

**OMAHA–COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS MEETING MINUTES**

December 11, 2024

The December 11, 2024 Council of Officials Meeting was held at Beardmore Event Center Bellevue 3750 Raynor Parkway, Bellevue NE, 68123. Registration and lunch began at 11:00 a.m.

A. Welcome & Introductions:

1. Call to Order and Introductions – President Festersen called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Members Present:

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Andy Biller	Executive Director, Council Bluffs Airport Authority
Patrick Boyle	Director of Community Engagement, Metropolitan Community College
Angi Burmeister	Commissioner, Sarpy County
Steve Dethlefs	Supervisor, Washington County
Meghan Engberg	Community Development Administrator, City of Ralston
Pete Festersen	City Council President, City of Omaha
Don Groesser	Mayor, City of Ralston
Allen Hadfield	Mayor, City of Treynor
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Douglas Kindig	Mayor, City of LaVista
Carol Vinton	Supervisor, Mills County
Angie Winquist	Mayor, City of Glenwood

Other Guests:

John Bertino	Client Relationship Manager, Olsson
CMSgt. Adam Clingan	CMSgt, 55th Mission Support Group, U.S. Air Force
Lt. Col Ryan Davis	Lt. Col, 55th Mission Support Group, U.S. Air Force
Cory Erspamer	Business Development Specialist, MUD
David Goedeken	Director of Public Works, City of Bellevue
Mark Himes	Federal Market Leader, Olsson
Daniel Hoins	Agency Administrator, Sarpy County & Cities Wastewater Agency
Michael Holton	City Administrator, City of Treynor
Lindsey Huse	Director, Douglas County Health Department
Colonel Patrick Kolesiak	Colonel, Commander 55th Mission Support Group, U.S. Air Force
John Krager III	Public Works Engineer, City of Bellevue
Matthew Kruse	Roadway & Traffic Practice Lead, Lamp Rynearson
Craig Mielke	Senior Project Manager, Benesch
Stephanie Muller	Vice President, Customer Experience MUD
Nikki Nader	Deputy Director, Installation Support 55th Mission Support Group, U.S. Air Force
Randy Norwood	AVP, Military Affairs & Strategic Partnership, Greater Omaha Chamber
Virgil Oigmueller	Vice President, Lamp Rynearson
Todd Pfitzer	County Engineer, Douglas County
Bart Pugh	Business Development, Schemmer
Vicki Quaites-Ferris	Vice President of Community Development, Empowerment Network
Matt Selinger	Principal, JEO
Brittni Stephens,	Engineer, Olsson
Kristine Strokes	Development Services Director, City of Gretna
Mark Stursma	Deputy City Administrator, City of Papillion
Julie Thacker	Director, Business Development, MUD
Michaela Valentin	Public Affairs, OPPD
Jarrod Walker	Highway Planning Manager, Nebraska Department of Transportation
Andy Wicks	Traffic Engineer, City Council Bluffs

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Eric Williams
Reggie Wortman

Natural Resources Planner, Papio NRD
City Planner, City of Gretna

MAPA Staff:

Grant Anderson
Sue Cutsforth
Connie Viner

Natasha Barrett
Elise Emanuel
Elizabeth Zeller

Jim Boerner
Laura Heilman

Christina Brownell
Michael Helgerson

Helen Corrigan
Saul Lopez

- B. Welcome City of Bellevue – Mayor Rusty Hike, City of Bellevue, welcomed MAPA members and guests to the 2024 MAPA Council of Officials Quarterly Meeting.
- C. Business – **(ACTION)**
1. Approval of the October 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Vinton, Second by Boyle to approve the October 9, 2024 meeting minutes.
Motion carried.
 2. Election – Board of Directors Iowa Small Communities Representative to serve through June 30, 2025

Motion by Kindig, Second by Vinton to approve the Election of Mayor Winqvist as the IA Small Communities Representative to serve through June 30, 2025.
Motion carried.
 3. Election – Council of Officials Vice-President to serve through June 30, 2025

Motion by Kindig, Second by Vinton to approve the Election of Mayor Hadfield of Council of Officials Vice President to serve through June 30, 2025.
Motion carried.
- D. Director's Remarks - (Information)
Mr. Helgerson provided an update on MAPA projects and activities; MAPA Trail Workshop & Annual Meeting, where to find MAPA's 2024 Annual Reports, Transformative Regional Investment Prioritization Systems, Applications open for federal transportation funding applications due by January 17, 2025. Applications Open for Federal Transportation funding applications are due by January 24, 2025. Safe Street for All MAPA Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Development. Annual Membership Survey Is now available.
- E. Featured Speaker – Col. Patrick Kolesiak Commander, 55th Mission Support Group
Col. Kolesiak shared about the mission of 55th Mission Support Group and the history of Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska. Col. Kolesiak spoke about the use of the land around the base, encroachment challenges, foreign investment challenges, power resilience challenges and the Base Master Plan Guiding Principles.
- F. Featured Speaker – Mr. Randy Norwood Federal Investments & Defense Industry Priorities- Greater Omaha Chamber
1. Mr. Norwood presented on Greater Omaha Chamber Initiatives for leveraging federal funding & defense priorities for regional growth. Mr. Norwood spoke to the Council about the importance of Offutt Air Force Base for the region, Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR), talent retention & community enhancement, and the integration of MIRR with Greater Omaha Strategy.
- G. Adjournment – President Festersen adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.