

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

Minutes  
July 25, 2019

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Commissioner Clare Duda filled in as chairman and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members/Officers Present

Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Clare Duda (acting Chair)	Douglas County Commissioner
Pete Festersen	Omaha City Council
Dan Hoins (rep. Don Kelly)	Sarpy County Commissioner
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Jean Stothert (arrived @ 1:35pm)	Mayor, City of Omaha
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent

Doug Kindig – Chair	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Justin Schultz	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Carol Vinton – Vice Chair	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)

MAPA Staff

Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Melissa Engel	Mike Helgerson	Karna Loewenstein
Kelly Shoff	Greg Youell			

Guest

Troy Anderson	City of Omaha
Janet McCartney	Cass County

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – (Action)**

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Hike to approve the agenda for the July 25, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Festersen, Hike, Hoins, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the June 27, 2019 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Walsh to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Festersen, Hike, Hoins, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Information)**

**1. Agency Reports –**

- a. Executive Director’s Report – Presented by Greg Youell, Executive Director  
Mr. Youell provided an update to the Board of Directors on MAPA activities for the month of June. Updates were provided on the following: Cass County, flood recovery update, grant updates, additional news items and staff updates.
- b. FY 2019 Q4 Quarterly Report - The Quarterly Report of MAPA activities for Q4 was provided to the Board of Directors.

**2. Presentation – Omaha Street Maintenance, Presented by Mayor Jean Storthert - City of Omaha**

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (ACTION)

The Board considered Consent Agenda items listed below for approval.

1. Finance Committee Minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting.
2. Final Contract Payments –
  - a. Douglas County GIS - \$15,731.00
  - b. City of Omaha Planning - \$364.76
  - c. Pottawattamie County - \$4,965.93
3. Audit Engagement Letter – FY 2019 Audit Fees \$11,330

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

AYES: Duda, Festersen, Hike, Hoins, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2020 – 01: FY 2019 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6 – (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval Resolution 2020 – 01: TIP Amendment #6, which included an addition to the FTA 5310 Program of Projects.

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Festersen to approve Resolution 2020 – 01: Final FY 2019 – 2024 TIP Amendment #6.

AYES: Duda, Festersen, Hike, Hoins, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Final Contract Payments – (ACTION)

- a. I-80 Interchange Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study Agreement between MAPA, Sarpy County, Papillion and Gretna – The Board considered for approval the I-80 Interchange PEL Study Agreement. This agreement covers the planning study for an interchange on I-80 between Highway 6 / 31 and Highway 370. Funding for the study will be split between MAPA (\$125,000 over 2 years) and in three equal parts between Sarpy County, Papillion and Gretna.

- b. Iowa West Foundation Grant \$27,500 – The Board considered for approval Iowa West Foundation grant funding for the Heartland 2050 program in the amount of \$27,500 for use by the grantee as follows: \$17,500 to continue the work of the Council Bluffs Mobility Task Force in identifying improvements to the transit system in Council Bluffs, and \$10,000 in supports of the Heartland 2050 Summit and Speaker Series.

- c. Iowa Homeland Security Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) Grant Application Assistance – The Board considered for approval MAPA's contracts with Mills county and Pacific Junction to assist in completing elements of an acquisition grant being developed, including Iowa Site inventory Forms (ISIFs) for properties identified for acquisition and assistance with the preparation of an RFP for appraisal services.

- i. Mills County, \$400 / property, estimate 20 properties not to exceed \$8,000

- ii. Pacific Junction, \$400 / property, estimate 40 properties not to exceed \$16,000

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Stothert to approve the new contracts listed above.

AYES: Duda, Festersen, Hike, Hoins, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Travel – (ACTION)

- a. Heartland 2050 Site Visit to Dallas, TX - October 23 - 25, 2019 for 4 staff and 24 others - \$47,014.40  
The Board considered for approval travel for the Heartland 2050 Site Visit to Dallas, Texas, October 23 - 25, 2019. Travelers will include 4 staff and up to 24 additional guest. Travelers will be asked to pay with the exception of staff and a few scholarships.
- b. Housing Iowa Conference in Cedar Rapids, IA - September 4 - 6, 2019 for Don Gross - \$1,081.85  
The Board considered for approval travel for Don Gross to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the Housing Iowa Conference being held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 4 - 6, 2019.

MOTION by Stothert, SECOND by Festersen to approve the travel listed above.

AYES: Duda, Festersen, Hike, Hoins, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Health Insurance – (ACTION)

- a. Health Insurance Plan - The Board considered for approval the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Flex FPA19 Plan recommended by the Benefits and Finance Committees. Plans will be effective September 1, 2019.
- b. Premium Structure / Policy Change Recommendation - The Board considered for approval changes to the premium structure and employee benefits policy (Section XIII) in which MAPA would pay 93% of the health and dental premiums for employee only coverage and 85% of employee plus dependent coverage. Changes will be effective September 1, 2019.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Festersen to approve the Health Insurance plan, Premium Structure and Policy Change Recommendations..

AYES: Duda, Festersen, Hike, Hoins, Stothert, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Board Members Annual Conflict of Interest –

Each Board Member was asked to sign a conflict of interest disclosure. Members that were not present will be asked to sign the form at the next meeting.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None

J. DISCUSSION –

1. MAPA 2019 Regional Award Nominations - Info  
Discussion of the 2019 Regional Award Nomination process and past recipients.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hike to adjourn. Chairman Duda adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.