

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

July 27, 2023

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Douglas Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
David Klug	Sarpy County Commissioner
Jacquelyn Morrison (rep. Jean Stothert) @ 1:36	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Chris Rodgers	Douglas County Commissioner
Don Rowe	Omaha City Council
Carol Vinton – Vice Chair	IA Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)

**Members/Officers Absent**

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

**Guest**

Wayne Fedora	Federal Highway Administration Nebraska Division
Justin Luther	Federal Highway Administration Nebraska Division

**MAPA Staff**

Grant Anderson	Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Matt Eash
Travis Halm	Michael Helgerson	Laura Heliman	Carlos Morales	Elizabeth Zeller

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the July 27, 2023 meeting agenda – (Action)**

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Klug to approve the agenda of the July 27, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Hike, Kindig, Klug, Rodgers, Rowe, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the June 22, 2023 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Hike to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Hike, Kindig, Klug, Rodgers, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Rowe

MOTION CARRIED.

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

**1. AGENCY REPORTS**

**a. Executive Director’s Report – Michael Helgerson**

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on agency projects, events and activities including: August Redistribution-Nebraska DOT; MAPA in the News; ongoing coordination in the MAPA region; upcoming events such as Statewide Broadband Summit, Statewide Infrastructure Summit, NADTC National Symposium, Heartland 2050 Summit Resilience, Rural Summit, and Council of Officials Annual Meeting; and MAPA staff promotion announcement: Rachel Goettsch, Transportation Planner.

E. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the July 19, 2023 meeting.
2. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS
  - a. Benesch - PMT #25 - \$2,308.31
  - b. Sarpy County \$7,610.46
  - c. City of Omaha \$7,013.22

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Klug, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rodgers, Rowe, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 2024-01: FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #10 – (ACTION)  
Mr. Barber presented to the board for approval Resolution 2024-01: TIP Amendment #10; which includes changes to a project sponsored by NDOT and the addition of two projects sponsored by the City of Omaha.
2. RESOLUTION 2024-02: 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT #3 – (ACTION)  
Mr. Barber presented to the board for approval Amendment #3 to the 2050 LRTP. This amendment includes addition of projects sponsored by Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, the City of Bellevue, and the City of Omaha.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Hike to approve Resolution 2024 -01: FY 2023 TIP Amendment #10 & Resolution 2024 -02: LRTP Amendment #3.

AYES: Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rodgers, Rowe, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS – (ACTION)  
Mr. Helgeson presented the new contract below to the Board for approval
  - a. FY 2023 Audit Engagement Letter – \$34,380.00

MOTION by Vinton SECOND by Hike to approve new contracts and agreements listed above.

AYES: Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rodgers, Rowe, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. RESOLUTION 2024 – 03: COORDINATED TRANSIT PLAN (CTP) AMENDMENT – (ACTION)  
Mr. Halm presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2024 – 03: Coordinated Transit Plan amendment; updates include the addition of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) demographics and resources available to persons in the region.

MOTION by Hike SECOND by Rodgers to approve Resolution 2024 – 03: Coordinated Transit Plan (CTP) Amendment.

AYES: Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rodgers, Rowe, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. TRAVEL – (ACTION)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the Travel to Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO) Conference.

- a. Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Conference (4 Staff) - Cleveland, OH - September 24 - 29, 2023 – \$10,489.97

MOTION by Vinton SECOND by Rodgers to approve Travel to AMPO..

AYES: Hike, Kindig, Klug, Morrison, Rodgers, Rowe, Vinton

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. BOARD MEMBERS ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST –

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board Board Members Annual Conflict of Interest to sign and return to MAPA.

H. DISCUSSION –

1. FY 2024 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWALS – (INFORMATION)

Mr. Helgerson & MRs. Brownell provided an update to the Board on MAPA's upcoming health insurance renewals. MAPA is no longer eligible for the current plan and will be moving to a new plan effective September 1, 2023. MAPA staff and benefits committee members are currently evaluating plan options and will bring a recommendation back to MAPA Board at the August Board of Directors meeting.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS –

J. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Douglas Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:14 pm