



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Executive Committee

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: September 2, 2016

RE: **Resolution 2016-024 – Rural Advisory Council Membership**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to consider approval of the membership of the Rural Advisory Council. The proposed members of the Rural Advisory Council were recommended by the External Affairs Committee and the President of the Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

Per the NOACA Code of Regulations, membership of an advisory council can be established by the President of the NOACA Board in consultation with the Chair of the relevant committee. An open solicitation for nominations was conducted earlier this year. Twenty-four nominations were received from various sources including Committees, Board, community and staff. A slate of candidates was voted on by the External Affairs Committee and submitted to the consideration President for consideration. The attached list represents the culmination of that process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the Board, the selected members of the Rural Advisory Council will be notified and the Council will be convened in accordance with applicable Code of Regulation provisions.

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RURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Cuyahoga County: 1 seat

Planning official:

Meghan Chaney, AICP, Senior Planner, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

Geauga County: 4 seats

Planning Official:

Cathy Cotman, Board Member, Geauga County Planning Commission

Township Official:

Jon Ferguson, Chairman, Parkman Township Trustee

Conservation Specialist:

John Oros, Executive Director, Geauga Park District

Agriculture Industry Representative:

Kevin O'Reilly, Owner/Farm Manager, Little Ireland Farms LLC

Lake County: 1 seat

Planning Official:

Charles Klco, Superintendent, Building and Grounds for Lake County, Lake County Commissioners

Lorain County: 2 seats

Planning Official:

Christin Brandon, Planner, Lorain County Community Development

Township Official:

Carl Wesemeyer, Trustee, Grafton Township

Medina County: 3 seats

Planning Official:

Denny Miller, Road/Service Foreman, Medina Township

Township Official:

Rick Dumperth, Trustee, Chatham Township

RURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Conservation Specialist:

Jeff Van Loon, Manager, Medina County Soil & Water Conservation

At-Large: 4 seats

Outdoor Recreation Industry:

Rory Robinson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, National Park Service

Real Estate Development Industry:

Pam Carson, Vice President, Trust for Public Land

Rural Transportation Specialist:

Mike Salamone, Director, Medina County Transit

Community Services Representative:

Kyle White, Community Educator, OSU Extension

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 6.1 of the NOACA Code of Regulations establishes the authority of the President of the Board of Directors to establish, with the approval of the Board, advisory councils, necessary or appropriate to provide advice to the Board of Directors relating to specific issues or technical areas of transportation or environmental matters; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Rural Advisory Council would constitute a public interaction function consistent with the obligation to maintain a citizen participation program encouraging the participation of citizens in the work and planning of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, NOACA staff has become aware of the need to better understand transportation and planning issues pertinent to rural areas of the NOACA region in order to facilitate better understanding and collaboration between urban and rural land uses and related transportation needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

Section 1. The membership of the Rural Advisory Council is established.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to convene the Rural Advisory Council

Section 3. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 9th day of September 2016.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: Sept 9 2016