in his Legislative Affairs Update reported on two items that will dominate discussions regarding transportation on the federal level during the next several months. The first is the Economic Stimulus Package and the other is the authorization of the new federal transportation funding legislation.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the primary difference between the two is the stimulus package is an infusion of new funding over the short-term that will provide money to infrastructure projects that can begin very quickly. He stated that the new federal transportation funding legislation is a six-year bill that creates or modifies policies that states follow regarding transportation projects and establishes core funding mechanisms to build those projects.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the original plan was to have the stimulus package bill ready for President-elect Obama's signature immediately after taking the oath of office. However, it appears that timeframe has changed and now is expected to occur sometime in late February. He stated that unfortunately, by pushing this deadline back it is expected that much of the work on the new six-year federal transportation funding bill will also be pushed back. He stated that the slip in the stimulus package timeframe may also delay a great deal of the other issues Congress had planned to work on early this year.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the potential size of the stimulus package continues to fluctuate between \$650 billion and \$1 trillion with a combination of tax cuts and new spending. He stated that there remains strong support for infrastructure funding to be a major component of the package but to what extent the funding levels will be still needs to be defined. He stated that it should be noted, that infrastructure is expected to comprise everything from traditional roads, bridges, transit rail and airports to water and waste water projects, schools, public buildings and potentially upgrading the power grid. However, traditional infrastructure is expected to get a significant majority of these dollars.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the bill will ultimately be written by the Appropriations Committee with significant input from congressional leadership and the Obama transition team. He stated that House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Oberstar will also have significant input however, since the bill will be drafted by Appropriations the final legislation may differ from Oberstar's recommendations.

Mr. Cunningham stated that one of the major issues are still unknown is how this new funding will be distributed throughout the country. The best bet is that the money will go to the states for distribution. There most likely will not be a "take down" for MPO's. Stimulus funding of projects for this region would come from the state capitols in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. He stated that the second item involves next Federal Transportation Funding Bill which is even more uncertain. He stated that details regarding the timeframes for developing the draft will be finalized after the Committees have been created formally which isn't expected to occur until next week at the earliest.

Mr. Cunningham stated that it is expected the bill may approach the \$500 billion level, which is a significant increase over the previous \$285 billion level of the current legislation, SAFETEA-LU. He stated that the problem is that there is zero sentiment for funding this increase from the General Fund. He stated that consequently, there will have to be increases in fees, taxes or tolls. He stated that the most prominent of these are the gas tax, congestion pricing and a VMT tax.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the current bill (SAFETEA-LU) is set to expire September 2009. However, conventional wisdom is that a new six-year bill will not be ready by then and it is expected a Continuing Resolution will be enacted, with the passage of a new six-year bill sometime in 2010. He stated that the chances of early passage are lessened even more by the fact that there is a sincere effort to make this Transportation Bill a redefinition of how this country views and finances transportation.

Mr. Cunningham stated that OKI is working with staff from its National Association, and other DC entities, to keep abreast of developments on a daily basis.

E. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Nance, Staff stated that distributed around the table is the Finance Officer's Report dated January 8, 2009. She stated this report contains both October and November Financial statements. She stated that she would be reporting on the more current November information.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 2 is the current information. She stated that as of January 2nd OKI had \$119,955 in the National City checking account and \$1,007,150 in the National City savings account. She stated 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 30th. She stated that Cash and Investments are up 160% from this time last year. She stated that Receivables are down about 62% from this time last year. She stated that this is due to quicker contract execution and beginning of the fiscal year payments by KYTC, completion of the I-471 study and timing of County funding payments. She stated that as of November 30th there were \$365,000 in receivables, \$318,000 associated with October and November invoices and \$47,000 outstanding from September and earlier. She further stated that payables are up 18% from this time last year. She stated that deferred revenues, which are funds received in advance of expenditures, are up about \$101,000 or 78% from this time last year. She stated that this is associated with development of the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 4 is the Revenue information. She stated that as of November 30th OKI is 42% of the way through the budgeted year. She stated that overall revenues are at approximately 33% which is slightly behind budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: the State of Ohio revenues are behind budget due to timing of budgeted activities and lower than budgeted carryover. She stated that local revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of county funding payments. She further noted that Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to the over-match received by the Ozone Program; Ozone has been so successful at getting private sector support, that the amount of over-match exceeds 13% of OKI's total budget. She stated that this match is non-cash. She stated that a line has been added to the report to show fiscal year to date over-match received. She stated that this amount is deducted so the total line represents project budget progress.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 5 is the Expense information. She stated that overall expenses are at approximately 31% which is slightly behind budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is behind budget due timing of budgeted activities. Under category 4, Technical Consultants are behind budget due to timing of the travel model data collection and the GPS survey. Marketing is ahead of budget due to the seasonal nature of the Ozone program. She stated that under category 5, Legal and Auditing is behind budget due to the timing of invoices. Under category 6, Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to the over-match received by the Ozone Program. These amounts are deducted so the total line represents project budget progress.

