



**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments**

**Board of Directors Meeting Notice**

**Wednesday, August 28, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield, MO**

[Join via Zoom](#)

**AGENDA**

**Open Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Cindy Stephens, Chair
2. Introductions and Announcements
3. Approval of August 28, 2024 Meeting Agenda  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2024 MEETING
4. Approval of June 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2024 BOARD MEETING

**Legislative Reports**

1. US Senator Hawley’s Office – Erin Engelmeyer/Tanner Wallace
2. US Senator Schmitt – Mike Ussery/Tucker Jobs
3. US Congressman Burlison’s Office – Jered Taylor
4. US Congressman Alford’s Office – Payton Ruddy
5. State Legislative Reports

**Guests**

1. SW MO Film Office Update – David Carr, Ozarks Film Foundry

**Business**

1. Approval of 2024 Transportation Priority Needs – Aishwarya Shrestha, Transportation Planner  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUIRED TO APPROVE 2024 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS PRIORITIES
2. Update of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Jason Ray & Michael Kohler  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) UPDATE
3. Program Updates – Jason Ray, Executive Director & Staff

**Other Business**

1. N/A

## **Partner Updates**

- A. USDA-Rural Development – Ashley Venolia/Cody Green
- B. MoDOT SW District – Frank Miller/Beth Schaller
- C. Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) – Sara Fields/Natasha Longpine
- D. Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) – Randall Willoughby
- E. Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) – Ronda Burnett
- F. Ozark Region Workforce Development Board – Cynthia Collins
- G. MO Higher Education & Workforce Development – Jessica Tate
- H. Missouri Department of Economic Development (MoDED) – Theresa Sampaio
- I. Springfield CVB – Tonia Castaneda/Mark Hecquet
- J. SeniorAge – Janice Piper
- K. Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) – Alice Wingo
- L. Red Cross – Stacy Burks

**Member Updates** – This is an opportunity for SMCOG members to provide updates regarding activities within their respective jurisdictions or introduce items of regional concern for discussion.

## **Adjourn**

Next SMCOG Board Meeting: **Annual SMCOG Breakfast Meeting 8:00AM, September 25, 2024**

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