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REGIONAL POLICY ROUNDTABLE  
November 15, 2022, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Welcome & Introductions** – Ben Collins, Plain Township Administrator and Former Roundtable Chair

Mr. Collins served as chair in the absence of Roundtable Chair David Scheffler and Roundtable Vice Chair Lourdes Barroso de Padilla. He introduced the newest member of the Roundtable, Todd Bailey from Huntington Bancshares, as well as special guest Kevin Hoggatt from Intel.

**2. Special Update** – Kevin Hoggatt, Director of State Government Affairs for Ohio, Intel Corporation

Mr. Hoggatt provided a special update on the new Intel development in Licking County. In total, Intel is expected to invest \$20 billion in its semiconductor facilities in Licking County, creating 3,000 Intel jobs in its initial phase, 7,000 construction jobs, and more than 10,000 long-term local jobs. Intel will also be investing in local workforce initiatives with support from the National Science Foundation.

**3. Public Policy Agenda Resolution** – Kyle Probert, MORPC Public Policy Coordinator; Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations

Mr. Garrity began the discussion of the 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda with an overview of the adoption process and the types of changes made to the agenda.

Mr. Probert provided descriptions of changes made to each goal in the Policy Agenda. Key changes included new planks related to housing, electric vehicles, and workforce development, as well as including callouts for local government funding, the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition, distracted driving legislation, LinkUS, RAPID 5, and the 3C&D rail corridor.

Mr. Warner moved to adopt Proposed Resolution 18-22, “Adoption of MORPC’s 2023-2024 Public Policy Agenda.”

Mr. Bitzenhofer seconded the motion.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Legislative Update and Central Ohio Defense Group Update** – Joseph Garrity, MORPC Senior Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations & Steve Tugend, Director + Chair Government Affairs Practice at Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

Mr. Garrity provided an update on how MORPC is “Building Value for Members” and “Driving Investment” in the region – two of MORPC’s strategic pillars. He focused on MORPC’s efforts to hire a consultant to develop an Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) between MORPC and the 121<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing. An IGSA would allow local governments to contract with Rickenbacker to provide facilities services. This would be a revenue generator for local governments and expedite the procurement process. He also highlighted the historic amount of federal investment available and that MORPC is hiring a Regional Investment Officer to help Central Ohio local governments better compete for investment.

Mr. Tugend provided a legislative update, detailing recent developments during the lame duck session and results from the November general election. As of the meeting, House Bill 283 (Distracted Driving) cleared the House Criminal Justice Committee and will receive a floor vote on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The substitute version made several changes, including an exception to the law when stopped at a traffic light. Further discussions on ARPA funding are also expected, with funds possibly being allocated for sewer and water grants, housing, and brownfield remediation. In the next General Assembly, Republicans will control at least 67 Ohio House seats and 26 Ohio Senate seats, in addition to having won every statewide contest.

**5. Other Business** – All Members

Ralonda Hampton (MORPC) shared that MORPC is currently working on its MBE strategy and on updating its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Work Plan.

Lauren Rummel (Franklin County) shared that Franklin County is currently reviewing and approving of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, which will receive a vote in December. The County also continues to focus on ARPA and Emergency Rental Assistance resources. Ms. Rummel suggested that members share the URL [rentful614.com](https://rentful614.com) as a resource for emergency rental assistance.

Jason Warner (Greater Ohio Policy Center) highlighted GOPC’s recent publications.

Homer Rogers (City of Dublin) shared the City of Dublin’s City Manager’s office is currently undergoing a restructuring, after which he will assume a slightly modified new role.

Eileen Leuby (MORPC) shared three events coming soon: an Intel Planning meeting covering mobility on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00pm at MORPC, a Southeast Area Regional

Collaboration on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30am at Fairfield County Workforce Center, and a Central Ohio Water & Wastewater Planning Workshop on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to noon at MORPC.

**6. Good of the Order/ Adjourn – Mayor Scheffler, Chair**

The Chair adjourned the meeting. The next Regional Policy Roundtable meeting will occur on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00pm.

