

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

Minutes  
January 26, 2017

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairwoman Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members/Officers

Present

Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue/Chair
Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas County
Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Jean Stothert (arrived at 1:42 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Omaha
Gary Mixan	Sarpy County Commissioner
Carol Vinton	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent

Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
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MAPA Staff

Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Josh Corrigan	Sue Cutsforth
Melissa Engel	Don Gross	Karna Loewenstein	Jeff Spiehs
Megan Walker	Greg Youell		

Guest

Donna Barry	Office of Senator Chuck Grassley
Cassie Paben	City of Omaha
David Jameson	Metro Transit Authority
Kelly Shadden	Metro Transit Authority
Curt Simon	Metro Transit Authority

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the December 8, 2016 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Walsh to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Patrick Bloomingdale reported that the Finance Committee met on January 18, 2017 and approved bills for January, reviewed October and November financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Kindig to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Finance Committee meeting.

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/Treasurer

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Vinton, Walsh

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. Mr. Youell welcomed our new Board members, Sarpy County Commissioner, Gary Mixan and Mills County Supervisor, Carol Vinton. Mr. Youell introduced MAPA's new Community and Economic Development Manager, Don Gross. Management completed annual performance reviews and salary adjustments this past month and will have staff attend a Strategic Planning session on January 31. MAPA convened staff members from local jurisdictions for a discussion on small cell technology. Mr. Youell testified on Monday in support of LB-271 and submitted a letter of support from the City of Omaha. Under this bill, the State of Nebraska would assume responsibility for the environmental (NEPA) process. Governors have been asked to submit a list of priority infrastructure projects to the Trump Administration, MAPA is compiling a list of priority local projects to make sure that local needs are not lost in the discussion. MAPA will participate in a Legislative Breakfast at the Iowa Capitol on February 7 with other members of the Iowa Association of Regional Councils (IARC). The Nebraska Regional Officials Council will meet with the state agency department heads on February 27 and have a Legislative Breakfast on February 28. Mr. Youell gave a brief update to the Board on upcoming notable workshops and events.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT –

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA –

The Board considered Consent Agenda items listed below for approval.

1. Contract Final Payments –

- a. Hamilton Associates - \$3,485.00
- b. Heartland Family Services – PMT #34 - \$1,138.93
- c. Exis Design Shop - \$3,000.00

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Walsh to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. FY 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3 – (Action)

Mr. Court Barber presented to the Board for approval the FY 2017 – 2020 TIP Amendment #3. Amendments include cost adjustments for NDOR Fiber Optics projects along US 75, US 6, I-80, I-680 & I-480. There has been an update to Metro Transit's program of projects, that will move projects from FY16 into FY17, adds a new award and shifts some funding to the BRT project. There are two project changes from the City of Omaha, the first is a shift in the year of a safety project from 132<sup>nd</sup> & Center, the other is a correction on the TIP funding table.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Stothert to approve the FY 2017 – 2020 TIP Amendment #3.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment – (Action)

Ms. Megan Walker presented to the Board for approval the PPP Amendment. The PPP Amendment went out for a public comment period in November, no public comments were received.

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Stothert to approve the PPP Amendment.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

3. Functional Classification Map Update – (Action)

Mr. Josh Corrigan presented to the Board for approval the Functional Classification Map Update. The Federal Functional Classification is how the Federal Highway Administration classifies all roads in a region to identify the volumes on the roads and how they are used. MAPA coordinated with the local jurisdictions, state and Federal Highway Administration to develop a list of changes and received comments from the Cities of Omaha, Bellevue, Papillion and La Vista.

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Kindig to approve the Functional Classification Map Update.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Contracts – (Action)

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

- a. Mills County Disaster Resilience Administration - \$101,769.00
- b. Black Hills Workshop JARC - \$21,681.00

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Hanafan to approve the contracts listed above.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2018 BUDGET – (Action)

- a. FY 2018 Budget Schedule
- b. FY 2018 County Dues Request

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the FY 2018 Budget Schedule and FY 2018 County Dues Request.

MOTION by Stothert, SECOND by Duda to approve the FY 2018 Budget Schedule and FY 2018 County Dues Request.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Heartland 2050 Update – (Info)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 (H2050) activities. H2050 is currently waiting for a response from the Peter Kiewit Foundation (PKF) on their most recent request for funding for the upcoming year. H2050 also intends to apply for funding from the Iowa West Foundation (IWF). Both foundations have supported the H2050 project for the last two years. Ms. Loewenstein reviewed the membership funding request and will be sending out letters to Iowa shortly. Heartland 2050 wants to continue to reach out to the outlying communities and work on developing better relationships with those communities. The Executive Committee has constructed a task force, chaired by Ms. Connie Spellman, to develop specific strategies to better reach the outlying areas. The Implementation Committees have launched work groups to begin work on action steps that are within the action plan. Each work group is made up of 5 – 7 individuals has a champion to lead each group forward. There are also three work groups working on “Close the Gap”: White Paper Work Group; Messaging Work Group; and a Strategy and Leadership Group.

4. Election of Vice-Chair – (Action)

Chairperson Sanders called for a nomination for MAPA’s Board of Directors Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Duda nominated Supervisor Tom Hanafan, Mayor Walsh seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Board voted for Supervisor Hanafan as Board of Directors Vice Chair.

AYES: Duda, Hanafan, Kindig, Mixan, Sanders, Stothert, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

1. Cass County Update – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell provided an update to the Board of Directors on Cass County’s interest in joining MAPA and next steps. Cass County voted in December to move forward with membership in MAPA and County Commissioners are currently reviewing options of how to move forward with the process. Supervisor Hanafan, Mayor Kindig and Patrick Bloomingdale have agreed to serve on a working group to update MAPA’s Interlocal Agreement.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.