

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

October 26, 2023

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

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Jacquelyn Morrison (rep. Jean Stothert) @1:33	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
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

**Members/Officers Absent**

Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County
Douglas Kindig – Chair	NE Small Communities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
David Klug	Sarpy County Commissioner
Don Rowe	Omaha City Council

**MAPA Staff**

Grant Anderson	Christina Brownell	Court Barber	Josh Corrigan
Sue Cutsforth	Michael Helgerson	Laura Heilman	Elizabeth Zeller

**B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the October 26, 2023 meeting agenda – (Action)**

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Hike to approve the agenda of the October 26, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Hike, Morrison, Rodgers, Vinton Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the September 28, 2023 meeting – (Action)**

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Hike, Rodgers, Vinton Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Morrison

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: 2023 Annual Meeting and Annual Award Recipients: Malvern Area Betterment Association (Regional Service Award) and Eric Williams (Regional Citizenship Award); review of the FY 2023 Annual Report; additional events MAPA has hosted or attended to include: Innovative Financing Workshop, NROC Staff Retreat, and the Heartland Robotics & Automation Conference.

**b. Staff Report – Grant Anderson, Community & Economic Development Manager**

Mr. Anderson provided an update to the Board on the projects and efforts of the Community & Economic Development team including: City of Valley and City of Avoca strategic planning work; work with Silver City

for the development of a Community Needs Assessment Survey; and planning for an upcoming Brownfields Workshop to be hosted in Carson, Iowa.

2. STAFF RECOGNITION

- a. Josh Corrigan – 10 Years of Services to MAPA

E. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the October 18, 2023 meeting.
2. PURCHASE
  - a. HDR Engineering – WE-STEP – PMT #4 – \$10,774.64

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Belt, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Belt, Hike, Morrison, Rodgers, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

1. RESOLUTION 2024 – 08: FY 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #2 – (ACTION)  
Mr. Barber presented to the board for approval Resolution 2024–08: FY 2024 TIP Amendment #2; changes include updates to projects sponsored by NDOT, City of Omaha, City of Gretna & City of Bellevue.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Belt to approve Resolution 2024–08: FY 2024 TIP Amendment #2.

AYES: Belt, Hike, Morrison, Rodgers, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 2024 – 09: FY 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PROJECT SELECTION POLICY GUIDE – (ACTION)  
Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2024 – 09: Project Selection Policy Guide to be used in the FY 2025 Call for Projects.

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Hike to approve Resolution 2024–09: FY 2024 TIP Project Selection Policy Guide.

AYES: Belt, Hike, Morrison, Rodgers, Vinton

NAYS: Walsh.

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY 2025 CALL FOR PROJECTS – (ACTION)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board the proposed schedule for the FY 2025 Call for projects for regional programs.

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Rodgers to approve FY 2025 Call for Projects.

AYES: Belt, Hike, Morrison, Rodgers, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. TRAVEL – (ACTION)

Mr. Helgerson presented to the Board for approval of the travel listed below.

- a. National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) National Conference of Regions – February 11-14, 2024 - (Up to 2 staff and 2 Board Members) – \$12,155.50
- b. One Gaston 2040 Community Summit – Dallas, NC – Nov 1-3, 2023 - Laura Heilman – \$993.24

MOTION by Rodgers, SECOND by Belt to approve travel to attend the NARC National Conference of Regions and the One Gaston 2040 Community Summit.

AYES: Belt, Hike, Morrison, Rodgers, Vinton, Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. 2024 MAPA CALENDAR AND MEETING DATES – (INFORMATION)

MAPA Staff provided the Board with the 2024 MAPA calendar and meeting dates.

I. DISCUSSION –None

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Vinton adjourned the meeting at 2:27 pm