

Minutes
Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
Board of Directors Meeting (#555)
Thursday, November 13, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa

Members Present:

Jon Winkel, <i>Chair</i>	Mayor	Sergeant Bluff, IA
Craig Anderson	Supervisor	Plymouth County, IA
Ken Beaulieu	Supervisor	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Shane Bellefy	Supervisor	Cherokee County, IA
Pat Bunt	Mayor	Marcus, IA
Julie Burhoop	Commissioner	North Sioux City, SD
James Gunsolley	City Council	South Sioux City, NE
Mark Monson	P & Z Commissioner	Sergeant Bluff, IA
Vince Phillips	Supervisor	Monona County, IA
Craig Schmidt	Mayor	Cherokee, IA
Brian Van Berkum	Commissioner	Dakota County, NE
Devlun Whiteing	Supervisor	Ida County, IA

Non-voting Members/Staff/Guests Present:

Michelle Bostinelos	Executive Director	SIMPCO
Joshua Bush	Finance Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson	Transit Dir./Facilities Mngr.	SIMPCO/SRTS
Sharon Burton	Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

Chair Jon Winkel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Chair Winkel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 13, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

Ken Beaulieu moved to approve the November 13, 2025 regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a. Board of Directors Regular Meeting #554, September 11, 2025: Chair Winkel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2025 as presented, seconded by Pat Bunt. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

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

a. SIMPCO Board of Directors Strategic Planning/Visioning Session: Ms. Bostinelos reported Abbie Gaffey will facilitate a two-hour session from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. prior to the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for November 13, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. The session will focus on state and federal funding and new partnerships.

b. SIMPCO Holiday Gathering/Employee Appreciation Banquet: Ms. Bostinelos reported this annual event will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at the Sioux City Country Club, 4001 Jackson St., Sioux City, Iowa. The Board of Directors will meet at 5:30 p.m. with the holiday gathering and employee appreciation banquet following.

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

a. September 30 / October 31, 2025 Financial Reports: Finance Director Joshua Bush provided an overview of the financial reports included in the meeting packet. Revenues for all SIMPCO Divisions total \$951,011 and expenditures \$662,111 for a balance of \$288,900 as of October 31, 2025. The Executive/Finance Committee has reviewed the financial statements and recommends approval as presented.

Vince Phillips moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve the September 30 / October 31, 2025 financial reports as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

b. Employee Insurance CY 2026 Renewals: Mr. Bush referred to the summary of insurance options included in the meeting packet. Staff has reviewed all policy quotes and is recommending to continue with the existing health plan, Wellmark CompleteBlue 4000 Silver PPO. SIMPCO's share of the premium would increase by \$16,860 or 12.24%. Due to the continued increase in dental coverage, staff is recommending moving to the Wellmark Blue Dental plan for a 6% premium decrease. There are no changes to vision, basic life, basic AD&D, short-term disability and long-term disability as rates are guaranteed until January 1, 2028. The Executive/Finance Committee has reviewed insurance coverages presented and approves all staff recommendations as presented.

Pat Bunt moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve all employee insurance coverages as presented and recommended by staff, seconded by Craig Schmidt. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

c. FY 2026 Proposed Membership Dues Write-offs: Mr. Bush referred to the listing of proposed write-offs for membership dues included in the meeting packet. The Executive/Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed write-offs and recommends approval as presented.

Ken Beaulieu moved to approve the FY 2026 Accounts Receivable write-offs as presented, seconded by Craig Anderson. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRACTS: Ms. Bostinelos presented contract a. for approval. She noted the Executive/Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval as presented.

a. Woodbury County, Iowa, for administration of their Community Development Block Grant (Facilities), \$24,000

Craig Anderson moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve contract a. as presented, seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

6. **OTHER COMMENTS:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., in person only at the Sioux City Country Club, 4001 Jackson St., Sioux City, Iowa
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Ken Beaulieu moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Bunt. Motion carried. [Unanimous]* Chair Winkel adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.