

**OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes
August 27, 2015

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairman Kohn called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer
Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Ron Kohn	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Tom Richards (arrived at 1:40 p.m.)	Sarpy County Commissioner
Jean Stothert (arrived at 1:40 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Omaha

Members/Officers Absent

Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Guests

Cassie Paben	City of Omaha
Ryan Poots	Pictometry
Doug Tonnemacher	Pictometry
John Yochum	City of Ralston
Mary Jane Truemper	Citizen
Mike Schonlau	Douglas County

MAPA Staff

Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel	Michael Felschow
Ashley Myers	Megan Walker	Greg Youell	

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the July 30, 2015 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Duda to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Sanders, Kohn

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORT – (Action)

Mr. Bloomingdale reported that the Finance Committee met on August 19, 2015 and approved bills for August, reviewed June financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Hanafan to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 Finance Committee meeting.

Approved by _____

Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/ Treasurer

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Sanders, Kohn
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Monthly Report – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA activities for the months of July and August. The Heartland 2050 Executive and Implementation Committee meetings are underway. Mr. Youell visited with the Omaha Chamber Board and discussed the importance of private sector participation and leadership in the H2050 project. The Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Report is out for final comments and Mr. Youell provided the Executive Summary to the Board. The Policy Committee has indicated that they would like MAPA to remain involved in the implementation process. NROC Directors met with Nebraska DED Director, Brenda Hicks-Sorensen to discuss how the agencies can partner with the state. MAPA staff will attend a DED Open Forum. The South Omaha Brownfields project is winding down and a draft final report will be available within a few weeks for review. RDG was selected to develop a plan for the Loess Hills Parks to People Regional Plan so MAPA will partner with RDG and be providing assistance for that plan. MAPA will not be purchasing buses, after much discussion the FTA has recommended that the state purchase and monitor vehicles for the FTA 5310 program. MAPA will still conduct the selection process through the Coordinated Transit Committee (CTC). Congressman Brad Ashford will be hosting a transportation round table at the MAPA office in the Board room. Mr. Youell provided a summary to the Board of the management team's strategic planning session conducted in July. MAPA is requesting to use a tapered match technique to utilize the NIROC funding as match for transportation funds. This will save the agency \$52,000 and using the NIROC project overall saves MAPA more than \$100,000. Mayor Rita Sanders shared with the Board her takeaways from the NARC Conference she attended in Austin, Texas. Austin has grown by 40%, 500 new citizens a day and their infrastructure has not been able to keep up with the increase. Next year's conference will be in Salt Lake City.

2. NIROC Presentation – (Info)

Mr. Doug Tonnemacher from Pictometry presented an update to the Board on the NIROC Aerial Photography project and how the imaging can benefit the cities and counties. The project for the Spring of 2016 will contain about 6,000 square miles of geography.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

None.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. CONTRACT FINAL PAYMENTS – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the contract final payments listed below.

- a. City of Council Bluffs – PMT #2 & Final - \$780.11
- b. Toole Design Group – PMT #18 - \$11,120.31

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Stothert to approve Contract Final Payments for the contracts listed in Items G.1.a and G.1.b.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

2. TRAVEL POLICY UPDATE – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval an amendment to the Travel Policy regarding meal reimbursement.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Richards to approve the Travel Policy update.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. FINAL 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – (Action)

Ms. Ashley Myers presented to the Board a review of the timeline of the draft document and public participation period. Mr. Michael Felschow presented to the Board the scenarios contained in the 2040 LRTP.

MOTION by Stothert, SECOND by Duda to recommend approval the Final 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Council of Officials in October.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. FY 2015 – 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #8 – (Action)

Mr. Michael Felschow presented to the Board for approval FY 2015 – 2018 TIP Amendment #8. NDOR had \$2.4 million dollars in unused 5339 funding from the FTA. Omaha received roughly \$1.6 million that will go to Metro. There are two projects that are being amended in the existing TIP, the first project is an expenditure for buses to increase funding for FY 13 - 14 and the second project is to repair damaged fuel tanks.

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Duda to approve the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kohn, Richards, Sanders, Stothert
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the contract listed below.

1. CONTRACTS – (Action)

- a. Pottawattamie County Transportation Master Plan

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Stothert to approve the contract for Pottawattamie County Transportation Master Plan.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Kohn, Pahls, Richards, Stothert

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kohn adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.