

**Minutes of Meeting of  
Members of  
Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority**

February 2, 2024

**Call to Order**

Chairman Mark Schroeder called to order the meeting of the members of Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority (“**Mid-States**”) at 4:01 P.M., EST, on February 2, 2024, at the Huntingburg Event Center, 110 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Huntingburg, Indiana 47542.

**Roll Call**

Chairman Mark Schroeder conducted a Roll Call.

Mark A. Schroeder	Aye (present in person)
Scott Blazey	Aye (absent) <i>[joined meeting telephonically later]</i>
David Drake	Aye (present in person)
Sue Ellspermann	Aye (present telephonically)
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye (present telephonically)

Others present: William J. Kaiser, Jr., (present telephonically)  
Legal Counsel

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mark Schroeder, Chairman.

**Public Attendees**

It was noted there were five members of the public in attendance.

To the extent a registration and sign-in sheet was made available for members of the public to sign, it is attached.

**Approval of Annual Officer Appointments and Reaffirmation of Professional Service Providers**

**Approval of Annual Officer Appointments**

The first order of business was the organizational resolutions which included the approval of the officers. Chairman Schroeder identified that the current officers are:

Mark Schroeder	Chairman
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Vice Chairman
Sue Ellspermann	Secretary

Upon motion made by David Drake that the slate of current officers be approved for 2024, and seconded by Sue Ellspermann, the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, that the slate of officers for 2024 for Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority are accepted and approved as follows:

Mark Schroeder	Chairman
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Vice Chairman
Sue Ellspermann	Secretary

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Absent
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

Scott Blazey joined the meeting telephonically at approximately 4:06 p.m.

Reaffirmation of BHP Tax & Accounting, Inc. as Accountant

Chairman Schroeder then asked for a motion for the consideration of the reaffirmation of BHP Tax & Accounting, Inc. as accountant for Mid-States for 2024.

Following discussion by the Board members regarding this reaffirmation, upon motion made by Sue Ellspermann, and seconded by Ken Mulzer, Jr., the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, that BHP Tax & Accounting, Inc. shall continue as accountant for Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority for the year 2024.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Aye
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

Reaffirmation of Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP as Legal Counsel for Mid-States

Chairman Schroeder then asked for a motion for the consideration of the reaffirmation of Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP as legal counsel for Mid-States for 2024.

Following discussion by the Board members regarding this reaffirmation, upon motion made by David Drake, and seconded by Scott Blazey, the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, that Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP is appointed to serve as legal counsel for Mid-States Corridor Regional Development until Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP withdraws or is removed for the year 2024.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Aye
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

#### LWG CPAs and Advisors as Auditors for Mid-States

Chairman Schroeder then asked for a motion to approve the engagement of LWG CPAs and Advisors as auditors for Mid-States for 2024.

Following discussion by the Board members, upon motion made by Sue Ellspermann, and seconded by David Drake, the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, that LWG CPAs and Advisors be engaged by Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority for the 2023 financial audit.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Aye
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

#### Approval of Minutes

The next order of business was the approval of the November 3, 2023 minutes. A motion was introduced by David Drake, and seconded by Ken Mulzer, Jr., and the following resolution was introduced:

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the November 3, 2023 minutes of Mid-States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the November 3, 2023, minutes of the Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority are hereby approved.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Aye
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

### **Financial Report**

Chairman Schroeder reported to the Board as to the financial matters for Mid-States.

Chairman Schroeder reviewed the Fourth Quarter and Year-end Financial Statements for Mid-States.

Upon the request of Sue Ellspermann, Chairman Schroeder provided a detailed report of receipts and disbursements for the Fourth Quarter 2023.

Chairman Schroeder, with additional commentary by Sue Ellspermann, then reviewed the compiled Fourth Quarter 2023 Financial Statements provided by BHP Tax & Accounting, Inc.

Chairman Schroeder noted that Mid-States had approximately \$273,169 cash on hand and one outstanding accounts payable invoice to Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP in the amount of \$2,070.50.

Chairman Schroeder noted that there was an additional invoice expected in the Fourth Quarter of \$1,500.00 for office rent for October, November and December, 2023. Chairman Schroeder noted that Lochmueller did not lease the facility at the Vincennes University Jasper Center Campus after the completion of the Tier 1 Study. However, INDOT had asked Mid-States to keep the office under lease, which it had done. INDOT wanted to insure that the next contractor for the Mid-States Corridor project would have access to the same office for the benefit of the citizens and communities being affected by the Mid-State Corridor project.

Chairman Schroeder asked for questions from the members of the Board with respect to the financial report.

Chairman Schroeder confirmed that Mid-States will continue to keep the office lease in place until Lochmueller, who was recently selected as the contractor for Tier 2, begins the start of the Tier 2 project.

Chairman Schroeder also reviewed the annual receipts and expenses for Mid-States for fiscal year 2023.

After discussion and upon motion made by Ken Mulzer, Jr., and seconded by Scott Blazey, the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, that the financial report prepared by Chairman Schroeder and approved by Sue Ellspermann be accepted and approved.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Aye
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

### **Other Business**

Chairman Schroeder then discussed with the Board the status of the Mid-States Corridor project.

Chairman Schroeder provided an overview of the Tier 2 Study timeline and events.

Chairman Schroeder then reviewed INDOT's actions in connection with the bidding process to select a contractor for the Tier 2 Study.

Chairman Schroeder noted that INDOT used its same formal process to select the Tier 2 Study contractor, which included separate bids by HNTB and Lochmueller.

Chairman Schroeder noted that the formal scoring presentations occurred in early January, and that the scoring information is expected to be available on the INDOT website.

Chairman Schroeder noted that Lochmueller was selected and that there was an ongoing scoping negotiation underway between Lochmueller and INDOT which will result in a contract for completion of the Tier 2 Study.

Chairman Schroeder noted that, unlike the Tier 1 Study, Mid-States is not involved and has not been involved in the selection of the contractor or in the negotiation of the contract, primarily because Mid-States is not providing any funding with respect to the Tier 2 Study.

David Drake then asked about the possible timeline for the start of the Tier 2 Study. Chairman Schroeder noted that he understands that INDOT expects the Tier 2 Study to be started by Lochmueller in the Second Quarter of 2024.

After discussion and upon motion made by David Drake, and seconded by Sue Ellspermann, the following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLVED**, that the operational report and update on the Tier 2 Study by Chairman Schroeder be accepted and approved.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Aye
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

**Future Meeting Dates**

Chairman Schroeder confirmed with the Board the meeting dates for the balance of 2024 as follows:

Friday, May 3, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., EST  
 Friday, August 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., EST  
 Friday, November 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., EST

The meeting location for the last meeting on November 1, 2024, will be at the Thyen-Clarke Cultural Center, in Jasper, Indiana.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a motion to close the meeting.

Upon motion by Sue Ellspermann and seconded by David Drake, the following resolution was introduced.

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting of the Board of the Mid-States Regional Development Authority be closed.

Chairman Schroeder then requested a vote to adopt the above resolution.

Chairman Schroeder conducted a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

Scott Blazey	Aye
David Drake	Aye
Sue Ellspermann	Aye
Ken Mulzer, Jr.	Aye
Mark A. Schroeder	Aye

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.



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Sue Ellspermann, Secretary

**MID-STATES CORRIDOR RDA  
REGISTRATION FORM**

MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024

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2.	Carol Nowotarski	26.	
3.	Sue KRAMPE	27.	
4.	Marisa Durchholz	28.	
5.	Teresa Kunkin	29.	
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