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 \$118,000 year to date. She stated that the two components of this increase are timing differences and year to date activities. She stated that the timing differences include: \$83,000 increase due to timing of county funding contracts and \$49,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. She stated that the remaining \$84,000 increase is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects. She stated that after these changes OKI's current fund balance is \$1,185,000, of this amount \$428,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Grieme moved that the Board of Directors accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated January 8, 2009. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Regional Planning
 - Regional Land Use Commission
 - Regional Greenspace Office

- B. Transportation
 - Freight Working Group
 - HAM/WAR-71-Fields Ertel/Mason-Montgomery Interchange Study
 - Environmental Justice Advisory Committee

- C. Environmental
 - Water Quality Program

Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as mailed. Mr.

Gordon seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. Committee announcements and/or updates.

There were no committee announcements and/or updates.

ITEM #3: FREIGHT WORKING GROUP VIDEO PRESENTATION

Ms. Bancroft, Staff gave an overview on the status of global, national and regional freight movements. She summarized recent and future work OKI has undertaken and will be undertaking for the OKI Region.

This information was provided for information only.

Item #4: HOMELAND SECURITY GIS UPDATE

Mr. Shuey, Staff detailed the recent progress of OKI towards Homeland Security efforts and outlined plans for moving the project forward. He stated that OKI has been coordinating with regional Homeland Security officials to jointly develop Geographic Information Systems (GIS) layers to support Homeland Security and transportation planning efforts in our region

This information was provided for information only.

ITEM #5 INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Paine, Staff reported that ICC met on Tuesday, January 6 and recommends approval of Resolution 2009-01.

A. ICC Attendance Sheets

Mr. Paine stated that per a request from the Board of Directors, please find attached the attendance sheets from the Intermodal Coordinating Committee meetings from July through December 2008, the first half of fiscal year 2009. He stated that this information is to be provided semi-annually to the OKI Board of Directors.

This information was provided for information only.

B. Amendment #13 of the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine stated that the amendment reflected in the proposed resolution lists 3 highway projects in Ohio, 2 highway projects in Indiana and 5 transit entries (representing numerous projects for Clermont Transportation Connection, Middletown Transit System and SORTA) that are recommended for addition or revision in the current TIP. He stated that because the scope, cost and timing of included projects is subject to periodic change, and because new projects are continually being developed, the TIP is formally amended several times a year, as needed.

Mr. Paine noted a correction on Page 2 of Resolution 2009-01. Ohio Highway Project, 1), second paragraph.

CON - \$516,000-\$412,800 in federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds with a local match of \$103,200 in the 4th quarter of fiscal years 2010-~~2nd quarter of fiscal year 2011.~~

After discussion, Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution OKI 2009-01, concerning amendment #13 of the Fiscal Years 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Grieme seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #6: ELECTION OF 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Reed stated that the Nominating Committee met on December 8, 2008 to talk through candidates and positions; reviewed applicable sections of Articles of Agreement and By-laws; Reviewed Nominations/Applications; reviewed Attendance/Past Activity and we come to you with a unanimous recommendation

Mr. Reed reviewed the 2008 Officers of OKI.

