# OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MAY 15, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time of 12:00 p.m. in person.

The following members were present:

Greg Chapman, MoDOT (non-voting)
Jerry Compton, Citizen-at-Large
Travis Cossey, City of Nixa (a)
Mark Crabtree, City of Battlefield
R.J. Flores, Christian Co Citizen-at-Large
Eric Franklin, City of Republic
Eric Johnson, City of Ozark (a)
Derek Lee, City of Springfield

Rusty MacLachlan, Greene County Lynn Morris, Christian County John Russell, Greene County (Chair) Martha Smartt, City of Strafford (a) Dan Smith, City of Springfield (a) Kelly Turner, City Utilities Wes Young, City of Willard (a)

(a) Denotes alternate given voting privileges as a substitute for voting member not present

The following members were not present:

Steve Bach, Springfield Citizen-at-Large Cecelie Cochran, FHWA (non-voting) Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield Marshall Kinne, Springfield Citizen-at-Large Mark Schenkelberg, FAA (non-voting) Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson Airport (a)

Others Present: Derek Estell, TOTH; Bradley Jackson, Christian County; Mary Kromrey, OWN; Frank Miller, MoDOT; James O'Neal, Citizen-at-Large; Scott Bachman, City of Springfield; Nicole Boyd, Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, David Knaut, and Natasha Longpine Ozarks Transportation Organization.

Chair Russell called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m.

## I. Administration

#### A. Welcome

By-law Position	Member	Attendance
BOD Citizen-at-Large	Jerry Compton	Present
Christian County Citizen-at-Large	R.J. Flores	Present
Christian County Elected Official	Lynn Morris	Present
City of Battlefield Elected Official	Mark Crabtree	Present
City of Nixa Elected Official	Travis Cossey (a)	Present
City of Ozark Elected Official	Eric Johnson (a)	Present
City of Republic Elected Official	Eric Franklin	Present
City of Springfield Citizen-at-Large	Steve Bach	Absent
City of Springfield Citizen-at-Large	Marshall Kinne	Absent
City of Springfield Council Member	Dan Smith (a)	Present
City of Springfield Council Member	Brandon Jenson	Absent

City of Springfield Council Member	Derek Lee	Present
City of Strafford Elected Official	Martha Smartt (a)	Present
City of Willard Elected Official	Wes Young (a)	Present
City Utilities Transit Representative	Kelly Turner	Present
Greene County Commissioner	Rusty MacLachlan	Present
Greene County Commissioner	John Russell	Present
Springfield-Branson National Airport Board Member	Brian Weiler (a)	Absent

A quorum was present.

## B. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Derek Lee made a motion to approve the May 15, 2025 agenda. Lynn Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## C. Approval of March 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Dan Smith made a motion to approve the March 27, 2025 meeting minutes. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

The Chair advised there were public comments included in the packet and then asked for comments and questions.

#### E. Executive Director's Report

Sara Fields provided an update of upcoming legislative activity, projects, and ongoing work at the OTO.

#### F. MoDOT Update

Greg Chapman provided the MoDOT update.

## G. Legislative Reports

There were no legislative reports.

## II. New Business

## A. Financial Statements for 3rd Quarter FY 2025 Budget Year

Debbie Parks presented the third quarter financial statements for the FY 2025 budget year.

Travis Cossey made a motion to accept the third quarter financial statements for the FY 2025 budget year. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## B. FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program

Debbie Parks reviewed the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program.

Kelly Turner made a motion to approve the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program. Derek Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### C. FY 2026 Operational Budget

Debbie Parks shared the FY 2026 Operational Budget.

Wes Young made a motion to approve the FY 2026 Operational Budget. Martha Smartt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## D. Federal Discretionary Grant Support

Debbie Parks presented the Resolutions for Support for the City of Republic and the City of Springfield's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants.

Rusty MacLachlan made a motion to approve the resolutions and TIP inclusion certificates. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### E. Destination 2045 Amendment 9

Natasha Longpine reviewed the requested changes to the Major Thoroughfare Plan and the Master Trail Plan.

Wes Young made a motion to approve Amendment 9 to *Destination 2045* with the update to the Major Thoroughfare Plan contingent upon action by the City of Springfield and Greene County. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## F. FY 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Frank Miller, with MoDOT, highlighted the FY 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement (STIP).

Travis Cossey made a motion to endorse the FY 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## G. March 31, 2025 Federal Funds Balance Report and Status Update

Natasha Longpine provided an update of the Federal Funds Balance Report.

This was informational only. No action was required.

#### H. Public Participation Plan Annual Evaluation

David Knaut gave a brief overview of the Public Participation Plan annual evaluation.

This was informational only. No action was required.

## III. Other Business

#### A. Board of Directors Member Announcements

John Russell and Rusty MacLachlan provided an update on the Kansas Extension.

### B. Transportation Issues for Board of Directors Member Review

There were no transportation issues for member review.

#### C. Articles for Board of Directors Member Information

Chair Russell noted there were articles of interest included in the packet for the members to review.

# IV. Adjourn meeting

Derek Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Martha Smartt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Martha Smartt

**OTO Secretary**