



**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments  
Board of Directors Meeting Notice  
Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
9:00 a.m.  
The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield, MO  
[Zoom Option Available](#)**

**AGENDA**

**Open Meeting**

1. Call to Order – Cindy Stephens
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions and Announcements
4. Approval of AUGUST 23, 2023 Meeting Agenda  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR THE  
AUGUST 23, 2023 MEETING
5. Approval of JUNE 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE  
JUNE 28, 2023 BOARD MEETING

**Legislative Reports**

1. US Senator Hawley's Office – Erin Engelmeyer
2. US Senator Schmitt – Mike Ussery/Tucker Jobes
3. US Congressman Burlison's Office – Noah Snelson/Jered Taylor
4. US Congressman Alford's Office – Payton Ruddy
5. State Legislative Reports

**Business**

1. Transportation Needs Priorities – Jason Ray & Aishwarya Shrestha
2. SMCOG Dues Rate Proposal – Jason Ray
3. Program Updates – Jason Ray & Staff

**Other Business** – Cindy Stephens

1. N/A

**Partner Updates**

- A. Ashley Venolia/Cody Green – USDA-Rural Development
- B. Frank Miller/Beth Schaller – MoDOT SW District
- C. Sara Fields/Natasha Longpine – Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO)
- D. Andy Schiller– Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR)
- E. Ronda Burnett – Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)

- F. Cynthia Collins – Ozark Region Workforce Development Board
- G. Jessica Tate – MO Higher Education & Workforce Development
- H. Theresa Sampaio – Missouri Department of Economic Development (MoDED)
- I. Alex Cobb – SeniorAge
- J. Alice Wingo – Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO)
- K. Stacy Burks – Red Cross

**Member Updates** – This is an opportunity for SMCOG members to provide updates or introduce items of regional concern for discussion.

### **Adjourn**

Next SMCOG Board Meeting:

### **Annual Breakfast**

**8:00 AM September 27, 2023**

**eFactory, Jay Wasson Idea Loft**

**405 N. Jefferson Ave.**

**Springfield, MO**

**Primary parking is available on Boonville Ave.**

**Please RSVP to [CourtneyPinkham@MissouriState.edu](mailto:CourtneyPinkham@MissouriState.edu)**

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