



**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments  
Board of Directors Meeting Notice  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield, MO  
[Join via Zoom](#)**

**AGENDA**

**Open Meeting**

1. Call to Order – Cindy Stephens
2. Introductions and Announcements
3. Approval of May 22, 2024 Meeting Agenda  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR THE  
MAY 22, 2024 MEETING
4. Approval of March 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE  
MARCH 27, 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

**Guest Speakers**

1. Dean Thompson – Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce
  - Leaders for Ozarks Region Evolvment (LORE)
2. John Farmer de la Torre – Ozarks Film Foundry
  - Ozarks Film Commission Proposal

**Business**

1. Resolution to Endorse the Ozarks Film Commission
2. 2024-2025 Nominating Committee Discussion – Cindy Stephens
3. Program Updates – Jason & 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. Randall Willoughby– 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. Tonia Castaneda/Mark Hecquet – Springfield CVB
- J. Janice Piper – SeniorAge
- K. 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 regarding activities within their respective jurisdictions or introduce items of regional concern for discussion.

**Adjourn**

Next SMCOG Board Meeting: **June 26, 2024**

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