

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

Minutes
July 30, 2015

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Vice-Chair Rita Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Ron Kohn	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Rich Pahls	Omaha City Council (Representing Councilman Ben Gray)
Tom Richards	Sarpy County Commissioner
Jean Stothert	Mayor, City of Omaha

Members/Officers Absent

Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Guests

Donna Barry	Office of Senator Charles Grassley
Joe Kohout	Kissel / E&S Associates
Jordan Pascale	Omaha World Herald
Mary Jane Truemper	Citizen
John Yochum	City of Ralston

MAPA Staff

Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Lynn Dittmer	Melissa Engel
Michael Felschow	Karna Loewenstein	Ashley Myers	Jeff Spiehs
Greg Youell			

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the June 25, 2015 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Hanafan to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Duda reported that the Finance Committee met on July 22, 2015 and approved bills for July, reviewed May financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Richards, SECOND by Stothert to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2015 Finance Committee meeting.

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

NAYS: None.

Approved by _____

Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/ Treasurer

ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Monthly Report – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell updated the Board on the Transportation Bill, Congress has passed a three month extension. There is hope for a long-term highway bill to be approved soon. Mr. Youell mentioned some of the concerns with the version of the bill that is coming out of the Senate, in particular a decrease in total funding.

Mr. Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA activities for the months of June and July. The Joint Land Use Study held a public meeting at Bellevue University and the final report is out for public comment. The final Technical Policy Committee meetings are coming up next week. MAPA is currently working with several jurisdictions for the Aerial Photography project. MAPA met with Washington County and will be doing more outreach looking for new partners. Pictometry will visit MAPA next month and give an overview of their technology and services. The development district received funding from the Nebraska State Legislature and is waiting to hear from the Department of Economic Development on when they will receive the funding. MAPA is working with the DED and will be meeting with Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, the new DED Director. Mr. Youell has been visiting with local communities to get updates on what they have going on and letting them know that MAPA is here to assist if needed. MAPA will be responding to an RFQ for the Loess Hills Parks to People Regional Plan, the Iowa Parks Foundation invited MAPA to respond and the agency decided the best way to participate would be to partner with the consulting firms that were also invited to respond. Mr. Youell met with Mr. Joe Kohout and Senator Sue Crawford and discussed the Urban Affairs interim study. MAPA is considering writing a white paper and taking a look at the different economic development tools that are available and how they differ from Iowa vs. Nebraska and provide that information to committees and the public. MAPA is making progress on a new website and looking to go live with the new website mid-October. MAPA's management team had their annual strategic meeting. Mr. Youell will provide a summary to the board for review next month.

Ms. Karna Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 activities. On July 14th, Heartland 2050 held a reception at Hutch in Midtown Crossing to kick-off the Summit that was held on July 15th and to honor keynote speaker, Ms. Shelley Lauten founding partner of TriSect Innovates in Central Florida. The Summit was held at the UNO Thompson Center and had 200 attendees including staff. Ms. Lauten spoke to the group and then attendees broke out into small groups for different topic areas: Infrastructure, Education, Housing & Development, Health & Safety, Natural Resources and Economic Development. The Heartland 2050 Executive Committee was announced at the Summit. The Executive Committee is comprised of a representative from the MAPA Board, a representative from each of the counties that agreed to the compact, representation appointed from each major city (Omaha, Council Bluffs and Bellevue) and a variety of at-large members that are representatives of many other diverse areas. The focus has now shifted to launching the Implementation Committees and the Executive Committees. Ms. Loewenstein provided upcoming committee meeting information to the Board. There was discussion around whether or not the meetings were open to the public and how they are published. They are open to the public and the meeting information is available on the MAPA website and was distributed at the workshop. Mr. Youell stated that public notices will be given for Executive Committee meetings. Mr. Kohn stated that if anyone has a distribution location in mind for the meeting information to get in contact with Ms. Loewenstein. Mr. Youell stated that in the future, the agency intends to hold the meetings throughout the Metropolitan area and the region.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

Item F.1.b was requested to be removed from the Agenda by Executive Director, Greg Youell and was not voted on.

1. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS:

- a. Matrix Design Group – Extension of time to August 31, 2015
- b. Southern Sudan Community Association (SSCA) – Change in Match Requirements to 85/15

2. HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL, SEPTEMBER 1 2015

MOTION by Richards, SECOND by Duda to approve items F.1.a and F.2 on the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

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 Omaha Planning – Final Payment - \$4,035.76
- b. City of Omaha Public Works – Final Payment - \$10,024.08
- c. Douglas County GIS – Final Payment - \$37,607.92
- d. Metro – Final Payment - \$19,424.70
- e. Pottawattamie County GIS – Final Payment - \$11,168.29
- f. Sarpy County GIS – Final Payment - \$6,766.96
- g. Sarpy County Planning – Final Payment - \$9,632.43
- h. Trapeze Software Group – Final Payment - \$12,891.00

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY FOR PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval to extend health insurance and life-insurance benefits to permanent part-time employees working 30 hours or more a week. Mr. Pahls asked how many individuals would be affected and Mr. Youell stated one employee would be affected at this time.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Richards to approve health insurance policy for permanent part-time employees.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

1. AGENCY VEHICLE PURCHASE – UP TO \$26,000 – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell requested approval for the purchase of a new agency vehicle. The most recent vehicle is six years old. The agency would like to utilize the state contract to purchase a Ford Fusion Hybrid.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Richards to approve the agency vehicle purchase, up to \$26,000.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. SARPY COUNTY SEWER STUDY CONTRIBUTION– (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell requested approval from the Board for MAPA to contribute \$10,000 of local funds to the Sarpy County Sewer study. Mr. Youell explained that this study is important to future growth in Sarpy County and fits in line with MAPA's mission of coordination and collaboration between jurisdictions. Funding will come from local funds.

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Stothert to approve MAPA's contribution of \$10,000 to the Sarpy County Sewer Study for FY16.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION MAP UPDATE – (Action)

Mr. Michael Felschow presented to the Board for approval the Federal Functional Classification Map update. All roads that are above a local road are included on this map, it is not applicable to local roads.

MOTION by Richards, SECOND by Stothert to approve the Federal Functional Classification Map update.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC) OFFICER ELECTIONS – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the appointment of TTAC Officers, Chairman, Denny Wilson and Vice Chair, Todd Pfitzer.

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Hanafan to appointment of TTAC Officers, Chairman, Denny Wilson and Vice Chair, Todd Pfitzer.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

J. DISCUSSION

1. MAPA ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell requested that Board members help spread the word for nominations for MAPA's Annual Regional Service Award and Regional Citizenship Award to be presented at this year's Council of Officials Annual Meeting.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kohn adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.