

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

Minutes
February 25, 2021

In compliance with Nebraska Executive Order No. 20-36 dated November 25, 2020, "Corona Virus - Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver", the meeting of the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) Board of Directors was held as a virtual meeting. Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Pete Festersen	Omaha City Council
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Doug Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Carol Vinton – Vice Chair	IA Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Chris Rodgers	Douglas County Commissioner
Jean Stothert (joined at 1:36 p.m.)	Mayor, City of Omaha
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Jim Warren	Sarpy County Commissioner

Members/Officers Absent

Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
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MAPA Staff

Court Barber	Jim Boerner	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth
Mike Helgerson	Karna Loewenstein	Greg Youell	

Guest

Troy Anderson - City of Omaha

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the February 25, 2021 meeting agenda – (Action)

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Warren to approve the agenda of the February 25, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the January 28, 2021 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Warren, SECOND by Belt to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Walsh, Warren

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 on MAPA projects and activities including new MAPA staff; community and economic development project updates; Nebraska Broadband Speed Test project and media outreach; federal funding update including COVID stimulus funding; transportation committee and grants update; traffic trends and member meetings and visits.

Mr. Youell updated the Board on the status of MAPA’s annual audit. Due to workload and finance department staffing, progress on the annual audit has been delayed significantly, and MAPA has explored utilizing an outside firm to assist the

Approved by _____
Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/Treasurer

agency with completion of the audit. He asked for the sense of the Board as to support for moving forward on an emergency basis up to \$10,000 with a firm. Chair Kindig noted that the funding would likely not be in addition to what was being spent previously due to the departure of the Finance Director.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Vinton for Board support of the Executive Director to engage outside services to assist with completion of the FY 2020 audit.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Stothert, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Staff Update – Ms. Karna Loewenstein, Communications and Outreach Manager; provided an update to the Board on Communications and Outreach department activities including new department staff; newsletter refresh; PRSA Paper Anvil awards; branding refresh and H2050 events planning.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

1. Finance Committee Minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting.
2. Final Contract Payment – Emspace + Lovgren - \$36,304.68
3. Contract Amendment – Resolution 2021 – 23: Sarpy County I-80 Interchange Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study - This amendment included an update to the Scope of Services and Fees. There was no change to the dollar amount.

MOTION by Warren, SECOND by Vinton to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Stothert, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Final Contract Payment – (Action)
 - a. Nebraska Department of Transportation 2016 – 2018 Audit - \$27,739.85 - Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the final payment amount for the NDOT 2016 - 2018 audit.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Warren to approve the final contract payment to NDOT in the amount of \$27,739.85.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Stothert, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Resolution 2021 – 24: FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3 – (Action)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2021 – 24: FY 2021 TIP Amendment #3, which includes updates to projects for Metro Transit and the addition of the Papio-Mo River NRD Neighborhood Expanded Access to Trails (NEAT) study to the FY 2021 TIP.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Walsh to approve Resolution 2021 – 24: FY 21 TIP Amendment #3.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Stothert, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase – (Action)

- a. Vehicle Purchase: 2021 Ford Explorer - \$28,975.00 - Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the purchase of a new agency vehicle. This price includes the trade-in of MAPA's 2006 Ford Taurus. Mr. Youell also noted that this price is under the state contract.

MOTION by Warren, SECOND by Vinton to approve the purchase of a new agency vehicle in the amount of \$28,975.00.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Stothert, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2022 Preliminary Funds Budget– (Action)

Mr. Youell presented to the Board for approval the FY 2022 Preliminary Funds Budget.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Belt to approve the FY 2022 Preliminary Funds Budget.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Stothert, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution 2021 – 25: Iowa Functional Classification Changes - East Beltway Project – (Action)

Mr. Boerner presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2021 – 25: Iowa Functional Classification changes related to the Council Bluffs East Beltway project.

MOTION by Warren, SECOND by Walsh to approve Resolution 2021 – 25: Iowa Functional Classification changes.

AYES: Belt, Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Vinton, Rodgers, Stothert, Walsh, Warren

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION –

1. COVID-19 Economic Relief (CRRSAA) Transportation Funding Update – (Information)

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on COVID-19 Economic Relief (CRRSAA) Transportation funding.

2. Redistricting Update – (Information)

Mr. Youell provided an update to the Board on the upcoming redistricting process set to begin once the 2020 decennial census data has been finalized. MAPA will be available to assist local jurisdictions with this process.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.