President	Christine Matacic
First Vice President	Steve Pendery
Second Vice President	Pat DeWine
Treasurer	Mary C. Walker
Secretary & Executive Director	Mark R. Policinski

Mr. Reed stated that the Articles of Agreement of OKI call for certain units of local government to appoint their representatives to the OKI Board of Directors. 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 9 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Reed stated that 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 for 2009.

Mr. Reed stated that there are vacancies reserved for representatives of certain municipalities or Cities (with a population of more than 40,000), county and regional planning commissions. 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 for 2009.

Mr. Reed 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 15 of the Nominating Committee Report. Those individuals who have been appointed as ex-

officio members of the OKI Board of Directors as listed on Page 15 of the report are hereby declared to be ex-officio voting members of the OKI Board of Directors for 2009.

ELECTION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Reed stated that the Articles call for additional members to be elected by the Board of Directors. They are:

1) Public Officials from Kentucky and Indiana

Mr. Reed stated the articles provide for the election of up to 4 elected officials from Kentucky and Indiana to the Board of Directors. The nominations are listed on page 10 of the Nominating Committee Report.

2) Residents

Mr. Reed stated that the articles provide for the election of up to 20 residents to the Board of Directors. The nominations are listed on page 13 of the Nominating Committee Report. He noted to remove Mr. Robert Laws from the list.

3) Other elected Officials and Persons Responsible to elected officials or from Special Purpose Districts

Mr. Reed 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.

Mr. Reed the nominations are listed on page 14 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Rose moved to place in nomination the names of the individuals listed on pages 10, 13 and 14 of the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Maxey seconded the motion; motion carried.

C) Election of 2009 Officers

Mr. Reed moved that the Articles call for the election of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Past President, Treasurer, and Secretary listed on page 16 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Reed stated that the Articles also permit the election of other officers as the Board of Directors deems appropriate. The Nominating Committee is also recommending the election of Christine L. Maticic as Past President.

Mr. Maxey moved to place in nomination the names of the individuals listed on pages 16 of the Nominating Committee Report. They are as follows:

President	Steve Pendery
First Vice President	Edwin Humphrey
Second Vice President	Mike Juengling
Treasurer	Kenneth F. Reed
Past President	Christine L. Matacic
Secretary	Mark R. Policinski

Mr. Rose seconded the motion; motion carried.

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE 2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Reed stated that the officers of OKI (other than the Past President), members of the OKI Board of Directors who are appointed by member counties and members of the OKI Board of Directors who are appointed by townships and municipalities have population of over 40,000 are hereby declared to be members of the OKI Executive Committee for 2009. They are listed on page 17 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Reed 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 for 2009. He stated that they are listed on page 18 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Rose moved to place in nomination the names of the individuals listed on page 18 of the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Maxey seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Reed stated that the election of representatives from the OKI Board of Trustees representing:

- (a) cities of less than 40,000 in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana;
- (b) 4 from townships in Ohio of less than 40,000 or elected public officers from member counties or municipalities in Kentucky and Indiana
- (c) 2 Resident Members of the OKI Board of Directors; and
- (d). 3 additional Members of the OKI Board of Directors

They are as follows:

Indiana Cities Under 40,000 (Only 1 city qualifies in Indiana)	Bill Cunningham
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Kentucky Cities Under 40,000	Beth Fennell
Ohio Cities Under 40,000	Ken Bogard
Ohio Townships of Less than 40,000 or Ky or In Counties or Municipalities	Christine L. Matacic
	Elmo Rose
	Ken Rehtin
	Cathy Flaig
Resident Member	Larry Maxey
Resident Member	Steve Stevens
At-Large Director	Bill Brayshaw
At-Large Director	James T. O'Reilly
At-Large Director	Keith Corman

Mr. Maxey moved to place in nomination the names of the individuals listed on pages 17 & 18 of the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Rose seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Reed stated that the election of the 2009 Board of Directors and the Executive Committee is completed.

