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NOTICE OF A MEETING CYBERSECURITY WORKING GROUP MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REMOTE MEETING June 17, 2025, 1:00 pm

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

Member Newsletter Updates

Cyber Corner Updates

The Working Group discussed strategies for distributing cybersecurity tips through various newsletters, including the MORPC Member Newsletter and Esource. Member Bell's "Cyber Corner" tips were highlighted as valuable content that could be shared more broadly, including in community newsletters and on social media. The Group explored creating shareable graphics and possibly a dedicated webpage to archive and distribute these tips. There was consensus on the importance of making the content accessible and actionable for both internal staff and the public.

Working Group Discussion Items

How do members gauge Cyber-Maturity levels and requirements of vendors

The Group discussed the development and distribution of a vendor cybersecurity questionnaire. The goal is to help MORPC Members assess the cyber-maturity of their vendors. A Member Oliver suggested including this questionnaire as a resource in newsletters or as part of the Cyber Corner series. There was interest in understanding how many IT professionals currently receive the newsletter and how to increase engagement.

How are members controlling AI use, and use of AI bots in meetings This topic was not discussed.

Franklin County and other security notification services – Does your organization use them

Matika Fields shared that Franklin County had blocked emails from six counties due to active cyber threats. This led to a broader discussion about how different organizations handle threat notifications. Some MORPC Members use quarantine systems, while others block emails outright. The Group emphasized the importance of ensuring all counties are subscribed to relevant alert services, such as those from Franklin County and CISA. There was also discussion about using the Cyber Corner to promote awareness of these services.

Member / Sector Updates

The conversation shifted to the COSMOS group, a MORPC-facilitated IT community. The Working Group discussed expanding participation to underrepresented counties and making COSMOS more accessible. Ideas included marketing it as a member benefit, presenting at Commission meetings,

William Murdock, AICP Executive Director **Chris Amorose Groomes** *Chair* Michelle Crandall Vice Chair

Ben Kessler Secretary and hosting in-person or hybrid events. The Group also discussed the value of peer support, especially for smaller or rural jurisdictions with limited IT resources

Other Business

The group briefly discussed the .gov domain transition, noting its benefits for security and public trust, and that many jurisdictions have yet to complete the transition. There was also mention of an upcoming presentation by Member Powell at the next Working Group meeting on preparing for and responding to cyber incidents.

Adjourn

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or LKaufman@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

The next Cybersecurity Working Group Meeting July 22, 2025, at 1:00 pm This Meeting will be held remotely; details to follow. Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission *Remote Meeting*

Cybersecurity Working Group Meeting

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<u>Members Present</u> Gene Oliver, City of Worthington <u>Staff Present</u> Kylie Davis Dave Dixon Matika Fields Lynn Kaufman