

**Minutes**  
**Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)**  
**Executive/Finance Committee**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 7:30 a.m.**  
**SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51106**

**Members Present:**

Kelly Kreber, <i>Secretary</i>	Mayor	Hinton, Iowa
Lance Hedquist, <i>Treasurer</i>	City Administrator	South Sioux City, Nebraska
Gary Bogenrief	Council Member	North Sioux City, South Dakota
Dan Bousquet	Council Member	South Sioux City, Nebraska
Mark Monson	P & Z Commissioner	Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Bob Padmore	City Administrator	Sioux City, Iowa

**Staff and Guests Present:**

Wesley Fopma	Regional Director	IA Congressman Randy Feenstra
Rebecca George, Partner	King, Reinsch, Prosser (KRP)	Sioux City, Iowa
Joshua Wright, CPA	King, Reinsch, Prosser (KRP)	Sioux City, Iowa
Michelle Bostinelos	Executive Director	SIMPCO
Joshua Bush	Finance Director	SIMPCO
Corinne Erickson	Regional Planning Mngr.	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson	Transit Dir./Facilities Mngr.	SIMPCO/SRTS
Sharon Burton	Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

In the absence of Chair Jon Winkel, Secretary Kelly Kreber called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. A quorum was in attendance.

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Secretary Kreber asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting agenda.

*Lance Hedquist moved to approve the January 15, 2025 regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Dan Bousquet. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**a. December 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Secretary Kreber asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes.

*Mark Monson moved to approve the December 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Gary Bogenrief. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

- 3. FY 2024 INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT:** Becky George, CPA and Partner with King, Reinsch, Prosser presented the final draft of the audit report. She introduced Joshua Wright, CPA and Audit Manager at KRP.

Ms. George provided an overview of the financial statements, supplementary information and audit results. She reported unmodified opinions were issued on the financial statements and no material weaknesses in internal control over major federal award programs were disclosed.

*Lance Hedquist moved to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of the FY 2024 Independent Financial Audit as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

4. **DIRECTOR REPORT:** Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the report included in the meeting packet.

**a. 2025 Siouxland/Washington Conference:** Ms. Bostinelos reported the annual Siouxland Chamber trip to Washington D.C. is scheduled for April 30-May 1. She asked Committee members if they were interested in having Michelle Bostinelos and Transit Director Brian Pearson represent SIMPCO/SRTS at the conference again this year. Discussion followed.

*Lance Hedquist moved to recommend to the Board of Directors SIMPCO's representation at the 2025 Siouxland/Washington Conference by having Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos and Transit Director Brian Pearson attend, seconded by Gary Bogenrief. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

5. **ESTABLISH 501(c)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA:**

Ms. Bostinelos contacted the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to see if SIMPCO would be eligible to apply for housing assistance grant programs. She learned SIMPCO is not eligible as a 28E, and was advised the best approach would be to establish a regional 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Discussion followed. Ms. Bostinelos will be attending the Dakota County Rural Economic Development (RED) meeting on January 28 to discuss programs that could be utilized under the 501(c)(3).

*Lance Hedquist moved to recommend to the Board of Directors SIMPCO's establishment of a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in Dakota County, Nebraska, for the purpose of pursuing funds for housing assistance programs through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, seconded by Dan Bousquet. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

6. **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**a. December 31, 2024 Financial Reports:** Finance Director Joshua Bush provided an overview of the financial reports included in the meeting packet. Revenues for all SIMPCO Divisions total \$1,576,033 and expenditures \$1,350,523 for a balance of \$225,510 as of December 31, 2024.

*Dan Bousquet moved to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of the December 31, 2024 financial reports as presented, seconded by Gary Bogenrief. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

7. **COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRACTS:** Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of the contracts presented for recommendation of approval.

a. Village of Emerson, Nebraska, for administration of their Downtown Revitalization Community Development Block Grant, total not to exceed \$35,000

*Lance Hedquist moved to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of contract a. as presented, seconded by Dan Bousequet. Motion carried. {Unanimous}*

8. **OTHER COMMENTS:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. in-person at SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa, with the Zoom option.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Dan Bousquet moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Bogenrief. Motion carried. [Unanimous] Secretary Kreber adjourned the meeting at 8:24 a.m.*