

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

Minutes  
July 28, 2022

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Vice Chair Vinton called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members/Officers Present

Troy Anderson (rep. Jean Stothert)	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Pete Festersen	Omaha City Council
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Chris Rodgers	Douglas County Commissioner
Carol Vinton – Vice Chair	IA Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Jim Warren	Sarpy County Commissioner

Members/Officers Absent

Douglas Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
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Guest

Mosia McCoy	The Empowerment Network
Vicki Quaites-Ferris	The Empowerment Network
Ashley Rae Turner	Emspace + Lovgren

MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Michael Blank	Christina Brownell	Matthew Eash	Laura Heilman
Michael Helgerson	Karna Loewenstein	Charles Mitchell	Carlos Morales	Shawna Silvius
Elizabeth Zeller				

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the July 28, 2022 meeting agenda – (Action)**

MOTION by Rodgers SECOND by Warren to approve the agenda of the July 28, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the June 23, 2022 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

**1. AGENCY REPORTS**

**a. Executive Director's Report - Mike Helgerson, Executive Director**

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on MAPA projects, activities and events including: Sarpy County I-80 PEL Study; recent media coverage on MAPA projects and events; Carson & Macedonia Facade Project update; Trail Oriented Development ride along event and discussion; MAPA welcomed new staff members Charles Mitchell and Michael Blank; reminder that nominations are open for MAPA's 2022 Regional Awards.

- b. MAPA Equity Assessment – Laura Heilman, Community Relations Liaison  
Ms. Heilman provided information on the MAPA Equity Assessment progress and timeline and goals for the upcoming years goals and strategies.
- c. Equitable Development Scorecard – Vicki Quaites-Ferris, H2050 Equity & Engagement Committee Chair & Ashley Rae Turner, H2050 Equity Engagement Committee Incoming Chair.  
Mrs. Quaites-Ferris and Ms. Turner presented to the Board Heartland 2050's Equity and Engagement Committees work on the Equitable Development Scorecard.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

- 1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the July 20, 2022 meeting.
- 2. CONTRACT AMENDMENT
  - a. Pottawattamie County CDBG-DR Buyouts Amendment
- 3. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS – (ACTION)
  - a. City of Omaha Planning - \$11,798.75
  - b. Omaha Public Works - \$14,452.75
  - c. Sarpy County Planning GIS - \$3,016.98
  - d. Tamika L. Butler Consulting - \$11,000.00
  - e. Verdis Group - \$9,901.55
  - f. Verdis Group - \$8,805.68

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Rodgers, to approve Consent Agenda Items.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Anderson

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

- 1. RESOLUTION 2023-01: FY 2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #8 – (ACTION)  
Mr. Morales presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2022-01: FY 2022 TIP Amendment #8. This amendment includes changes to projects sponsored by the City of Papillion.

MOTION by Warren, SECOND by Rodgers, to approve Resolution 2022-01: FY2022 TIP Amendment #8.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Anderson

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. NEW CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS – (ACTION)  
Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the new contracts and agreements listed below.
  - a. HDR Engineering - UK2014-02 Task Order 2: Model Validation and Traffic Counts - \$18,696.40
  - b. FY 2023 Federal Planning Pass through Agreements -
    - i. Omaha Public Works \$42,000 Federal, \$18,000 Local Match

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Belt, to approve new contract UK2014-02 with HDR Engineering for Task Order 2; and the FY 2023 Omaha Public Works PL funding agreement.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Anderson

MOTION CARRIED.

2. TRAVEL– (ACTION)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval a travel request in the amount of \$2,092.90 for MAPA staff member Shawna Silvius to attend the National Rural Economic Developers Association (NREDA) Annual Conference to be held in Albuquerque, NM., November 1-4, 2022.

MOTION by Warren, SECOND by Hike, to approve the travel request for Shawna Silvius to attend the 2022 NREDA Annual Conference.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Anderson

MOTION CARRIED.

3. SAFE STREETS FOR ALL FUNDING APPLICATION – (INFORMATION)

Mr. Morales provides the board with an update on the coordination with the City of Omaha’s Vision Zero Action Plan process, and timelines for a MAPA Comprehensive Safety Action Plan grant application to be submitted in August of 2022.

4. BOARD MEMBER ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST– (INFORMATION)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board the conflict of interest for FY2023.

H. DISCUSSION

1. MAPA 2022 REGIONAL AWARD NOMINATIONS - (INFORMATION)

Mr. Helgerson reminded the Board that nominations are open for MAPA’s Annual Regional Citizenship and Service Awards. Recipients will be presented with their awards at the Council of Officials Annual Meeting to be held on October 5, 2022 at Bella Terre in Glenwood, Iowa.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chairperson Vinton adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.