

Minutes
Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
Board of Directors Meeting (#556)
Thursday, December 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Sioux City Country Club, 4001 Jackson St., Sioux City, Iowa

Members Present:

Jon Winkel, <i>Chair</i>	Mayor	Sergeant Bluff, IA
Dan Moore, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Council Member	Sioux City, IA
Craig Anderson	Supervisor	Plymouth County, IA
Ken Beaulieu	Supervisor	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Shane Bellefy	Supervisor	Cherokee County, IA
James Gunsolley	City Council	South Sioux City, NE
Mark Monson	P & Z Commissioner	Sergeant Bluff, IA
Vince Phillips	Supervisor	Monona County, IA
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

Chair Jon Winkel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Chair Winkel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 11, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

Craig Anderson moved to approve the December 11, 2025 regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Dan Moore. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a. Board of Directors Regular Meeting #555, November 13, 2025: Chair Winkel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes.

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

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

a. 2025 SIMPCO Environmental Scan and Goal-Setting Report: Ms. Bostinelos reviewed the environmental scan and new goals created at the Board of Directors strategic planning session held on November 13, 2025. She noted the next step will be to meet with staff to discuss implementation and timelines. Discussion followed.

b. Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) Grant Award: Transit Director Brian Pearson reported SRTS has been awarded approximately \$9 million in funding through the Iowa DOT FTA Low or No Emission (Low-No) Grant Program. Funding will be used for infrastructure upgrades, including building a satellite facility in Le Mars, expanding the Sioux City location, acquiring alternative-fueled buses and charging stations. Discussion followed.

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

a. November 30, 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 \$1,031,678 and expenditures \$808,906 for a balance of \$222,772 as of November 30, 2025. He noted King Reinsch Prosser is on schedule for the audit to be presented in January.

Dan Moore moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve the November 30, 2025 financial reports as presented, seconded by Vince Phillips. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

5. SET 2026 MEETING DATES: Ms. Bostinelos reviewed the tentative meeting schedule for calendar year 2026.

James Gunsolley moved to approve the 2026 tentative meeting dates as presented, seconded by Dan Moore. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

6. OFFICER ELECTIONS – JANUARY 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 2026: Ms. Bostinelos reported the Executive/Finance Committee has nominated the following members to serve as officers from January 2026 through December 2026:

- a.** Chair - Jon Winkel, Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
- b.** Vice Chair – Kelly Kreber, Mayor, Hinton, Iowa
- c.** Secretary – Julie Burhoop, Council Member, North Sioux City, South Dakota
- d.** Treasurer - Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, South Sioux City, Nebraska

Jon Winkel will begin serving as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Sergeant Bluff in January. In this capacity, he will also serve as the city's representative on the SIMPCO Board of Directors. With this change Mark Monson will be leaving the Board of Directors; therefore, it is staff recommendation to move his role on the Board of Directors to Advisory Director by resolution at the January Board of Directors meeting. Discussion followed.

Ken Beaulieu moved to approve all nominations to serve as officers on the Board of Directors for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and the recommendation to appoint Mark Monson by resolution as an Advisory Director on the Board of Directors, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

7. OTHER COMMENTS: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., in person at SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa, with the Zoom option.

8. ADJOURNMENT: *Dan Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried. [Unanimous]* Chair Winkel adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.