



**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments  
Board of Directors Annual Breakfast Meeting Notice**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Missouri State University Kentwood Hall, 700 E. St. Louis Street  
Springfield, MO**

**AGENDA**

**8:00 AM Breakfast Served**

**Open Business Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Cindy Stephens, Chair
2. Introductions and Announcements
3. Approval of September 25, 2024 Meeting Agenda  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 MEETING
4. Approval of August 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE  
AUGUST 28, 2024 BOARD MEETING

**Guest:** Dr. Richard “Biff” Williams, President, Missouri State University

**FY2024 Annual Report** – Jason Ray SMCOG Executive Director

1. Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report (presented prior to business meeting) – Jason Ray  
(BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO ACCEPT FY2024 ANNUAL  
REPORT)

**Legislative Reports**

1. US Senator Hawley’s Office – Erin Engelmeyer
2. US Senator Schmitt – Mike Ussery
3. US Congressman Burlison’s Office – Steve Helms
4. State Legislative Reports

## **Other Business** – Cindy Stephens

### **Partner Updates**

- A. MSU Planning Department - Dr. Krista Evans
- B. USDA-Rural Development – Ashley Venolia/Cody Green
- C. MoDOT SW District – Frank Miller/Beth Schaller
- D. Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) – David Knaut
- E. Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) – Randall Willoughby/Tanya Turner
- F. Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) – Ronda Burnett
- G. Ozark Region Workforce Development Board – Cynthia Collins
- H. MO Higher Education & Workforce Development – Jessica Tate
- I. Missouri Department of Economic Development (MoDED) – Theresa Sampaio
- J. Springfield CVB – Lucy Atwood
- K. SeniorAge – Janice Piper
- L. Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) – Alice Wingo
- M. 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: **December 4, 2024 9:00AM**

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