

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

August 24, 2023

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
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)	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Chris Rodgers	Douglas County Commissioner
Don Rowe	Omaha City Council
Matt Walsh	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)

Guest

Judd Allen	Nebraska Association of Regional Councils (NACO)
Shannon Ankeny	Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Ryan Balluck	Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Mike Boden	Nebraska Association of Regional Councils (NACO)
Ryan Huff	Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Vicki Kramer	Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)

MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Christina Brownell	Josh Corrigan	Sue Cutsforth	Matthew Eash
Michael Helgerson	Laura Heilman	Carlos Morales	Elizabeth Zeller	

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the August 24, 2023 meeting agenda – (Action)

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Klug to approve the agenda of the August 24, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the July 27, 2023 meeting – (Action)

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Information)

1. Agency Reports

a. Executive Director’s Report - Mr. Michael Helgerson

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on agency projects, activities and events including: the Nebraska Digital Equity Summit held in Kearney, NE; Transportation Summit hosted by NDOT held Kearney, NE; ribbon cutting of the Applewood Creek Trail in La Vista; the US 34/75 Platte River Bridge Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail; Transportation Alternatives Program will award \$50 million statewide and \$33 million to the MAPA region; ongoing coordination with MAPA staff and local partners; upcoming MAPA

events: NADTC, Heartland 2050 Summit, Rural Summit, Innovative Financing Workshop & MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting.

b. MAPA Equity Assessment Update -

Ms. Heilman presented to the Board the 2023 Equity Assessment action items and scores.

2. Presentation – Vicki Kramer, Director - Nebraska Department of Transportation, presented to the Board on discretionary funding opportunities.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the August 16, 2023 meeting.

2. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS

- a. Metro Transit Authority – \$29,042.21
b. City of Omaha Public Works – \$15,075.52

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS - None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Contract – (ACTION)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval the contract listed below.

- a. Benesch and Company Professional Services Agreement – La Vista Active Mobility Plan – \$99,813.32

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Hike to approve the contract for the La Vista Active Mobility Plan.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Purchase – (ACTION)

Ms. Heilman presented to the Board for approval purchases for the Heartland 2050 Summit.

- a. Heartland 2050 Summit: Community Resilience – September 18, 2023 - \$20,000
i. Catering Vendor: Abraham's Catering
ii. Audio/ Visual Vendor: Midwest Sound & Lighting
iii. Event Venue Vendor: Venues at the Granary
iv. Additional Vendors as needed

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Rodgers to approve purchases for the Heartland 2050 Summit.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution 2024 – 05: Public Participation Plan (PPP) – (ACTION)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2024 – 05: Public Participation Plan (PPP) as the 45 day public comment period is now complete.

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Walsh to approve Resolution 2024 – 05 Public Participation Plan (PPP).

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Resolution 2024 – 06: Urban Area Classification

Mr. Corrigan presented to the Board for approval for approval Resolution 2024 – 06: Urban Area Classification which includes adjustment to the urban boundary area.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Klug to approve the Resolution 2024 – 06 Urban Area Classification.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Health Insurance Renewal – (ACTION)

Mrs. Brownell presented to the Board for approval the NACO health insurance plan. MAPA Benefits Committee and Finance Committee recommend MAPA join the National Association of Council Officials (NACO) Health Plan effective 9/1/2023 and ending on June 30, 2024. This health insurance option will align MAPA's health plan year with ancillary benefits (vision and dental).

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Klug to approve the NACO Health Insurance plan effective 9/1/2023.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION –

1. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) –

Mr. Eash provided an update to the Board on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS –

K. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:41 pm