

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS
REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2015

The October 7, 2015 Council of Officials meeting was held at Bella Terre in Glenwood, Iowa. Doug Kindig, Mayor of La Vista, opened the meeting by welcoming all Councilmembers and guest. The dinner started at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:40 p.m.

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

Scott Belt	Supervisor, Pottawattamie County
Fred Conley	Papio-Missouri River NRD
Clare Duda	Commissioner, Douglas County (representing Board Chairman Mary Ann Borgeson)
Rob Erickson	Mayor, City of Emerson
Kelly Groskurth	City Manager, City of Treynor
Jim Grotrian	President, Metropolitan Community College
Amy Haase	Metro Board Chair
Doug Kindig	Mayor, City of La Vista
Ron Kohn	Board Chairman, Mills County
Jerry McCall	Planning Consultant, Fremont Public Schools
Dan Owens	Executive Director, Omaha Airport Authority
Cassie Paben	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Tom Richards	Commissioner, Sarpy County
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Mark Stanley	Iowa Western Community College
James Timmerman	Mayor, City of Gretna
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Karen Watson	Vice Chair, Omaha Housing Authority
John Yochum	Economic Development Manager, City of Ralston
Andy Young	Mayor, City of Pacific Junction

Others:

Richard Allely	JEO Consulting Group
Donna Barry	Office of Senator Chuck Grassley
Ralph Batenhorst	HDR, Inc.
Rod Bents	City of Pacific Junction
Tracy Bohrofen	Peter Kiewit Foundation
Danielle Bradford	Citizen
Dana Bradford	Waitt Corp.
Freddie Brown	Nebraska Enterprise Fund
John Brownell	Citizen
Larry Burks	City of Bellevue
Jason Carbee	HDR, Inc.
Kelly Carman	Olsson Associates
Timothy Carmody	Council Bluffs Police Department
Emily Clark	Office of Senator Joni Ernst
Terrence Coleman	Nebraska Enterprise Fund
Kate Corrigan	Citizen
Sue Crawford	State of Nebraska
Barb Crouch	Citizen
Richard Crouch	Mills County
Thomas Dow	RDG
Gayle Duda	Citizen
Bruce Fountain	Sarpy County
Butch Green	City of Pacific Junction
Mary Gunderson	Mills County
Deb Hale	City of La Vista

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Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County
Mary Ann Hanusa	State of Iowa
Paul Hartnett	Citizen
Marge Hartnett	Citizen
Amanda Heistand	Cass County Nebraska Economic Development Council
LaRue Houser	Citizen
Melvyn Houser	Pottawattamie County
Chad Jennings	Citizen
Shauna Jennings	Citizen
Steve Jensen	Jensen Consulting, LLC.
Charlie Johnson	Citizen
David Johnson	Mid-American Energy Company
Pat Kastle	Alfred Benesch & Company
Richard Kerres	City of Pacific Junction
Joanne Kohn	Citizen
Joe Kohout	Kissell / E&S Associates
Jeff Kooistra	City of Gretna
John Krager	HGM Associates
Herb Lavigne	Citizen
Mark Lincoln	Mills County Economic Development
John Lorson	Tri-Valley Bank
Linda Lovgren	Lovgren Marketing Group
Donna Lynam	Sarpy County
Monica Mayberry	Citizen
Lonnie Mayberry	Mills County
Steve McCoy	Citizen
Steve MuCullough	Alfred Benesch & Company
Gary McKern	Office of Senator Joni Ernst
Derek Miller	City of Omaha
Cindy Miserez	City of La Vista
Steve Moffitt	HGM Associates
Bob Mundt	Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce
Korrena Neppi	City of Pacific Junction
Steve Oltmans	Olsson Associates
Herb Petereit	City of Emerson
Vicki Quaites-Ferris	Empowerment Network
Terrilyn Quick	City of La Vista
Jeff Ray	JEO Consulting
Earl Redrick	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Jim Reiff	Nebraska Enterprise Fund
Carol Robertson	Mills County
Tom Rymph	Citizen
Rick Sanders	Citizen
Lisa Scheve	Cass County Nebraska Economic Development Council
Nick Schulz	RDG
David Sieck	State of Iowa
Terry Smith	HGM Associates
Jeff Sockel	Alfred Benesch & Company
Chris Solberg	City of La Vista
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista
Cindy Soucie	Citizen
Connie Spellman	Heartland 2050 Executive Committee
Angela Stanley	Citizen
Ron Tekippe	HGM Associates
Kim Thomas	City of La Vista
Steven Twohig	Heartland 2050 Executive Committee
Linda Washburn	Glenwood Area Chamber of Commerce
Larry Winum	Glenwood State Bank
Terri Winum	Citizen
Tracie Youell	Citizen

MAPA Staff:

Natasha Barrett
Lynn Dittmer
Karna Loewenstein
Matt Roth

Christina Brownell
Melissa Engel
Patti McCoy
Jeff Spiehs

Josh Corrigan
Michael Felschow
Ashley Myers
Megan Walker

Sue Cutsforth
Mike Helgersen
Annie Pigaga
Greg Youell

B. CALL TO ORDER – (Info)

Mr. Doug Kindig, President of MAPA Council of Officials, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Kindig announced the Open Meetings act, thanked our sponsors for the evening and introduced Mr. Larry Winum, President of Glenwood State Bank and current President of the Board for the Mills County Economic Development Foundation.

C. WELCOME TO MILLS COUNTY – (Info)

Mr. Larry Winum, President of Glenwood State Bank and current President of the Board for the Mills County Economic Development Foundation, welcomed the Council of Officials and Guest to Mills County.

D. BUSINESS –

1. Approval of the July 8, 2015 Council of Officials Meeting Minutes – (Action)

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Richards to approve the July 8, 2015 minutes.
Motion Carried.

2. Approval of the Final 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – (Action)

Mr. Michael Felschow presented the Final 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Council for approval.

MOTION by Kohn, SECOND by Hanafan to approve the Final 2040 LRTP.
Motion Carried.

E. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS – (Info)

Mr. Ron Kohn thanked the MAPA Board of Directors for their commitment to the MAPA organization and updated the members and guest on MAPA's significant projects over the past year including the Offutt Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study and the Heartland 2050 project.

F. DIRECTORS REMARKS – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell discussed MAPA activities from recent years and their impact on the metro area, including the City of Omaha Traffic Signal Master Plan and parking management plan. MAPA worked with Metro on a regional transit vision, changes were implemented May 31st of 2015 and are the first step to improving public transit in the area. MAPA assisted Villages of Kennard and Arlington with their Comprehensive Plans and are currently working with Pottawattamie County and the City of Crescent. Mr. Youell also updated the Council on progress that has been made in the Heartland Connections Regional Bike Ped Plan.

G. LOCAL PERSPECTIVE –

Ms. Kelly Groskurth, City Administrator for the City of Treynor, provided a local perspective to the

Council of Officials from her municipality and how MAPA has assisted.

H. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AWARDS –

Mr. Youell announced the award recipient of the 2015 Regional Citizenship Award, Mr. Dana Bradford. Mr. Ron Kohn, MAPA Board Chairman, introduced award recipient of the 2015 Regional Service Award, The Nebraska Enterprise Fund (NEF), Mr. Jim Reiff accepted the award. Mr. Doug Kindig, MAPA Council of Officials President, introduced the award recipient of the MAPA Award of Merit, Dr. Paul Hartnett.

I. ADJOURNMENT –

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.