Mr. Reed thanked the members of the Nominating Committee:
 Larry Maxey
 Elmo Rose

He also thanked the OKI staff for their assistance.

ITEM #7: 2009 BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President-Elect Pendery 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 for the Calendar Year 2009.

Members

Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court
Gregory Jolivette, Butler County Board of Commissioners
Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court, President
Edwin Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners/First Vice President
Jeff L. Hughes, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Ralph Drees, Kenton County Fiscal Court
David G. Young, Warren County Board of Commissioners
Christine Maticic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees and
Clerks/Past President
Roxanne Qualls, Cincinnati, Ohio
Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, OKI Treasurer
Michael Juengling, Butler County Planning Commission, Second Vice President

Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors concur with the President's appointment of the 2009 OKI Budget Committee Members. Mr. Megerle seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #8: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ITEM #9: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned. Mr. Rose seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

CHRISTINE L. MATAICIC, 2008 PRESIDENT

STEVE PENDERY, 2009 PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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OKI Board of Directors

01/08/2009

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David G. Young Warren County Board of Commiss																			R

Y = ATTENDED
 R = REPRESENTED
 E = EXCUSED

EXHIBIT 1-C

Executive Director's Report

ITEM #1-C: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Outreach

Met with representatives of the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District regarding the Eastern Corridor project. Chaired a meeting of the Bridge Builders to determine the current status of the draft Conceptual Alternative Study because of objections by FHWA to some of the draft's conclusions. Interviewed with the Cincinnati Enquirer regarding the Brent Spence Bridge. Met with representatives of the Cincinnati Business Council and the Cincinnati Regional USA Chamber to discuss regional transportation priorities. Sat with Commissioner Pepper's Hamilton County Economic Development Committee. Attended meetings of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils. Met with Senator Brown's state and regional directors regarding infrastructure projects in the region and prospects of federal funding. Attended meetings with the Ohio Rail Development Commission regarding the 3-C corridor; a project to link Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati by passenger rail. Participated in numerous meetings regarding the federal stimulus package and its infrastructure provisions. Met with Sharonville Mayor Lovitt to discuss the Sharonville rail yard and the impact of freight expansion on the city. Met with representatives of the Butler County Port Authority to discuss freight issues. Met with Commissioner Greg Hartman. Spoke to the Boone County Businessmen's Association. Attended a meeting of the Mill Creek Council of Communities. Met with Governor Strickland in regards to the Ohio 21st Century Transportation Task Force. Spoke to the Northern Kentucky City County Managers Association.

Federal Stimulus Package

The saying "anyone who enjoys sausage and the law should never watch either being made" is always apt. The stimulus package is changing as each day passes. MPO's and COG's are going to be part of the stimulus network. At this writing, we anticipate approximately \$60 million in new funding for OKI in two phases. However, OKI will have to move with great speed to meet the deadlines in the legislation. If deadlines are not met, there will be a loss of some of this funding. We anticipate that the traditional programs like STP will be the vehicle for the funds. We do not believe that there will be any planning funds in the stimulus package because of the desire for "shovel-ready" projects.

Staff has sent out a "call for projects" to OKI board members in December and have received over \$300 million in project requests from the region's communities. As the federal legislation establishes criteria for the spending of stimulus dollars, OKI staff will have to discern which projects are eligible. This is a very difficult process for staff to complete given the tight timeframes. Staff will make a "first effort" to prioritize projects for the February Executive Committee meeting. However, we will not know the final requirements of the bill until after that Executive Committee meeting. OKI approval of stimulus projects will occur in March.

Everyone must understand that this stimulus bill will require modifications to OKI's prioritization process. While staff will do everything it can to minimize any divergence from the normal process, we have to be flexible as we move projects through to approval.

One final note, there is a possibility that the requirements and timelines of the bill will be so confining that we may have to turn to state departments of transportation project lists for projects to prioritize. This is not a preferred option, but it may be a necessary one in order to not lose the second phase of stimulus funding.

