

**Minutes**  
**Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting (#548)**  
**Thursday, January 16, 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
Gary Bogenrief	Council Member	North Sioux City, SD
James Henschen	Mayor	Ute, IA
Tom Kimmel	Commissioner	Union County, SD
Scott Linden	Mayor	Moville, IA
Vince Phillips	Supervisor	Monona County, IA

**Non-voting Members/Staff/Guests Present:**

Lance Hedquist	City Administrator	South Sioux City, NE
Joshua Wright, CPA	King, Reinsch, Prosser (KRP)	Sioux City, Iowa
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

Secretary Kelly Kreber called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Secretary Kreber asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 16, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the January 16, 2025 regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Gary Bogenrief. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**a. Board of Directors Regular Meeting #547, December 12, 2024:** Secretary Kreber asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 12, 2024 as presented, seconded by Gary Bogenrief. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

- 3. FY 2024 INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT:** Joshua Wright, CPA and Audit Manager at King, Reinsch, Prosser (KRP) presented the fiscal year 2024 independent financial audit.

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

The Executive/Finance Committee has reviewed the FY 2024 Independent Financial Audit and recommends approval as presented.

*Ken Beaulieu moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve the FY 2024 Independent Financial Audit as presented, seconded by Vince Phillips. 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 April 30 & May 1, 2025:** Ms. Bostinelos reported the annual Siouxland Chamber trip to Washington D.C. is scheduled for April 30 and May 1. The Executive/Finance Committee discussed SIMPCO's attendance and recommend Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos and Transit Director Brian Pearson represent SIMPCO/SRTS at the 2025 conference. Discussion followed.

*Shane Bellefy moved to approve the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos and Transit Director Brian Pearson as representatives of SIMPCO at the 2025 Siouxland Washington Conference, seconded by Gary Bogenrief. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

- 5. ESTABLISH A 501(c)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA:** Ms. Bostinelos contacted the Nebraska Department of Economic Development about eligibility requirements in applying for housing assistance grant programs. She learned SIMPCO is not eligible as a 28E, and was advised the best approach would be to create a regional 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The establishment of a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Dakota County, Nebraska, for the purpose of pursuing funds through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for housing assistance programs was presented to the Executive/Finance Committee and members recommended approval. Discussion followed.

*Dan Moore moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve the 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 Vince Phillips. 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.

*Craig Anderson moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve the December 31, 2024 financial reports as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

- 7. COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRACT:** Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of the contract presented for approval. She noted the Executive/Finance Committee have reviewed contract a. and recommend approval as presented.

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

*Dan Moore moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve contract a. as presented, seconded by Gary Bogenrief. Motion carried. {Unanimous}*

8. **OTHER COMMENTS:** The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 12:00 p.m., in-person at SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa, with the Zoom option.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Craig Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. Motion carried. [Unanimous]* Secretary Kreber adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.