

**OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY**

**COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 9, 2019**

The October 9, 2019 Council of Officials meeting was held at the Blair Marina in Blair, Nebraska. Clare Duda, President, opened the meeting by welcoming all Council members and guests to the 2019 MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting. The dinner started at 7:15 pm. with the meeting to follow at 7:45 pm.

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

Troy Anderson	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Patrick Boyle	Community Relations Director, Metropolitan Community College
Fred Conley	Director, Papio-Missouri River National Resources District
Steve Dethlefs	Supervisor, Washington County
Clare Duda - President	Commissioner, Douglas County
Michelle Wodtke- Franks	Golden Hills RC&D
Dawn Goodsell – Vice-President	Mayor, City of Neola
Rich Hansen	Mayor, City of Blair
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Doug Kindig	Mayor, City of La Vista
Ron Kohn	Mayor, City of Glenwood
Janet McCartney	Commissioner, Cass County
Dan Owens	Director of Planning & Engineering, Omaha Airport Authority
Jim Timmerman	Mayor, City of Gretna
Carol Vinton	Supervisor, Mills County
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Kevin Zimmerman	Mayor, City of Minden

Other Guest:

Kyle Anderson	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Ralph Batenhorst	HDR, Inc.
Scott Belt	Supervisor, Pottawattamie County
Corie Boerner	Guest
Caitlin Bolte	Confluence
John Brownell	Guest
Mike Bruckner	Structures Engineer, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Pam Buethe	City of La Vista
Rod Buethe	Gretna Fire Department
Jason Carbee	Senior Transportation Planner, HDR, Inc.
Dave DeBoer	Metropolitan Utilities District
Adam Denney	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Kelly Dix	Pottawattamie Community Foundation
Gayle Duda	Guest
Mark Eckman	Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau
Kirk Estee	OPPD
Bruce Fountain	Sarpy County
Sheryl Garst	The 712 Initiative

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Dan Giittinger	Development Services Director, City of Gretna
Phil Green	City of Blair
Deb Hale	City of La Vista
Julie Harris	Bike Walk Nebraska
Katie Hatfield-Edstrom	HDR, Inc.
Jeff Henson	JEO Consulting Group
Steve Ingracia	Guest
Don Kelly	Commissioner, Sarpy County
Michelle Kindig	Guest
Travis Klasna	JEO
Shawn Koehler	Mills County Trails Board
Kelly Koehler	St. John Lutheran Preschool
Joanne Kohn	Guest
Angie Lauritsen	Councilmember, City of Gretna
Donna Lynam	Assistant Director, Sarpy County Planning Department
Matt McFadden	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Tricia McKnight	OPPD
Mark Meisinger	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Cindy Miserez	City of La Vista
Dave Morgan	Guest
Stephanie Mueller	MUD
Thomas Parks	Project Delivery Engineer, NDOT District 2
Jesse Poore	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Bill Proctor	City of Gretna
Vicki Quaites-Ferris	Empowerment Network
Terrilyn Quick	Councilmember, City of La Vista
Allison Sambol	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Rita Sanders	Office of Congressman Jeff Fortenberry
Joseph Schaffart	Metropolitan Utilities District
Nikki Schultz	Guest
Marty Shepard	City of Blair
Polly Shepard	City of Blair
Mark Shoemaker	Pottawattamie County Conservation
Dolores Silkworth	Confluence
Joe Soucie	Director of Public Works, City of La Vista
Lorri Soucie	Guest
Jason Stahr	City of Gretna
Rod Storm	City of Blair
Bob Stubbe	City of Papillion
Bill Troe	Principal, SRF Consulting
Isabella Walsh	Transportation Engineer, HDR, Inc.
Sen. Justin Wayne	Nebraska Legislature
Katie Wayne	Guest
Jake Weiss	Traffic Engineer, HDR, Inc.
Stephanie Weiss	Felsburg holt & Ullevig
Angie Winquist	City of Glenwood

MAPA Staff:

Grant Anderson	Natasha Barrett	Jim Boerner	Christina Brownell
Sue Cutsforth	Don Gross	Michael Helgerson	Ryan Ossell
Jeff Spiehs	Megan Walker	Jodi Woolery	Greg Youell

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A. CALL TO ORDER – (Information)

Clare Duda, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests. President Duda thanked the evening's sponsors and recognized elected officials and staff joining the evening's event.

B. WELCOME – (Information)

President Duda introduced Mayor Rich Hansen, City of Blair and Supervisor Steve Dethlefs, Washington County to welcome guest to their city and county.

C. INVOCATION – (Information)

Mayor Ron Kohn, City of Glenwood, gave the invocation.

[Break for dinner]

D. BUSINESS – (Action)

President Duda reconvened the meeting after dinner and read the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

1. Approval of the June 20, 2019 Council of Officials Meeting Minutes – (Action)

President Duda presented the June 20, 2019 meeting minutes to the Council for approval. MOTION by Boyle, SECOND by Vinton to approve the June 20, 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

E. DIRECTOR'S REMARKS – (Information)

Mr. Greg Youell, MAPA Executive Director, thanked everyone for attending the event. Mr. Youell introduced the MAPA staff and provided an update on current projects MAPA is conducting.

F. IOWA DOT UPDATE – (Information)

Mr. Scott Schram, Iowa DOT District 4 Engineer, presented an update to the Council on the state's response to recent flooding.

G. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS – (Information)

Mr. Kindig, MAPA Board Chairman, gave a brief update on the work of MAPA and ongoing community development projects in Blair and Washington County; the TIP fee and MAPA's increased presence on social media.

H. KEYNOTE SPEAKER – (Information)

Mr. Steve Ingracia presented to the Council, "Transportation: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

I. 2019 REGIONAL AWARD PRESENTATIONS – (Information)

President Duda and Mr. Youell presented the 2019 Regional Awards. Senator Justin Wayne was awarded the Regional Citizenship Award for his work in LB492, the Regional Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. The Loess Hills Missouri River Parks to People Region were awarded the Regional Service Award for their collaborative work across jurisdictional lines to improve the larger metropolitan region.

J. ADJOURNMENT

President Duda gave closing remarks. Motion by Belt to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.