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I am proud that Larisa Sims has accepted the position of Manager of Regional Planning to succeed Bill Miller. Larisa is an outstanding achiever and will be a great success in leading this critical department for OKI.

EXHIBIT 3

CONSENT AGENDA



Ohio • Kentucky • Indiana
Regional Council of Governments

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2009

TO: OKI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: STEVE PENDERY, PRESIDENT

RE: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. At the meeting action requested will be a motion to approve the committee reports.

Questions and/or concerns regarding committee reports may be directed to staff by calling (513) 621-6300 (staff extension is noted next to name in the report), or by e-mail at plan@oki.org.

Listed below are consent agenda items to be presented at the February 12, 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

A. Regional Planning

1. Regional Land Use Commission

Chair: Mel Martin Larisa Sims (ext. 239) lsims@oki.org
Jane Wittke (ext. 125) jwittke@oki.org

Staff continues to pursue the creation of a fiscal impact analysis model for use in the region. Weekly meetings of the consultant team and project management team continue to take place to monitor progress and discuss project efforts for the model.

Staff and the consultant team completed a near final draft of the excel version of the cost and revenue model. Statistical analysis methods were finalized and statistics were provided for input in the model. Staff and the consultant team continued to modify the list of amendments to the beta version of the website. Staff met with Blackwell representatives to identify changes and determine next steps for rectifying differences between the excel version and the beta web version of the model. Amendments to the website are underway.

Staff followed up with project partners regarding budget data for input into the model. Staff also began compiling and formatting data for all project partners. Data gaps are being identified and resolved. Staff and the consultant team also continued to draft documentation for the model.

Steve Pendery
President

Mark R. Policinski
Executive Director

Staff and the consultant team have also been identifying strategies for meeting MSD's unique needs for the model and working with Dearborn County to identify alternatives to deal with the lack of some key local data. Staff began work on publicity materials for use after initial project is complete.

On January 9th staff attended a webinar on Creating Citizen Engagement in Small and/or Rural Communities put on by Chapters of the American Planning Association.

Staff began developing materials for the Land Use and Environment portions of the updated OKI website. Materials will include information on current projects, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and its implementation, and the water and greenspace programs.

Staff has also continued working with St. Clair Township, the Butler County Planning Commission, and the Hamilton to New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium to prepare a comprehensive plan for the township that integrates a source water protection component. These local partners are providing in-kind support for the project which is being funded by the Miami Conservancy District (MCD).

On January 12, after hearing a presentation from OKI staff about the final draft comprehensive plan and planning process, the St. Clair Township Trustees endorsed the plan and planning process with a resolution of support. Copies of the final draft comprehensive plan and the Township's resolution of support were subsequently provided to the Butler County Planning Commission, whose members will be considering plan adoption at their meeting of February 10.

On January 15, staff attended an information session regarding the Ohio River Bacteria TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) study held in Anderson Township. Information was provided on the water quality goals for the Ohio River, available data and outcomes of the TMDL study, use of a model to address bacteria issues in the Ohio River, and the unique process that will be used for the "mainstem" study of the Ohio River.

2. Regional Greenspace Office
Staff: Margo Lindahl (ext. 126) mlindahl@oki.org

Staff continues working on federally required consultations by focusing on preparations for meeting with state agencies. The state agencies to be involved are those that have information or administrative responsibilities for environmental resources identified in state conservation plans, maps, or inventories (i.e., the resources to be compared with the transportation plan in the consultations process).

- Graphic and data issues were identified on the draft consultations map. Data descriptions were added and clarified.
- Work has progressed on a companion document to the map. Research and draft descriptions were finalized for Priority Conservation Areas (per

state wildlife plans) and Endangered, Threatened and Rare Species. The draft descriptions of six of the seven environmental resources featured on the consultations map have been finalized for the companion document.

- Work began on formatting information on transportation projects shown on the consultations map to ensure consistency with the regional transportation plan and suitability for the consultations process.
- Staff reviewed each state agency's responsibility for environmental resources. A list was prepared to indicate how state agency consultations are to be combined and sequenced.
- Background information was drafted for use in contacting state agencies and preparing them for participation in the consultations.
- Issues for discussion were further expanded and refined to facilitate a comparison of the transportation plan with environmental resources.

