

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

Minutes  
August 25, 2022

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members/Officers Present

Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Pete Festersen	Omaha City Council
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Douglas Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities/COUNTIES Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Jacquelyn Morrison (rep. Jean Stothert)	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Chris Rodgers	Douglas County Commissioner
Matt Walsh @1:38 PM	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Members/Officers Absent

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Carol Vinton – Vice Chair	IA Small Communities/COUNTIES Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Jim Warren	Sarpy County Commissioner

Guest

Darren Osten	Partner, Eide Bailly
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MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Michael Blank	James Boerner	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth
Matthew Eash	Travis Halm	Michael Helgerson	Elizabeth Zeller	

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the August 25, 2022 meeting agenda – (Action)**

MOTION by Hike SECOND by Festersen to approve the agenda of the August 25, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors  
AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the July 28, 2022 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors.  
AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers  
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: regional broadband mapping; MAPA's federal funding application for Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; Carter Lake Comprehensive Plan; MAPA 2022 Regional Awards; community and recovery planning update (City of Pacific Junction, Pottawattamie County and City of Oakland) and West Nishnabotna Watershed projects; and Western Douglas County Planning Collaborative update.

**b. Strategic Planning Update**

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the board on the progress of the strategic planning and provided a tentative timeline and process update.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the August 17, 2022 meeting.
2. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS– (ACTION)
  - a. Mills County Economic Development Foundation-CARES Act-FINAL PMT - \$5,550.00
  - b. Omaha Development Foundation - CARES Act -FINAL PMT - \$27,750.00
3. CONTRACT AMENDMENT
  - a. Mills County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (22MCEM01) Amendment 2

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Rodgers, to approve all items on the consent agenda.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS – (ACTION)  
Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the new contract listed below.
  - a. Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) NIROC Digital Map Products (22NIROC01) – \$20,000 (to be paid in two installments - \$10,000 in 2022 and \$10,000 in 2023)

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Festersen, to approve the MUD NIROC Digital Map Products agreement.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Draft Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP) – (ACTION)  
Mr. Halm presented to the Board for approval the Draft Coordinated Transit Plan to go to a 30 day public comment period.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Festersen to approve the Draft Coordinated Transit Plan to go to a 30 day public comment period.

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution 2023-02: Safe Streets and Roads for All Application – (ACTION)  
Mr. Boerner presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2023 – 02; Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grant application. The application will request \$750,000 in federal funds for a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to achieve significant decline in roadway fatalities and serious injuries on local roads with the goal of achieving zero by 2040.

MOTION by Rodgers SECOND by Walsh to approve the Resolution 2023-02

AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. TRAVEL– (ACTION)

- a. AMPO Annual Conference - 3 staff - Minneapolis, MN - October 24 - 28, 2022 – \$5,375.10  
Mr. Helgeson presented to the Board for approval a travel request in the amount of - \$5,375.10

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Festersen to approve the travel request for 3 employees to attend the AMPO Conference.  
AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: Anderson  
MOTION CARRIED.

5. Health Insurance Renewal – (ACTION)

Mrs. Brownell presented to the Board for approval the health insurance renewal effective 9/1/22. The renewal option retains the current health plan with carrier Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska and includes an 11.5% premium increase.

MOTION by Rodgers SECOND by Hike to approve the Health Insurance Renewal.  
AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

6. Audit Firm Selection: FY 2022 Annual Audit / Single Audit – Year 1: \$31,690 – (ACTION)

Mr. Eash present to the Board for approval the selection of Eide Bailly LLP to perform audit services of MAPA financial activities for Fiscal Year 2022; and the option to procure audit services of the same for subsequent years at the discretion of MAPA Executive Director, subject to any limitations of MAPA Administrative Procedures or by subsequent Board action.

MOTION by Rodgers SECOND by Festersen to approve the Audit Firm Selection for FY 2022 Audit.  
AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

7. Executive Session: Litigation

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Festersen to go into Executive Session at 2:20 p.m.  
AYES: Festersen, Hike, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Member Hike departed at 2:23 p.m.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Festersen to come out of Executive Session at 2:39 p.m.  
AYES: Festersen, Kindig, Morrison, Rodgers, Walsh  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION – None.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.