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MEMORANDUM

TO: MVRPC Governmental Members of the Board of Directors
FROM: Brian O. Martin, AICP, Executive Director
DATE: February 6, 2025
SUBJECT: Recommendation to Appoint New Third Vice-Chairperson

Former Third Vice-Chairperson, Darke County Commissioner Larry Holmes, completed his elected term as Darke County Commissioner on December 31, 2024. As a result, he is no longer eligible to serve in the role of MVRPC Third Vice-Chairperson and delegate. His term as Third Vice-Chairperson was from April 4, 2024 to March 6, 2025.

Per the MVRPC Constitution and Bylaws, a new Board member must be elected to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the term. To be eligible for this position, the candidate must:

- Have served on the Board of Directors for at least two years.
- Be an RTPO Governmental Member Delegate (Alternates are not eligible).

MVRPC staff recommends Preble County Commissioner Rachael Vonderhaar to fill this position. If appointed, Commissioner Vonderhaar will serve as Third Vice-Chair until March 2025 and will participate in the Officer nomination process for the upcoming 2025-2026 officer election.

The Board of Directors must vote to appoint the new Third Vice-Chairperson to complete the current term until March 2025.

Commissioner Vonderhaar has been very active in MVRPC since being named delegate to the Board of Directors. She has been a regular attendee of the Regional Transportation Planning Steering Committee (RTPO SC) and she was instrumental in encouraging the Preble County Engineer to be the first chairperson of the RTPO SC. She has also actively encouraged member communities to get involved in MVRPC. She has frequently requested agency planning assistance for member communities and she is a great communicator. Staff completely recommends Commissioner Vonderhaar to serve as MVRPC's Third Vice Chairperson.