Work proceeded on the data matrix of local jurisdictions that will help with targeting information or assistance for greenspace conservation and land use planning strategies. Data collection was finished and data was sorted in preparation for analysis.

Staff prepared an insert for a draft article developed for publication in the spring to feature one aspect of the land use-water quality connection.

Staff prepared information for mapping of watersheds by Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUCs) for the purpose of resolving problems with map codes and boundaries. Ultimately, it will be necessary to compare this information with the new HUC system being created for each state. The mapping of these watersheds will facilitate technical assistance and distribution of information for appropriate watershed protection efforts.

Staff reviewed progress by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) to build a Green Regions Campaign. The NARC website provides links to Green Infrastructure Projects at the county and the city/town level and a list of and links to Resources (accessed most directly by tabs at the top of <http://greeninfrastructure.net>).

Drafts were developed for greenspace as part of a larger OKI website update process, both to introduce greenspace as an element of OKI's Land Use and Environmental work and also to conceptualize a website approach for providing information that promotes the conservation of greenspace within the region.

B. Transportation

1. Freight Working Group

Staff: Robyn Bancroft (ext. 211) rbancroft@oki.org

In regards to the Norfolk Southern (NS) Double Stack Clearance Project for Columbus-Cincinnati main line, OKI Staff continue to work with FHWA to attain an eligibility determination for the OKI CMAQ application. Also, NS received initial approval to submit a full application the Logistics and Distribution portion of Ohio's Jobs Stimulus Plan for the remaining the Columbus to Cincinnati Double-Stack Clearance Projects outside the OKI region. Staff continues to work closely with NS to keep this project moving forward.

Staff attended the Distribution & Logistics Stimulus Information Meeting held by the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce's Transportation Committee on January 22 to discuss eligibility requirements, anticipated projects, application information, funding cycles, and deadlines.

The second round of ODOD DERG (Diesel Emission Reduction Grants) was announced over the Holidays. OKI Staff have shared information with all members of the Freight Working Group and participated in an ODOD-hosted Q&A conference call on January 12. OKI has been asked and has agreed to partner with the John R. Jurgensen Company on their application to purchase and install emissions reduction equipment on heavy-duty diesel vehicles at their hot-mix asphalt plant located in Cincinnati.

OKI Staff attended a meeting with Xavier University, City of Cincinnati and SORT/Metro staff to discuss XU's interest in purchasing needed NS trackage for campus development. XU currently leases the right-of-way. Verbal support was granted XU as they move forward with purchase negotiations with NS.

Staff made final changes to the Freight Video Presentation for presentation to the OKI Board of Directors on January 8. Staff participated in the January 21 WEB CONFERENCE SR200: Talking Freight - Surface Freight Transportation Responsibilities: Who Does What?

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) will hold a follow-up meeting to a meeting held earlier this year to discuss potential rail passenger station location.

OKI Staff attended a meeting on January 23 to review the status of Amtrak start-up service between Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati. Several items were discussed including local planning issues; possible sites for passenger rail stations; and analysis of the alternative station sites.

2. HAM/WAR-71-Fields Ertel/Mason-Montgomery Interchange Study
Staff: Robyn Bancroft (ext. 211) rbancroft@oki.org

ODOT recommended several enhancements and revisions to the draft conceptual alternatives. Warren County and Hamilton County are working with ODOT to incorporate revisions and complete the study.

3. Environmental Justice Activities Progress Report
Staff: Florence Parker (ext. 103) fparker@oki.org

Staff provided a copy of an OKI Request for Qualifications regarding the collection of traffic count data to firms on OKI's DBE Certified Vendor Bid List.

Staff assisted the Cincinnati Public Schools Supplier Diversity Office by providing its Request for Proposal to firms on the OKI DBE Certified Vendor Bid List.

