

Minutes
Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
Board of Directors Special Meeting (#549)
Thursday, February 20, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa

Members Present:

Dan Moore, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Council Member	Sioux City, IA
Kelly Kreber, <i>Secretary</i>	Mayor	Hinton, IA
Craig Anderson	Supervisor	Plymouth County, IA
Ken Beaulieu	Supervisor	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Shane Bellefy	Supervisor	Cherokee County, IA
Patrick Bunt	Mayor	Marcus, IA
Keith Bohle	Council Member	Kingsley, IA
Jennifer Conner	Mayor	Washta, IA
David Dietrich	Supervisor	Woodbury County, IA
Brent James	Mayor	Akron, IA
Mark Monson	P & Z Commissioner	Sergeant Bluff, IA
Vince Phillips	Supervisor	Monona County, IA
Nathan Weitzl	Mayor	Ida Grove, IA

Non-voting Members/Staff/Guests Present:

Lance Hedquist	City Administrator	South Sioux City, NE
April Joy	Council Member	Washta, IA
Michelle Bostinelos	Executive Director	SIMPCO
Joshua Bush	Finance Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson	Transit Dir./Facilities Mngr.	SIMPCO/SRTS
Corinne Erickson	Regional Planning Mngr.	SIMPCO
Sharon Burton	Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

The Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council Board of Directors held a special meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Vice Chair Dan Moore called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Vice Chair Moore asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 20, 2025 special meeting agenda.

Ken Beaulieu moved to approve the February 20, 2025 special meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

2. **LETTER AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) PLANNING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT:**

Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos reported staff is preparing to submit the U.S. EDA Planning Partnership Program grant application for April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2028. EDA requires the Board of Directors Chair to sign grant documents linked to this application. However, since the grant is completed online and the signature is linked to the person submitting, EDA allows a letter of authorization from the Board of Directors for the individual submitting to sign the application documents.

SIMPCO is requesting the Board of Directors approve the letter included in the meeting packet authorizing Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos to sign the U.S. EDA Planning Partnership Program grant application on behalf of the SIMPCO Board of Directors.

Brent James moved to authorize the SIMPCO Board of Directors Chair to sign the letter as presented approving Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos to sign the U.S. EDA Planning Partnership Program grant application on behalf of the SIMPCO Board of Directors, seconded by Vince Phillips. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

3. RESOLUTION 2025-2 U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION PLANNING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT:

Ms. Bostinelos reported funding for the U.S. EDA Planning Partnership Program grant is \$350,000 with a required forty percent local match. Funding will be utilized during the grant period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2028. U.S. EDA requires confirmation that the local match is committed to the project. The resolution presented confirms the Board of Directors is committed to the forty percent match requirement of the grant.

Mark Monson moved to authorize the SIMPCO Board of Directors Chair to sign Resolution 2025-2 as presented, seconded by Brent James. A roll call vote was conducted with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. [Unanimous].

4. ADJOURNMENT: *Keith Bohle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brent James. Motion carried. [Unanimous] Vice Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.*