Staff responded to inquiries from firms either requesting information about the process to be followed for placement on OKI's DBE Certified Vendor Bid List or firms asking if its business is currently included on the DBE Certified Vendor Bid List.

C. Environmental

1. Water Quality Program
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General Water Quality Activities

In January OKI staff continued to respond to requests for determinations about whether wastewater facility projects would be in conformity with OKI's Regional Water Quality Management Plan prepared under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. Conformity with OKI's "208" Plan is a condition before state agencies can issue permits for projects to proceed. On January 13, staff met with a representative of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati to discuss several wastewater facility planning issues in relation to the "208" plan.

On Jan. 10, staff participated in the Saturday Stream Snapshot Data Sharing Brunch, which summarized eight months of volunteer stream monitoring in the OKI region, especially the Little Miami River watershed.

On Jan. 21, OKI staff attended the Alliance for Chemical Safety Annual Awards Banquet to learn more about hazardous materials and the local industries that handle them. After the meeting, staff started arranging an excursion with state and local officials preparing an emergency spill response plan for the Mill Creek.

On Jan. 26, staff facilitated planning of the OKI Regional Conservation Council's annual meeting, which is set for 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in OKI's Board Room. An educational program will explore the challenges and opportunities posed by the recession for conservation districts in the OKI region.

On various dates in January, OKI staff provided environmental information or guidance to the Miami Conservancy District, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Miami University's Institute for Environmental Sciences, Ohio EPA, Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, a citizen concerned about hazardous wastes in the Winton Place neighborhood, Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities, West Chester Township, Greenacres Foundation, Butler County Storm Water District, University of Cincinnati, organizers of the 2009 Ohio Stormwater Conference and MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. In-house, the water quality program staff conducted intergovernmental reviews of four local grant projects for consistency with the *Regional Water Quality Management Plan* and provided information to OKI staff working on bicycle/pedestrian trails, regional planning and geographic information systems.

Great Miami Drinking Water Protection Project

On Jan. 27, staff engaged in a telephone interview with a *Planning Magazine* writer who is profiling the Great Miami Drinking Water Protection Project. In recognition of the project's challenges, the American Planning Association awarded OKI its National Planning Achievement Award for a Hard-Won Victory.

Mill Creek Headwaters Project

Throughout January, OKI staff collaborated with eight project partners to prepare quarterly reports of contributed or reimbursable services for this federally funded stream restoration project.

On January 20, staff worked with a project scientist at MACTEC Engineering & Consulting to register as speakers at the 2009 Ohio Stormwater Conference, which will occur May 14 and 15 at the Manor House in Mason. OKI and MACTEC will give a presentation on the bio-retention ponds created at West Chester Service Center as part of the Mill Creek Headwaters Project.

On Jan. 30, staff harvested live willow stakes from a small stream near a Butler County sewage lift station. On Jan. 31, staff led a group of Boy Scout volunteers who posted the willows along East Fork Mill Creek in West Chester Township, near the Upper Mill Creek Water Reclamation Facility. The live stakes will help stabilize eroding streambanks for the Mill Creek Headwaters Project.

Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities

On Jan. 9, staff participated in the Watershed Council's Follow-Up Board and Staff Meeting to solidify plans and form working committees in connection with the End of Year Wrap-Up and Strategic Planning Session during December.

On Jan. 16, staff facilitated a driving tour of the Mill Creek watershed with the Watershed Council's corporate sponsorship coordinator, a college professor and a photographer to scout sites where the Watershed Council could conduct a public event along the Mill Creek. The tour also educated the sponsorship coordinator on issues that will interest potential corporate sponsors.

Groundwater Committee

During January staff began arrangements for the March meeting of the Groundwater Committee, which will include a feature presentation from the Ohio Department of Health. The presentation will feature information about how on-site wastewater treatment systems, such as septic tanks, are currently regulated in the state of Ohio, the results of a recent major study of their failure rates and implications for groundwater quality, and some of the technical, legislative, and policy issues associated with proposed regulatory schemes for these systems.

Next Meeting Date: March 4, 2009